

POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACES REVIEW 2019

STEVENAGE CONSTITUENCY

ST NICHOLAS WARD

The map of St Nicholas Ward is available on the following page. The Ward has five Polling Districts. Details of the reference letters and electorate information are set out below:

POLLING DISTRICTS AND STATISTICAL DATA

Polling District	Electoral Division	Properties	Electors	In Person Voters	Postal Voters
CDA	St Nicholas	813	1525	1060	465
CDB	St Nicholas	1158	2160	1452	708
CDC	St Nicholas	600	907	645	262
CDD	Chells	440	728	513	215
CDE	St Nicholas	5	5	5	0

POLLING PLACES

Polling District	Polling Place	Envisaged Polling Station for the next scheduled election
CDA	CDA & CDB	St Nicholas Community Centre, 59 Canterbury Way, SG1 4LJ
CDB	CDB	St Nicholas Community Centre, 59 Canterbury Way, SG1 4LJ
CDC	CDC & CDB	St Nicholas Community Centre, 59 Canterbury Way, SG1 4LJ
CDD	CDD & CDB	St Nicholas Community Centre, 59 Canterbury Way, SG1 4LJ
CDE	CDE & CDB	St Nicholas Community Centre, 59 Canterbury Way, SG1 4LJ

POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

An increase in the number of properties in polling district CDC is expected over the next five years. It is not expected to impact on the allocation of polling districts and places.

COMMENTS RECEIVED

Comments were received from the Stevenage Liberal Democrats who have suggested using St Nicholas Recreation Centre (the proposed polling station for voters in Polling District CCC within Woodfield Ward) as the polling station for voters in Polling Districts CDC, CDD and CDE. The suggestion is to use the polling venue for both Borough Ward elections in Woodfield and St Nicholas.

Allocating two different Borough Ward elections to a polling venue would present significant administrative problems for the Returning Officer at an election. It would create logistical problems for the staff, create confusion for the electorate, and also have significant legal implications around attendance at the polling station.

The basis of the proposals are that the polling places and polling stations are within the Polling District and Ward, thus adhering to the guidance on the allocation of Polling District and Polling Places. St Nicholas Recreation Centre is within Polling District CCC which is within Woodfield Ward. For voters in Polling Districts CDC, CDD and CDE, St Nicholas Community Centre is a similar distance to travel to St Nicholas Recreation Centre and therefore these arrangements do not present any significant difference in respect of distance or travel.

There are no amendments from the draft proposals to those in these final proposals.