

East Park

This is the proposal document for East Park. Within this document there is district and ward data relating the number of registered voters (ward/district context), and the reasons for the two proposals. It should be noted for this ward that the proposals are an 'either/or' choice.

There are currently 9010 electors registered to vote in East Park ward. A station operates at its optimum level at approximately 2500 voters. Therefore to operate at an optimum level, in numerical terms this ward requires no more than 4 stations. There are currently 8 stations and 7 buildings in the ward, which is not an optimum use of resources. Reduction of a station will make a saving of £500 per election.

Ward/District Context

The table below ranks the polling stations in East Park 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
East Park	KLA	Wolverhampton Seventh Day Adventist Church, Oxford Street	234	9010	2.60%
East Park	KIA	Memorial Hall, George Street	572	9010	6.35%
East Park	KMA	Portobello Community Centre, Hill Road	1,135	9010	12.60%
East Park	KAA	East Park Methodist Church Hall, Brooklands Parade	1,364	9010	15.14%
East Park	KBA	Eastfield Community Centre, Colliery Road	1,376	9010	15.27%
East Park	KDA	East Park Methodist Church Hall, Brooklands Parade	1,437	9010	15.95%
East Park	KGA	St Joseph's Church Catholic Club, Stowheath Lane	1,440	9010	15.98%
East Park	KHA	East Park Library & Neighbourhood Centre	1,452	9010	16.12%

Proposal East Park 1

See East Park – Proposal Map

- Remove St Joseph’s Church (KGA).
- Redraw the KGA and KHA boundaries so that KHA can absorb the west of KGA.
- Redraw the KGA and KMA boundaries so that Portobello Community Centre (KMA) absorbs the east of KGA (district becomes KGB)

Polling Districts affected in East Park	Number of registered voters	Proportion of ward registered to vote
KMA – Portobello Community Centre	1135	12.60%
KGA – St Joseph’s Church	1440	15.98%
KHA – East Park Livbrary	1452	16.12%
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Reason

There are three stations in the centre and east of the ward, which collectively have 4027 electors. It would be a better use of resources for these electors to be split between just two sites. By dividing the KGA district in two, both KHA and KMA will be able to absorb voters. KGA will therefore become superfluous and can be removed to result in savings of £500 per election. As can be seen from the 0.5 miles walking map, most voters affected will have to travel half a mile or less to vote. There will be some cases where voters have to travel slightly further than half a mile; however, this would not be deemed unreasonable given that national guidelines by SCOPE suggest one mile is a reasonable distance for a person with a disability to travel to vote.

Proposal East Park 2

See East Park – Proposal Map

- Remove the Wolverhampton Adventist Church (KLA) polling place, and direct voters to All Saints Community Centre (LLA) (Ettingshall ward).

Polling Districts affected in East Park	Number of registered voters	Proportion of ward registered to vote
KLA – Wolverhampton Adventist Church	234	2.60%

Reason

There are an exceptionally small number of registered voters in the KLA district, which make up a minority of the total electorate in East Park. KLA is situated in the west of the ward and is 'cut off' from other districts by a large industrial estate. It would not be ideal to remove this station and expect voters to travel east to vote as they would have to cross this estate. There is however, a station located in the LLA district of the Ettingshall ward (All Saints Community Centre approximately 9% of registered voters in Ettingshall) which is big enough to absorb the influx of 234 voters. This would be a reasonable distance for voters in the KLA district to travel to, and would allow for the council to remove one of its least efficient stations.