



Notice of Polling Districts and Polling Places Review 2023

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 18C of the Representation of the People Act 1983 Durham County Council (the Council) is to carry out a review of its polling districts and polling places.

Relevant information and mapping regarding the current arrangements and proposals for changes can be found on the Council's website Consultations - Durham County Council or can be inspected at:

County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UL,

or any of the following Customer Access Points

Barnard Castle, 2 Hall Street, Barnard Castle, DL12 8JB

Chester le Street, The Cestria Hub, 164A Front Street, Chester-le-Street, DH3 3AZ

Consett, 36-38 Front Street, Consett, DH8 5AQ

Crook, Durham County Council offices, 9 North Terrace, Crook, DL15 9AZ

Durham City, Clayport Library, 8 Millennium Place, Durham, DH1 1WA

Seaham, Seaham Contact Centre, St Johns Square, Seaham, SR7 7JE

Spennymoor, Durham County Council offices, Green Lane, Spennymoor, DL16 6JQ

Stanley, Louisa Sports Centre, Front Street, Stanley, DH9 0TE

The (Acting) Returning Officer (ARO) for the existing Parliamentary constituencies of Bishop Auckland, City of Durham, Easington, North Durham, North West Durham and Sedgefield and future Parliamentary constituencies of Bishop Auckland, Blaydon and Consett, City of Durham, Easington, Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor and North Durham will comment on the proposals.

Those representations will be published on the Council's website and will be available for inspection at the offices detailed above in accordance with the timetable set out below.

Electors within the Council area or within a UK Parliamentary constituency which has any part in the authority may make a representation. We invite comments from all electors regarding the convenience of voting at polling stations currently used for elections and would welcome suggestions for alternative sites.

The Council would also welcome the views of all residents, particularly disabled residents, or any person or body with expertise in access for persons with any type of disability, on the proposals, ARO's representations or any other related matters.

Anybody making representations should, if possible, give alternative places that may be used as polling places.

Comments and representations may be submitted as follows:

By post	Electoral Services, PO Box 721, Durham, DH1 9RG
By email	electoralservices@durham.gov.uk
By completing	the online feedback form Polling Station Review 2023 - Questionnaire

All representations must be made by no later than Monday 30 October 2023

Date	Timetable
2 October 2023	Formal notice of review
2 October 2023	Publication of (Acting) Returning Officer's comments
2 October 2023	Commencement of public consultation period
30 October 2023	End of public consultation period
24 January 2024	Final proposals considered by Full Council
1 February 2024	Publish revised register of electors (if required)

The outcome of the review will be published by the Council in February 2024 and will be available for inspection on the Council's website and at the offices detailed above.

Anybody making representations should be aware that, upon completion of the review, all correspondence and representations received must, by law, also be published.

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