

Blakenhall

This is the proposal document for Blakenhall. Within this document there is district and ward data relating the number of registered voters (ward/district context), and the reasons for the proposals. In this particular case data has been less of a driver for change; health and safety concerns about Assembly Hall have been the main driver for the proposal.

Ward/District Context

The table below ranks the polling stations in Blakenhall according to the proportion of the registered electors in the ward that use the stations. The percentage is colour coded according to the performance quartile the station fits into across the City.

- Lowest quartile: **0% - 11.03%**
- Lower middle quartile: **11.30% -14.40%**
- Upper middle quartile: **14.47% – 17.17%**
- Upper quartile: **17.21%- 31.18%**

Ward	Polling District	Station	Registered Electors	Ward Size	Proportion of ward
Blakenhall	JMA	St Teresa's Primary	551	8642	6.38%
Blakenhall	JHA	Phoenix Nursery	1,146	8642	13.26%
Blakenhall	JBA	Blakenhall Community Centre, Bromley St	1,266	8642	14.65%
Blakenhall	JIA	Assembly Hall	1,660	8642	19.21%
Blakenhall	JAA	Blakenhall Community Centre, Bromley St	1,747	8642	20.22%
Blakenhall	JKA	Goldthorn Park (Double)	1,912	8642	22.12%

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See Blakenhall Proposal Map

- Remove polling place at Assembly Hall due to health and safety implications.
- Absorb JIA voters at Goldthorn Park Primary, with district boundaries remaining.

Polling Districts affected in Blakenhall	Number of registered voters	Proportion of ward registered to vote
JIA – Assembly Hall	1660	19.21%
JKA – Goldthorn Park Primary	1912	22.12%

Reason

This proposal is driven by circumstance and not performance. Whilst Assembly Hall is a successful station, the council will no longer be able to use it due to health and safety issues meaning that the station would not be safe to use. The JIA district does not have any other obvious polling places where the station could be moved to apart from Colton Hills Community School. This would not be an ideal location as the council does not currently use the school for electoral matters and would therefore be quite risky and complicated.

As an alternative, Goldthorn Park Primary School could be used to accommodate voters in JIA. The school is within a reasonable distance to Assembly Hall and would not represent an unreasonable distance for voters to travel to from JIA. It would be preferable to Colton Hills School as it is a 'tried and tested' station and has the capacity to absorb a substantial amount of voters. It is also preferable for the following reasons:

- The school currently closes on Election Day, so extra numbers would not cause problems in terms of disruption to pupils on the day.
- Goldthorn Primary is a large polling place meaning that extra polling stations could be introduced on site depending on the scale and type of election.