



Malvern Hills District Council

Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations 2024

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1. Background to the Review

Under the Representation of the People Act 1983, the council has a duty to divide its area into polling districts and to designate a polling place for each district for Parliamentary elections. The arrangements made for parliamentary elections are also used at other elections, and the council must keep the arrangements under review (Representation of the People Act 1983 & Electoral Administration Act 2006).

2. Boundary changes

The Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) recently completed a review of the electoral arrangements for Worcestershire County Council. The review concluded that within the Malvern Hills District there should continue to be 8 councillors elected by voters from 8 single member divisions. Minor amendments were made to division boundaries. Changes to Worcestershire County divisions come into effect in May 2025.

The changes within Great Malvern resulted in amendments to the warding and internal boundaries of Malvern Town Council, which come into force at the next scheduled election in May 2027. As a result of the new arrangements it is necessary for the authority to undertake a full review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations. Further information about the review can be found at [Worcestershire LGBC](#)

The Malvern Hills district is divided into polling districts which are geographical areas of voters who vote at a polling stations within a designated polling place. As a result of the changes to the division boundaries, a review of polling districts and polling places must now take place to ensure the polling districts are appropriate and the polling places are convenient and accessible.

3. Definitions

“Polling districts” are geographical areas which include groups of properties and voters living within the area. Voters within a polling district all vote at the same polling place and all vote in the same elections, for example they vote in the same parish, district ward and parliamentary constituency. In areas with parishes, each parish or parish ward should be its own polling district.

“Polling places” are the buildings or areas designated by the council where electors in a polling district go to vote in person.

The polling place should in normal circumstances be situated within the polling district for which it is designated, but in some circumstances, for example where no suitable polling place can be found, then the polling place may be designated outside the polling district.

“Polling stations” A polling station is the room or area within the polling place where voting takes place. The Returning Officer determines the number of polling stations depending on the electorate at a particular election. Wherever possible there should be no more than 2,250 electors (excluding postal voters) allocated to a polling station. More than one polling district may be allocated to a polling station where the polling district contains a small number of electors. More than one polling station may be situated within a polling place (known as double or triple stations).

4. The Review Process

A preliminary review has been undertaken by officers to inform the proposals now set out in the representations of the (Acting) Returning Officer (ARO). The council invites comments on these proposals.

This proposal will:

- Identify polling district boundaries, codes and names used for electoral administration
- Identify suitable polling stations and polling places which are accessible to all electors within the polling district and available for hire
- Identify polling places and stations which are accessible to voters with disabilities in line with the requirements of the Elections Act 2022
- Have due regard for the number of electors allocated to each polling station
- Ensure polling stations and places have suitable facilities for voters and staff
- Minimise disruption to schools wherever possible. It should be noted that the Returning Officer is entitled to use schools and academies free of charge. However, where alternative premises exist which can provide facilities for voting, they may be considered.

The council is required to publish a Notice of Review. Information about the review is made available on the council's website. The consultation paper will be sent to councillors, the Member of Parliament for West Worcestershire, local political parties, parish councils, and any other interested groups or persons, including those who have particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability.

5. Electoral Boundaries

Current electoral boundaries can be viewed online at:

www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/election-maps/gb/

Electoral boundaries are reviewed frequently. The electoral boundaries have not changed since the last Polling District, Polling Place and Polling Station review in 2023. Polling District boundaries must take into account all electoral boundaries within the area including district ward, division, parish, parish wards and Malvern Hills Trust ward boundaries.

The **Parliamentary Constituency** boundaries for West Worcestershire, which the whole of Malvern Hills District is part of, did not change following the 2023 Parliamentary Boundary review. Part of the West Worcestershire Constituency is within Wychavon District Council's area. This area will be reviewed by Wychavon District Council.

A review of **Malvern Hills Council** ward boundaries concluded in 2022 further information is available from [Malvern Hills | LGBCE](#)

Malvern Hills Trust elections use the pre-2022 ward boundaries and the parish boundaries for Guarlford (these wards were formally Malvern Urban District Council wards). Malvern Hills Trust are currently reviewing their governance arrangements, including a review of electoral arrangements. The existing Malvern Hills Trust ward boundaries will be used in this review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations. The proposed polling districts take the Malvern Hills Trust boundaries into account. In the event a Malvern Hills Trust election is combined with local government polls, the allocation of polling places and stations will be reviewed to ensure all electors allocated to a polling station are voting in the same electoral areas to prevent administrative errors. This is particularly important within the North Malvern and Link Top area.

The LGBCE recently concluded their review of the **Worcestershire County Council** division boundaries. As a result of the review changes were made to the County division boundaries and Malvern Town Council ward boundaries. The boundary changes are reflected in the ARO's recommendations below. Further information can be found on the Local Government Boundary Commission for England website [Worcestershire | LGBCE](#)

6. The Review Timetable

| Date | Detail |
|-----------------|--|
| 4 November 2024 | Publication of notice and commencement of review. Start of public consultation period. |
| 5 November 2024 | Publication of (Acting) Returning Officer's comments |
| 2 December 2024 | End of public consultation |
| 21 January 2025 | Executive Committee to consider proposals and agree recommendations |
| 1 February 2025 | Publication of revised Electoral Register |
| 1 May 2025 | Worcestershire County Council elections |

7. Making Comments

The council welcomes proposals and comments from any voters, groups or organisations within the constituency. Comments from voters with a disability or groups supporting people with disabilities are particularly welcome.

The deadline for the receipt of comments is Monday 2 December 2024.

Comments and representations may be submitted as follows:

Online survey: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PollingReview24/>

By email: elections@malvern hills.gov.uk

By post: Electoral Services, Malvern Hills District Council, The Council House, Avenue Road, Malvern, WR14 3AF. The sheet on appendix 1 may be used for submitting your views.

8. Completion of the Review

The council will publish:

- The results of the review
- The minutes of council meetings concerning the review
- All correspondence received in connection with the review
- All representations made by any person in connection with the review, personal details will be redacted

A revised copy of the Electoral Register will be published on 1 February 2025. Publications of the register is delayed by The Representation of the People (Franchise Amendment and Eligibility Review) Regulations 2023 to allow the Electoral Registration Officer to review the eligibility of EU nationals following the UK's withdrawal from the EU.

9. Role of the Electoral Commission

The council will follow guidance issued by the Electoral Commission in undertaking the review. The Electoral Commission may review the decisions made by this review upon receipt of representations.

The following people can make representations to the Electoral Commission:

- 30 or more registered electors
- any person who made comments during the review
- any parish council or parish meeting for the area
- any non-electors who the Commission feels has sufficient interest in the accessibility of disabled persons

The Electoral Commission has the ability to direct the council to make alterations to polling places if it thinks that is necessary.

An appeal can be submitted to the Commission by post addressed to:

Legal Team, Electoral Commission, 3 Bunhill Row, London, EC1Y 8YZ

Appeals can also be emailed to appeals@electoralcommission.org.uk

If possible, an appeal should be made in writing. If this presents any difficulties please call the Electoral Commission on 0333 103 1928 to discuss.

Further information about making an appeal can be found online at

www.electoralcommission.org.uk/reviews-polling-districts-polling-places-and-polling-stations/polling-place-review-appeals-process/making-appeal

Proposed changes & Acting Returning Officer Comments

| Alfrick, Leigh and Rushwick | | | | | | |
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| Rushwick parish has been moved from Hallow division to Malvern Link division as a result of the Boundary Review. There are no proposed changes to polling district boundaries, polling places or polling stations. | | | | | | |
| Polling District | Parish | Electorate | Polling Place | Polling Station | Accessibility (1 – 3) | Changes |
| ALR1 | Suckley | 475 | Suckley church | Single | 1 | No changes |
| ALR2 | Alfrick | 491 | Alfrick Village Hall | Single (combined with ALR5 - Lulsley) | 1 | No changes |
| ALR3 | Leigh | 1317 | Leigh and Bransford Memorial Hall | Double | 1 | Polling District Boundary changes made in 2023 |
| ALR4 | Bransford | 404 | Leigh and Bransford Memorial Hall | Double | 1 | Polling place change made in 2023. The polling station was previously situated at Leigh and Bransford Primary School, the station was moved to reduce the impact upon pupils and parents. The ARO has received no feedback about these changes at recent elections and comments in support of the change during the preliminary review. Therefore the ARO proposes the changes remain in place and electors continue to vote at Leigh and Bransford Memorial Hall. |
| ALR5 | Lulsley | 108 | Alfrick Village Hall | Single (combined with ALR2 - Alfrick) | 1 | No change |
| ALR6 | Rushwick | 1519 | Rushwick Village Hall | Single | 1 | Rushwick parish has been moved from the Hallow division into the Malvern Link division following the Boundary Review. |

Baldwin

The district ward of Baldwin is split between the Hallow and Tenbury County Divisions, no changes to the polling district boundaries are proposed. The ARO proposes that the polling stations for Astley & Dunley and Shrawley are combined into a single polling station at Astley & Dunley Village Hall. Both parishes were uncontested at recent scheduled elections (2023 & 2019). Both parishes are within the same district ward, county division and constituency meaning a single polling station team could administer the poll for both parishes. The furthest most property is an 8-minute drive (under 4 miles) from the proposed polling station. Combining the polling stations would create an electorate of 1224. Shrawley Village Hall would no longer be in use as a polling place.

| Polling District | Parish & Malvern Hills Trust (ward) | Electorate (Including postal voters) | Polling Place | Polling station | Accessibility (1 – 3) | Changes |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------|-----------|
| BLW1 | Lower Sapey | 170 | Clifton Upon Teme Village Hall | Single (combined with BLW2 – Clifton upon Teme) | 1 | No change |
| BLW2 | Clifton upon Teme | 638 | Clifton Upon Teme Village Hall | Single (combined with BLW1 – Lower Sapey) | 1 | No change |
| BLW3 | Shelsley Walsh | 17 | Shelsleys Village Hall | Single (combined with BLW4 – Shelsley Beauchamp & BLW5 – Shelsley Kings) | 1 | No change |

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| BLW4 | Shelsley Beauchamp | 187 | Shelsleys Village Hall | Single (combined with BLW3 – Shelsley Walsh & BLW5 – Shelsley Kings) | 1 | No change |
| BLW5 | Shelsley Kings | 157 | Shelsleys Village Hall | Single (combined with BLW4 – Shelsley Beauchamp & BLW3 – Shelsley Walsh) | 1 | No change |
| BLW6 | Great Witley | 589 | Great Witley Village Hall | Single (combined with BLW8 – Hillhampton) | 1 | No change |
| BLW7 | Abberley | 644 | Abberley Village Hall | Single | 1 | No change |
| BLW8 | Hillhampton | 113 | Great Witley Village Hall | Single (combined with BLW6 – Great Witley) | 1 | No change |
| BLW9 | Little Witley | 248 | Little Witley Village Hall | Single | 1 | No change |
| BLW10 | Shrawley | 353 | Shrawley Village Hall | Single | 1 | Proposed combination with BLW11 – Astley and Dunley to form a single polling station at Astley and Dunley Village Hall. |
| BLW11 | Astley and Dunley | 871 | Astley and Dunley Village Hall | Single | 1 | Proposed combination with BLW10 – Shrawley to form a single polling stations at Astley and Dunley Village Hall. |

Barnards Green

No changes are proposed for the existing polling places, polling districts and polling stations within Barnards Green district ward. The ARO proposes that an additional polling station is set up within St Andrews Church Hall polling place to serve electors from CMW1 – Malvern Wells No1, The Wych Institute. These changes would result in a total of 3321 electors being eligible to vote at St Andrews Church Hall, across the three polling stations within the venue. Further information about the proposed changes is available below under Castlemorton, Welland & Wells.

| Polling District | Parish & Malvern Hills Trust (ward) | Electorate (Including postal voters) | Polling Place | Polling station | Accessibility (1 – 3) | Changes |
|------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|
| MBG1 | Malvern Town (Chase) Malvern Hills Trust (Chase) | 1428 | Christchurch Hall | Double | 1 | No change |
| MBG2 | Malvern Town (Chase) Malvern Hills Trust (Chase) | 2138 | St Andrews Church Centre | Double (polling district split across two polling stations due to electorate size) | 1 | Proposed addition of a polling station for CMW1 – Malvern Wells NO1. An additional polling station will be set up within St Andrews Church Hall polling place. |
| MBG3 | Malvern Town (Chase) Malvern Hills Trust (Chase) | 1535 | Christchurch Hall | Double | 1 | No change |
| MBG4 | Malvern Town (Pound Bank) Malvern Hills Trust (Pickersleigh) | 1669 | St Marys Church Hall | Single | 1 | No change |

Broadheath

There are no proposed changes in Broadheath district ward.

| Polling District | Parish & Malvern Hills Trust (ward) | Electorate (Including postal voters) | Current Polling Place | Polling station | Accessibility (1 – 3) | Changes |
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| BRH1 | Lower Broadheath | 1700 | Broadheath Memorial Hall | Single | 1 | No change |

Castlemorton, Welland & Wells

No changes to the polling district boundaries are proposed. At the UK Parliamentary General Election polling station staff reported issues with the facilities and parking at The Wych Institute. The venue is used as a nursery during the day and staff were allowed limited access to facilities during the nurseries opening hours (8am – 6pm). Parking at the venue is limited to on road parking with no dedicated disabled space. At the May 2023 Local Elections issues arose when a car rolled down the hill from the on-road parking and the AA struggled to recover the vehicle.

The ARO could not identify suitable alternative venues within the polling district, the closest alternative polling places of Malvern Wells Village Hall and St Andrews Church Hall were considered. The ARO's team visited St. Andrews church hall to assess the suitability of the venue to hold three polling stations. As a result, the ARO considers St Andrew's Church Hall to be the closest suitable venue as it has appropriate parking and facilities and is convenient for electors. During the preliminary review the ARO received positive feedback from an elector about St Andrews Church Hall as a venue and the polling station staff.

Local electors and stakeholders are invited to recommend suitable venues within the parish of Malvern Wells and comment on the proposed change of polling place from The Wych Institute to St. Andrews Church Hall.

| New Polling District | Parish & Malvern Hills Trust (ward) | Electorate (Including postal voters) | Polling Place | Polling station | Accessibility (1 – 3) | Changes |
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| CMW1 | Malvern Wells (All Saints) Malvern Hills Trust (Wells) | 1183 | The Wych Institute | Single | 2 | Proposed polling place move to St Andrews Church Hall. |
| CMW2 | Malvern Wells (St Peters) Malvern Hills Trust (Wells) | 1348 | Malvern Wells Village Hall | Single (combined with CMW3 – Little Malvern) | 1 | No change |
| CMW3 | Little Malvern Malvern Hills Trust (Wells) | 32 | Malvern Wells Village Hall | Single (combined with CMW2 – Malvern Wells No2) | 1 | No change |
| CMW4 | Welland | 1238 | Welland Parish Hall | Single | 1 | No change |
| CMW5 | Castlemorton | 512 | Castlemorton Village Hall | Single | 1 | No change |

Great Malvern

The ARO proposes that the polling stations from Pickersleigh ward, previously situated at Barnards Green Cricket Club, are relocated to Malvern Evangelical Church. Creating a triple station at the polling place. The LGBCE boundary review makes the County division boundary to the north of Malvern Langland division coterminous with the Great Malvern district ward boundary.

| Polling District | Parish & Malvern Hills Trust (ward) | Electorate (Including postal voters) | Polling Place | Polling station | Accessibility (1 – 3) | Changes |
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| MGM1 | Malvern Town (Great Malvern) Malvern Hills Trust (Priory) | 1804 | The Council Chamber | Double | 1 | No change |
| MGM2 | Malvern Town (Great Malvern) Malvern Hills Trust (Priory) | 1397 | The Council Chamber | Double | 1 | No change |
| MGM3 | Malvern Town (Great Malvern) Malvern Hills Trust (Pickersleigh) | 829 | Malvern Evangelical Church | Triple | 1 | Three stations to be situated at Malvern Evangelical church – MPK1 & MPK2 Malvern Pickersleigh No1 & No2. |

Hallow & Holt

No changes are proposed to the Hallow & Holt district ward.

| Polling District | Parish & Malvern Hills Trust (ward) | Electorate (Including postal voters) | Polling Place | Polling station | Accessibility (1 – 3) | Changes |
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| HHT1 | Holt | 525 | Holt Village Hall | Single | 1 | No change – Holt Village Hall is due to be renovated, the polling place will be moved to Little Witley during the refurbishment |
| HHT2 | Grimley | 518 | Grimley Peace Hall | Single | 1 | No change |
| HHT3 | Hallow | 1278 | Hallow Parish Hall | Single | 1 | No change |

Kempsey

The ARO proposes that the northern boundary of the polling district KMP2 – Kempsey NO2 is moved further north within the parish to balance the number of electors across the two polling districts.

Queues occurred at the UK Parliamentary General Election at Kempsey due to the number of electors allocated to each polling station. Moving the polling district boundary will equalise the number of electors within each polling district. The proposed polling district boundary would fall to the north of Rookery Road, cross the A38 at The Crown Inn and move eastwardly across the parish, north of Kempsey Primary School.

Due to the number of electors allocated to the polling place and issues with car parking at Kempsey Parish Hall, the ARO recommends one polling station is relocated to an alternative venue. The ARO identified Kempsey Youth Centre as a potential alternative venue. The ARO's team visited Kempsey Community Centre however this venue was considered to be unsuitable due to there being a number of existing businesses on site and limited access. Stakeholders, including Kempsey Parish Council and Malvern Hills District Council, may wish to consider warding Kempsey Parish Council.

There are a number of residential developments planned within Kempsey Parish. Malvern Hills Planning Policy team has been invited to assist the ARO in this review to ensure the polling district boundaries and polling place allocations are sufficient for the growing population.

| Polling District | Parish & Malvern Hills Trust (ward) | Electorate (Including postal voters) | Polling Place | Polling Station | Accessibility (1 – 3) | Changes |
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| KMP1 | Kempsey | 2557 | Kempsey Parish Hall | Double | 1 | Boundary Change to south of polling district boundary |
| KMP2 | Kempsey | 985 | Kempsey Parish Hall | Double | 1 | Boundary change to north of polling district boundary |

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| KMP3 | Severn Stoke | 493 | Earls Croome Village Hall | Double (combined with KMP4 – Croome D’abitot as a single station, URP6 & URP7 a separate polling station at the polling place) | 1 | No change |
| KMP4 | Croome D’abitot | 78 | Earls Croome Village Hall | Double (combined with KMP3 – Severn Stoke, URP6 & URP7 a separate polling station at the polling place) | 1 | No change |

| Lindridge | | | | | | |
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| No changes are proposed within the district ward of Lindridge. | | | | | | |
| Polling District | Parish & Malvern Hills Trust (ward) | Electorate (Including postal voters) | Polling Place | Polling station | Accessibility (1 – 3) | Changes |
| LNR1 | Bayton | 447 | Bayton Village Hall | Single | 1 | No change |
| LNR2 | Knighton-on-Teme | 445 | The Knighton on Teme parish room | Single | 1 | No change |

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| LNR3 | Lindridge | 626 | Lindridge Parish Hall | Single (Combined with LNR5 – Stockton on Teme and LNR6 – Pensax) | 1 | No change |
| LNR4 | Mamble | 245 | Mamble Village Hall | Single | 1 | No change |
| LNR5 | Stockton on Teme | 111 | Lindridge Parish Hall | Single (combined with LNR3 – Lindridge and LNR6 - Pensax) | 1 | No change |
| LNR6 | Pensax | 257 | Lindridge Parish Hall | Single (combined with LNR3 – Lindridge and LNR5 – Stockton on Teme) | 1 | No change |

Link

Changes to the County division boundaries and Malvern Town Council boundaries have been made as a result of the LGBCE review. The changes create coterminous boundaries between the district wards, town council wards and county divisions, however the ARO is unable to recommend the abolition of small polling districts due to the Malvern Hills Trust ward boundaries.

During the preliminary review a comment was received regarding the change of polling place for electors in Link Top from Upper Hall to the Council House. The polling places for electors within the Link Top area have changed at recent polls due to the lack of suitable venues, boundary changes and the availability of current polling places at the snap UKPGE election.

The ARO considered combining Newland polling station with another small local station, however no convenient or suitable polling place could be identified.

| Polling District | Parish & Malvern Hills Trust (ward) | Electorate (Including postal voters) | Polling Place | Polling station | Accessibility (1 – 3) | Changes |
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| MLK1 – Malvern Link NO1 | Malvern Town Council – Link ward Malvern Hills Trust – Link | 1428 | Malvern united reformed church | Double | 1 | This polling district will become Malvern Town Council – St Joseph’s ward in 2027. The polling district name and numbers will change in 2026 as a result. The polling district moves from Malvern Link division to Malvern Trinity division following the LGBCE review. |
| MLK2 – Malvern Link NO2 | Malvern Town Council – Link ward Malvern Hills Trust – Link | 1725 | Malvern united reformed church | Double | 1 | No change |

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| MLK3 – Malvern Link NO3 | Malvern Town Council – Link ward Malvern Hills Trust – Link | 1928 | Rodway Hall | Single | 1 | No change |
| MLK4 – Malvern Link Lygon | Malvern Town Council – Lygon ward Malvern Hills Trust – Priory ward | 167 | Upper Hall, Holy Trinity Church | Single (MLK4 is a single station combined with MLK5 – Malvern Link St. Joseph’s) | 1 | Moving from the Malvern Langland division to Malvern Trinity. To become part of the new Malvern Town Council – St Joseph’s ward in 2027. The polling district cannot be merged with others due to the current Malvern Hills Trust Boundary being coterminous with the old Malvern Link division boundary. |
| MLK5 – Malvern Link St Joseph’s | Malvern Town Council – St Joseph’s Malvern Hills Trust – West | 366 | Upper Hall, Holy Trinity Church | Single (MLK5 is a single station combined with MLK4 – Malvern Link Lygon) | 1 | This polling district will become part of the new Malvern Town Council ward of St. Joseph’s in 2027. The polling district cannot be merged with others due to the Malvern Hills Trust ward boundary being coterminous with the previous County division boundary. |
| MLK6 – Newland | Newland (not Malvern Hills Trust) | 263 | Beauchamp Community | Single | 1 | Newland parish has been moved from Powick division to Malvern Link division as a result of the Boundary Review. There are no proposed changes to polling district boundaries or polling stations. |

Longdon

No changes were made to the county boundaries within Longdon district ward. The parishes of Birtsmorton (LGD1), Berrow (LGD2) and Eldersfield (LGD4) currently vote at Berrow and Pendock Village Hall. Electors from Pendock (LGD3) vote at Pendock C of E School, the school have previously expressed their support for the continued use of their premises as a polling station.

The ARO received a complaint at the 2024 UKPGE that electors from Eldersfield had to drive past the polling place at Pendock C of E school to vote at Berrow & Pendock Village Hall. To ensure the polling place is convenient, and to balance the number of electors allocated to each polling place, the ARO proposes that the polling place for Eldersfield (LGD4) be moved from Berrow & Pendock Village Hall to Pendock C of E School. This proposal would create two polling places, each containing a single polling station resulting in 752 electors being allocated to Pendock C of E school and 494 electors being allocated to Berrow & Pendock Village Hall.

| Polling District | Parish & Malvern Hills Trust (ward) | Electorate (Including postal voters) | Polling Place | Polling station | Accessibility (1 – 3) | Changes |
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| LGD1 | Birtsmorton | 224 | Berrow and Pendock Village Hall | Single (combined station with LGD2 – Berrow and LGD4 – Eldersfield) | 1 | LGD4 – Eldersfield to be moved to Pendock C of E school |
| LGD2 | Berrow | 270 | Berrow and Pendock Village Hall | Single (combined station with LGD1 – Birtsmorton and LGD4 – Eldersfield) | 1 | LGD4 – Eldersfield to be moved to Pendock C of E school |
| LGD3 | Pendock | 279 | Pendock C of E school | Single | 1 | The ARO proposes this polling station is combined with LGD4 – Eldersfield at Pendock C of E school |

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| LGD4 | Eldersfield | 473 | Berrow and Pendock Village Hall | Single (combined station with LGD2 – Berrow and LGD1 - Birtsmorton) | 1 | The ARO proposed the polling station is moved from Berrow & Pendock Village Hall to Pendock C of E School |
| LGD5 | Bushley | 211 | Bushley Village Hall | Single | 1 | No change |
| LGD6 | Longdon | 417 | Longdon Village Hall | Single (combined with LGD7 – Queenhill and LGD8 – Holdfast) | 1 | No change |
| LGD7 | Queenhill | 48 | Longdon Village Hall | Single (combined with LGD6 – Longdon and LGD8 – Holdfast) | 1 | No change |
| LGD8 | Holdfast | 38 | Longdon Village Hall | Single (combined with LGD6 – Longdon and LGD7 – Queenhill) | 1 | No change |

Martley

The parishes of Knightwick and Doddenham have been moved from Malvern Link division to Hallow division as a result of the LGBCE Boundary Review. There are no proposed changes to other boundaries, polling places or polling stations. The ARO considered combining the smaller stations such as The Talbot at Knightwick with Broadwas Village Hall. However feedback from polling station staff noted that checking four electoral registers prior to issuing a ballot paper would be challenging, particularly in rural areas. The registers cannot be combined due to the area being parished.

| Polling District | Parish & Malvern Hills Trust (ward) | Electorate (Including postal voters) | Polling Place | Polling station | Accessibility (1 – 3) | Changes |
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| MTL1 | Kenswick | 57 | Wichenford Memorial Hall | Single (combined with MTL3 – Wichenford) | 1 | No change |
| MTL2 | Martley | 1103 | Martley Memorial Hall | Single | 1 | No change |
| MTL3 | Wichenford | 387 | Wichenford Memorial Hall | Single (combined with MTL1 – Kenswick) | 1 | No change |
| MTL4 | Broadwas | 336 | Broadwas Village Hall | Single (combined with MTL7 – Cotheridge) | 1 | No change |
| MTL5 | Knightwick | 81 | The Talbot at Knightwick | Single (combined with MTL6 – Doddenham) | 1 | No change |

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| MTL6 | Doddenham | 214 | The Talbot at Knightwick | Single (combined with MTL5 – Knightwick) | 1 | No change |
| MTL7 | Cotheridge | 206 | Broadwas Village Hall | Single (combined with MTL4 – Broadwas) | 1 | No change |

Pickersleigh

The ARO proposes that the polling stations previously situated at Barnards Green Cricket Club, MPK1 Malvern Pickersleigh No1 & MPK2- Malvern Pickersleigh No2 are relocated to Malvern Evangelical church permanently due to recurrent issues with the bar and parking at Barnards Green Cricket Club. The ARO used their delegated powers at the UKPGE to create a triple polling station at Malvern Evangelical Church, serving a total of 2832 electors. No comments were received from electors or stakeholder. Polling Station Staff reported that the change of venue was welcomed and improved access for electors, provided better parking and facilities. Although this change would produce a polling place with two district wards and town council wards, the venue is large enough to separate the polling stations. The polling districts are also within the same county division and Malvern Hills Trust ward.

The current polling district boundary runs along the B4208 North End Lane, the road provides a clear demarcation between the polling districts.

| Polling District | Parish & Malvern Hills Trust (ward) | Electorate (Including postal voters) | Polling Place | Polling station | Accessibility (1 – 3) | Changes |
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| MPK1 – Malvern | Malvern Town Council – Pickersleigh | 787 | Malvern Evangelical church/Barnards Green Cricket Club | Double | 1 | The ARO proposes that Malvern Evangelical church should become the permanent polling place for this polling station. Three |

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| Pickersleigh NO1 | Malvern Hills Trust - (Pickersleigh) | | | | | polling stations would be located within the polling place. |
| MPK2 – Malvern Pickersleigh NO2 | Malvern Town Council – Pickersleigh Malvern Hills Trust (Pickersleigh) | 1218 | Malvern Evangelical Church/Barnards Green Cricket Club | Double | 1 | The ARO proposes that Malvern Evangelical church should become the permanent polling place for this polling station. Three polling stations would be located within the polling place. |

Powick & the Hanleys

The ARO proposes that PWH3 – Madresfield polling place is combined with PWH4 – Guarlford at Guarlford village hall to create a single polling station serves both polling districts. The polling districts are both within the same electoral area for all elections, with the exception of Malvern Hills Trust elections where Guarlford is part of the Trust’s voting area and Madresfield is not. The ARO finds the recruitment of suitable and experienced polling station staff challenging. Combining smaller stations reduces the challenges of staffing polling stations across the district and reduces the risk of maladministration and legal challenges due to inexperienced staff. Combining the polling stations will create a combined electorate of 344. Both parishes have been uncontested at recent scheduled polls. No other changes are proposed.

| Polling District | Parish & Malvern Hills Trust (ward) | Electorate (Including postal voters) | Polling Place | Polling station | Accessibility (1 – 3) | Changes |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------------|---|
| PWH1 – Powick Callow End | Powick (Callow End ward) | 1067 | Callow End Village Hall | Single | 1 | No change |
| PWH2 – Powick – Powick | Powick (Powick ward) | 1825 | Powick Parish Hall | Single | 1 | No change |
| PWH3 | Madresfield | 125 | Madresfield Club | Single (combined with PWH4 – Guarlford during Guarlford Village Hall refurbishment) | 1 | The ARO proposes the polling place is moved to Guarlford Village Hall and a single polling station serves both parishes |
| PWH4 | Guarlford | 219 | Guarlford Village Hall/ Madresfield Club | Single (combined with PWH3 – Madresfield during refurbishment of Guarlford Village Hall) | 1 | The ARO proposes that PWH3 – Madresfield polling place is moved to Guarlford Village Hall and a single polling station serves both parishes |

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| PWH5 | Hanley Castle | 1173 | Hanley Swan Village Memorial Hall | Single | 1 | No change |
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Tenbury

The ARO proposes combining smaller polling places within the Tenbury district ward. Combining smaller polling stations reduces the challenges of staffing polling stations across the district and reduces the risk of maladministration and legal challenge due to inexperienced staff. The proposed polling stations are within a short drive of one another. The parishes are within the same district ward and county division. The parishes of Eastham, Rochford and Hanley were uncontested at recent scheduled polls, Stanford with Orleton is a parish meeting. No other changes are proposed.

| Polling District | Parish & Malvern Hills Trust (ward) | Electorate (Including postal voters) | Polling Place | Polling station | Accessibility (1 – 3) | Changes |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| TBY1 | Bockleton | 158 | Stoke Bliss and Kyre Village Hall | Single (combined with TBY2 & TBY4) | 1 | No change |
| TBY2 | Kyre | 96 | Stoke Bliss and Kyre Village Hall | Single (combined with TBY1 & TBY4) | 1 | No change |
| TBY3 | Rochford | 189 | Rochford Church Hall | Single | 1 | The ARO proposes combining this polling place and polling station with TBY7 – Hanley at Hanley Village Hall to create a single polling station serving 430 electors |

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| TBY4 | Stoke Bliss | 170 | Stoke Bliss and Kyre Village Hall | Single (combined with TBY2 & TBY1) | 1 | No change |
| TBY5 | Tenbury Town | 2211 | The Pump Room | Single | 1 | No change |
| TBY6 | Tenbury Town – St Michaels | 306 | St Michaels Village Hall | Single | 1 | No change |
| TBY7 | Hanley | 241 | Hanley Village Hall | Single | 1 | The ARO proposes moving TBY3 – Rochford to Hanley Village Hall to create a single combined polling station serving 430 electors |
| TBY8 | Eastham | 194 | Eastham Memorial Hall | Single | 1 | The ARO proposes moving TBY9 – Stanford with Orleton to Eastham Memorial Hall to create a single combined polling station serving 357 electors |
| TBY9 | Stanford with Orleton | 163 | Stanford with Orleton Village Hall | Single | 1 | The ARO proposes moving this polling place and polling station to Eastham memorial hall to create a single station serving 357 electors |

Upper Howsell

There are no proposed changes within the Upper Howsell ward. Following the polling place, polling station and polling district review in 2023 a single polling district and polling station was formed to serve the Upper Howsell ward, polling station staff reported these arrangements worked well at the UKPGE.

| Polling District | Parish & Malvern Hills Trust (ward) | Electorate (Including postal voters) | Polling Place | Polling station | Accessibility (1 – 3) | Changes |
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| MUH1 | Malvern Town Council – Upper Howsell Malvern Hills Trust – Dyson Perrins | 2211 | The Church of the Ascension | Single | 1 | No change |

Upton & Ripple

The ARO proposes that the two existing polling districts within Ripple be merged into a single polling district, polling place and polling station at Ripple Parish Hall. Ripple Parish Hall is a 5-minute drive from the current polling place, The Blue Bell. The Blue Bell is difficult to contact resulting in issues with invoicing and booking the venue at snap polls. The ARO considered moving the polling place to the Upton Hill Centre however the A4104 is liable to flooding which can prevent traffic crossing the River Severn, the diversion route during a flood is extensive. There are no other proposed changes.

| Polling District | Parish & Malvern Hills Trust (ward) | Electorate (Including postal voters) | Polling Place | Polling station | Accessibility (1 – 3) | Changes |
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| URP1 – Ripple NO1 | Ripple(part) | 440 | Ripple Parish Hall | Single | 1 | The ARO recommends merging this polling district and with URP5 – Ripple NO2 to create a single polling district and station with an electorate of 1266 Proposed renaming and numbering: URP1 – Ripple |
| URP2 | Upton upon Severn (Hook) | 188 | The Upton Hill Centre | Single (combined with UPH3 – Upton upon Severn Longdon Heath) | 1 | Proposed renaming and numbering: URP2 – Upton upon Severn (Hook) No other changes proposed |
| URP3 | Upton upon Severn (Longdon Heath) | 715 | The Upton Hill Centre | Single (combined with UPH2 – Upton upon Severn Hook) | 1 | Proposed renaming and numbering: URP3 – Upton upon Severn (Longdon Heath) No other changes proposed |
| URP4 | Upton upon Severn (Town ward) | 1449 | Upton-upon- | Single | 1 | Proposed renaming and numbering: URP4 – Upton upon Severn (Town ward) No other changes proposed |

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| URP5 – Ripple N02 | Ripple(part) | 826 | The Blue Bell, Ryall Grove | Single | 1 | The ARO recommends merging this polling district and with URP1 – Ripple NO1 to create a single polling district and station with an electorate of 1266. The polling district will be renumbered URP1 – Ripple |
| URP6 | Earls Croome | 186 | Earls Croome Village Hall | Double (combined with URP7 – Hill Croome) | 1 | Proposed renaming and renumbering: URP5 – Earls Croome No other changes proposed |
| URP7 | Hill Croome | 127 | Earls Croome Village Hall | Double (combined with URP6 – Earls Croome) | 1 | Proposed renaming and renumbering: URP6 – Hill Croome No other changes proposed |

West

The West ward of the district council is formed from West Malvern parish council and the West ward of Malvern Town Council. The West ward of Malvern Town Council will be renamed Malvern Vale following the LGBCE review.

No changes are proposed to the polling places, polling station or polling districts in West ward.

| Polling District | Parish & Malvern Hills Trust (ward) | Electorate (Including postal voters) | Polling Place | Polling station | Accessibility (1 – 3) | Changes |
|-------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------|---|
| MWS1 – Malvern West NO1 | Malvern Town – West Ward Malvern Hills Trust – West ward | 1844 | St Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church | Double (polling district split between two polling stations) | 1 | Town ward name change to Malvern Vale in 2027 |
| MWS2 – Malvern West NO2 | Malvern Town – West Ward Malvern Hills Trust – Dyson Perrins | 1352 | Malvern Vale Community Centre | Single | 1 | Town ward name change to Malvern Vale in 2027 |
| MWS3 – Malvern West PC | West Malvern Malvern Hills Trust – West ward | 1034 | West Malvern Village Hall | Double | 1 | No change |

Appendix 1. Consultation Response Form – Review of polling districts and polling places 2024

All representations or comments in connection with the review must be submitted in writing, either online, by letter or email. This form is not compulsory but it has been designed to help capture the information required for consideration during the review.



Information shown in the grey boxes will be redacted (blanked out) prior to publication.

| Individual – Details | |
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| Name: | |
| Address: | |
| Voter No: (if known) | |
| Contact Tel No: (optional) | |

| Organisation - Details | |
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| Name of organisation: | |
| Address: | |
| Contact Name: | |
| Contact Tel No: (optional) | |

| Comments on the proposed scheme of polling district and polling places as outlined in the consultation paper | |
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| Polling district: | |
| Proposed polling place: | |
| Do you have any comments to make about the polling district? | |

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| Do you have any other suggestions for the polling district? |
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| Do you have any comments about the proposed polling place/polling station? (issues with accessibility etc?) |
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| Is there an alternative polling place/polling station venue that the council should consider? |
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| Why is the alternative venue a better option? |
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by Monday 2 December 2024