

NOTICE OF THE REVIEW

Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

The Representation of the People Act 1983 places a duty on Local Authority to divide the local authority area into polling districts based on ward boundaries, and to designate a polling place for each district. Local Authorities also have a duty to keep these polling arrangements under review.

The Electoral Administration Act 2006 introduced amendments to the 1983 Act (which in turn has been superseded by The Electoral Administration Act 2013) and the most recent legislative change of the Election Act 2022, further introduced changes regarding accessibility and the voting process.

In accordance with legislation, The Highland Council requires to commence its statutory duty in the review of polling districts, places and polling stations on 2 October 2023 and must be completed within the designated 16-month period.

A preliminary review has been undertaken by Council Officers to inform the proposals. Representations of the Returning Officer have been included in this consultation paper. The Highland Council invites comments on these proposals. The Returning Officer's current list of Polling Places and subsequent proposals will be published on the Council's website [Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places](#) and will also be available at the Highland Archive and Registration Centre, Bught Road, Inverness IV3 5SS. The Highland Archive and Registration Centre is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 1000hrs to 1630hrs.

Representations on the proposals are invited from electors, elected representatives, political parties, local community groups within The Highland Council area and persons or organisations with expertise in respect of access to premises or facilities for persons with any type of disability.

The consultation period for the Review will commence on Monday 2 October 2023 and will conclude on Tuesday 14 November 2023.

We encourage anyone who wishes to make a representation to suggest alternative polling districts or places to those proposed where appropriate, along with their reasons, so that they may be given full consideration.

Representations should be made in writing, submitting a form online via (<https://forms.office.com/e/kcwJE1rvKk>), or alternatively by email or by post to the address below. Please get in contact 01349 886657 if you require the information in an accessible form.

Online: <https://forms.office.com/e/kcwJE1rvKk>

Email: election@highland.gov.uk

Address: The Highland Council, The Election Office
Glenurquhart Road
Inverness IV3 5NX

Any representations received will be published on the Highland Council website and available for public inspection at The Archive Centre and Registration Office.

After the period of consultation and consideration of all representations received, a report containing the final proposals for polling districts and polling places will be submitted for consideration at The Highland Council meeting on 14 December 2023.

Any changes to Polling Districts and Polling Places as part of the Review will be incorporated in a forthcoming publication of the Register of Electors, ahead of a UK Parliamentary election.

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