

Ettingshall

This is the proposal document for Ettingshall. 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.

There are currently 9539 electors registered to vote in Ettingshall 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 5 stations – assuming that the number of voters could fluctuate to over 10,000. There are currently 8 stations and 8 buildings in the ward, which is not an optimum use of resources. Reduction of a station would make a saving of £500 per election.

Ward/District Context

The table below ranks the polling stations in Ettingshall 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
Ettingshall	LJA	Bilston CE Primary School, Albany Crescent	729	9539	7.64%
Ettingshall	LIA	Springvale Sports and Social Club, Millfields Road	792	9539	8.30%
Ettingshall	LLA	All Saints Community Centre, All Saints Road	856	9539	8.97%
Ettingshall	LCA	St Martin`s Church Hall, Parkfield Grove	1,078	9539	11.30%
Ettingshall	LKA	Temporary Polling Station, Overfield Drive (on car park of Elizabeth Arms PH)	1,180	9539	12.37%
Ettingshall	LEA	Memorial Hall, George Street	1,467	9539	15.38%
Ettingshall	LAA	Grove Primary School, Caledonia Road	1,668	9539	17.49%
Ettingshall	LFA	All Saints Apostolic Church, Parkfield Road	1,769	9539	18.54%

Proposal Ettingshall 1

See Ettingshall – Proposal Map

- Redraw the LAA and LLA boundaries to make one district (LAB).
- Remove the Grove Primary (LAA) polling place.

Polling Districts affected in Ettingshall	Number of registered voters	Proportion of ward registered to vote
LLA – All Saints Community Centre	856	8.97%
LAA – Grove Primary	1668 = 2524	17.49%

Reason

There are a relatively small number of electors registered in LLA. As can be seen in the 0.5 miles walking distance map, Grove Primary is very near to the All Saints Community Centre polling place. Merging these two stations would create an optimum number of registered voters without causing significant travel complications to residents. The overlap shows in the map that one of these two stations is superfluous in terms of a reasonable walking distance for electors. However this proposal suggests removing the station at Grove Primary School due to national guidance which advocates Local Authorities avoiding the use of school premises as polling places due to the potential disruptions caused by having a station on site. This would have positive impact on the school in future.

For this proposal, consideration must be also given to how Proposal East Park 2 (to send KLA to LLA) and this proposal relate. All Saints Community Centre could potentially absorb both voters from Grove Primary School and Wolverhampton Adventist Church. However due to the small numbers potentially coming from KLA (234 registered voters), and given that the figures provided are conservative as they include postal votes), a single station in LAB could likely accommodate the three involved polling districts, albeit with two polling stations on site for larger elections.

Proposal Ettingshall 2

See Ettingshall – Proposal Map

- Relocate LFA’s polling place, moving from All Saints Apostolic Church to the Windsor Centre

Polling Districts affected in Ettingshall	Number of registered voters	Proportion of ward registered to vote
All Saints Apostolic Church	1769	18.54%

Reason

Ward Councillors have raised concerns about a polling place in the centre of Ettingshall, and suggested that disabled access and parking at All Saints Apostolic Church is not adequate. Given that the Windsor Centre is on the same road and a few buildings away, relocating to a new polling place with better access and parking is a sensible solution in the light of concerns about the current station.