



Review of polling districts and polling places 2023

Returning Officer's comments and proposals

The Returning Officer for the City of Portsmouth, including Portsmouth North and Portsmouth South parliamentary constituencies, has examined the current polling arrangements and has identified a number of proposed changes to the scheme which are set out in this document.

The Returning Officer's proposals include a reconfiguration of polling districts in Fratton ward. These recommendations are detailed in the maps at the end of this document.

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Returning Officer

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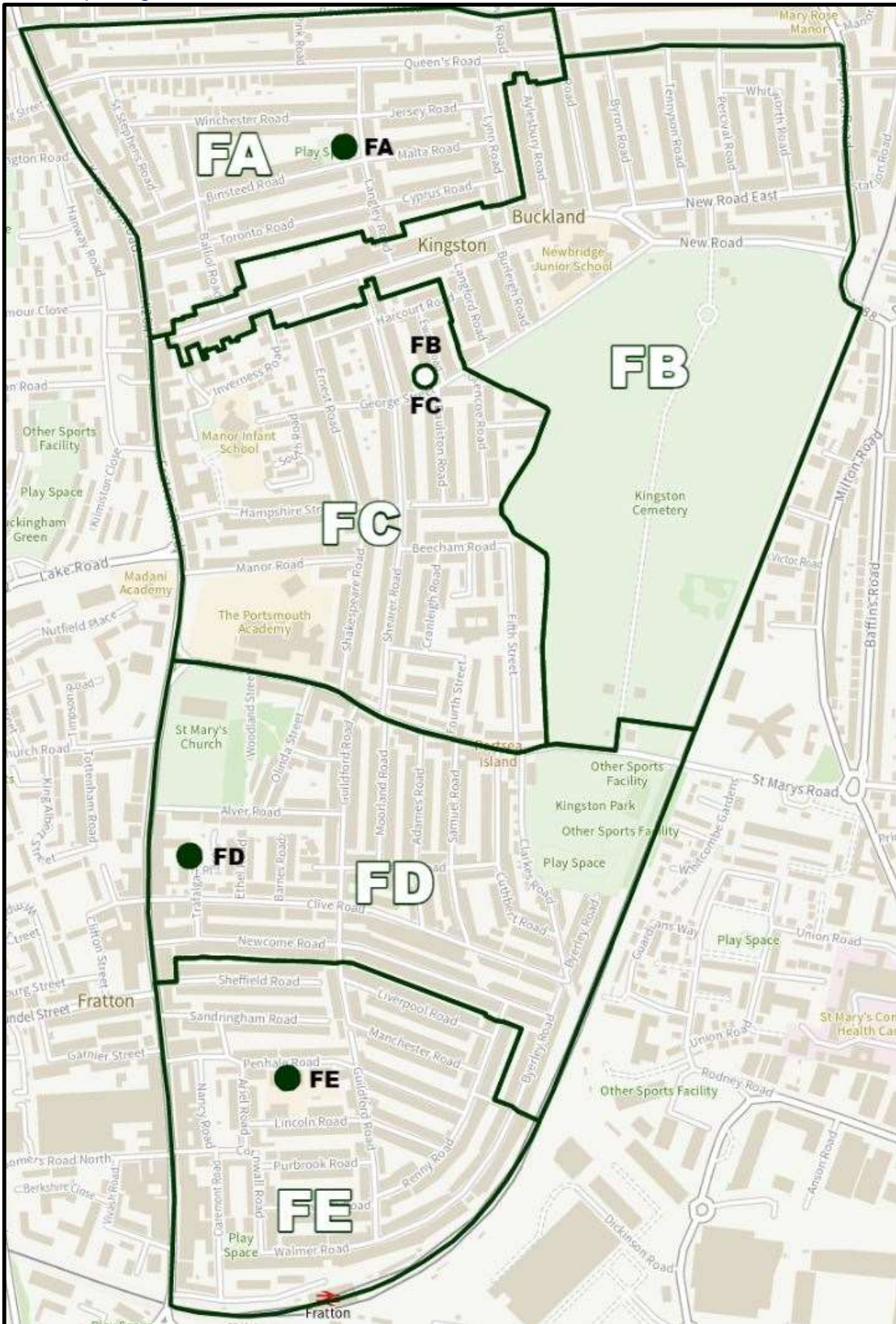
Ward	Returning Officer's comments/proposals
Baffins	<p>New polling arrangements were introduced in Baffins ward following the Review of Polling District and Polling Places undertaken in 2022. This revised configuration of polling districts for Baffins ward is suitable based on the distribution of electors across the ward and the available polling places.</p> <p>However, Moorings Way Infant School is no longer available and so a new polling place must be designated for polling district 'HF'.</p> <p>It is proposed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Good Companion PH is designated as the polling place for polling district 'HF'.
Central Southsea	<p>The current polling arrangements for Central Southsea ward are considered to be suitable based on the options available. The Returning Officer does not therefore propose that any changes are made to the current arrangements in Central Southsea ward.</p>
Charles Dickens	<p>The current polling arrangements for Charles Dickens ward are considered to be suitable based on the options available. The Returning Officer does not therefore propose that any changes are made to the current arrangements in Charles Dickens ward.</p>
Copnor	<p>New polling arrangements were introduced in Copnor ward following the Review of Polling District and Polling Places undertaken in 2022. This revised configuration of polling districts for Copnor ward is suitable based on the distribution of electors across the ward and the available polling places.</p> <p>However, some issues were experienced at Copnor Snooker Club which was designated as the new polling place for polling district 'JD'. There were some issues with the lighting and some comments were received from voters about the space in the venue located close to the bar area. Some voters also experienced some minor issues with access. Although it is recognised that the Snooker Club is centrally located within the polling district, St Alban's Church which is across Copnor Road is a fully accessible, spacious and is generally a more suitable venue.</p> <p>It is therefore proposed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Alban's Church (Copnor Road) is designated as the polling place for polling district 'JD' in place of Copnor Snooker Club.
Cosham	<p>The current polling arrangements for Cosham ward are considered to be suitable based on the options available. The Returning Officer does not therefore propose that any changes are made to the current arrangements in Cosham ward.</p>
Drayton & Farlington	<p>The current polling arrangements for Drayton & Farlington ward are considered to be suitable based on the options available. The Returning Officer does not therefore propose that any changes are made to the current arrangements in Drayton & Farlington ward.</p>

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Eastney & Craneswater	The current polling arrangements for Eastney & Craneswater ward are considered to be suitable based on the options available. The Returning Officer does not therefore propose that any changes are made to the current arrangements in Eastney & Craneswater ward.
Fratton	<p>Since the review undertaken in 2022, St Wilfrid's Church which is the designated polling place for polling districts 'FB' and 'FC' has now been closed and is no longer available. This necessitated some temporary relocations for the 2023 local elections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The RAOB Club (New Road) acted as the polling place for polling district 'FB' but there were some access issues • St Mary's Church acted as the polling place for polling district 'FC' but the church is located across St Mary's Road and so is not ideally placed for the polling district <p>The current polling district boundaries for Fratton ward are shown at Appendix A.</p> <p>The current circumstances require the designation of two new accessible venues and it is recommended that a reconfiguration of the polling districts for the northern part of Fratton is adopted to improve the allocation of voters to the available venues.</p> <p>It is proposed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The revised polling district boundaries shown in Appendix B are adopted, and; • North End Baptist Church is designated as the polling place for polling district 'FB', and; • The Bradbury Centre (Age UK Portsmouth) is designated as the polling place for polling district 'FC'
Hilsea	New polling arrangements were introduced in Hilsea ward following the Review of Polling District and Polling Places undertaken in 2022. The Returning Officer does not therefore propose that any changes are made to the current arrangements in Hilsea ward.
Milton	New polling arrangements were introduced in Milton ward following the Review of Polling District and Polling Places undertaken in 2022. The Returning Officer does not therefore propose that any changes are made to the current arrangements in Milton ward.
Nelson	The current configuration of polling districts for Nelson ward is suitable based on the distribution of electors across the ward and the available polling places. The Returning Officer does not therefore propose that any changes are made to the current arrangements in Nelson ward.
Paulsgrove	The current polling arrangements for Paulsgrove ward are considered to be suitable based on the options available. The Returning Officer does not therefore propose that any changes are made to the current arrangements in Paulsgrove ward.

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St Jude	The current polling arrangements for St Jude ward are considered to be suitable based on the options available. The Returning Officer does not therefore propose that any changes are made to the current arrangements in St Jude ward.
St Thomas	The current polling arrangements for St Thomas ward are considered to be suitable based on the options available. The Returning Officer does not therefore propose that any changes are made to the current arrangements in St Thomas ward.

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Appendix A - Fratton ward Current polling district boundaries



Appendix B - Fratton ward Proposed polling district boundaries.

