

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Rother District Council is required to divide its area into polling districts for the purposes of UK Parliamentary elections, and to designate polling places for each of these districts.

In accordance with the Representation of the People Act 1983, the Electoral Administration Act 2006 and the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013, the Council is required to complete a full review of all polling districts and polling places every five years. The last statutory review was undertaken in 2019, and therefore a full review must now be completed by 31 January 2025.

A consultation period has now commenced and will continue until **13 November 2023**. Additionally, the (Acting) Returning Officer for each constituency in the local authority area is being consulted. Their representations will be published as part of the review.

I am writing to you to invite your council and councillors to comment on the current polling arrangements and draft proposals for your parish. It is also an opportunity to propose alternative locations for polling places, where appropriate.

The notice of review, timetable, current polling scheme (including draft proposals) and polling district maps can be found at the following link:

[Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2023 – Rother District Council](#)

Hard copies of all documentation are also available to view on request at the Town Hall in Bexhill-on-Sea.

In undertaking the review, the Council must:

- Seek to ensure that all electors in a constituency in the local authority area have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances;
- Seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable every polling place for which it is responsible is accessible to those who are disabled

The Council must also have regard to the accessibility to disabled persons when considering the designation of a polling place.

Should you wish to make comments on any of the current polling arrangements, or propose alternatives, please submit these by email to polling.review@rother.gov.uk, no later than 4.00pm on 13 November 2023. **Please note that we are required to publish all representations made in connection with the review.**

A final report will go to the Licensing & General Purposes Committee on 27 November 2023, seeking a recommendation to Full Council on 18 December

2023. Any changes will be included in a revised register of electors to be published on 1 February 2024.

Yours sincerely,

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