

City of Edinburgh Council Polling Scheme. Returning Officer's comments and proposed amendments

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Ward 1 Almond

Polling places for the 2024 United Kingdom General Election were as follows.

1	Almond	West	WW01A:	South Queensferry Library
1	Almond	West	WW01B:	South Queensferry Community Centre
1	Almond	West	WW01C:	Dalmeny Parish Church Hall
1	Almond	West	WW01D:	Kirkliston Community Centre
1	Almond	West	WW01E:	Crammond Kirk Hall
1	Almond	West	WW01F:	Holy Cross Episcopal Church Hall
1	Almond	West	WW01G:	Newbridge Bowling Club
1	Almond	North & Leith	NW01H:	Muirhouse Millennium Centre
1	Almond	North & Leith	NW01I:	Muirhouse Millennium Centre
1	Almond	West	WW01J	City Gates Church Hall

Following this review we propose the following;

Ward		Polling District	Venue	In District	Walking Distance*	Disabled Access	On Bus Route	Unrestricted Parking
1	Almond	WW01A:	South Queensferry Library	✓	✓	✓	✓	
1	Almond	WW01B:	Queensferry Community Education Centre	✓	✓	✓	✓	
1	Almond	New	Queensferry Sports and Community Hub	✓	✓	✓		✓
1	Almond	WW01C:	Dalmeny Parish Church Hall	✓	r	✓	✓	✓
1	Almond	WW01D:	Kirkliston Community Centre	✓	r	✓	✓	
1	Almond	WW01E:	Crammond Kirk Hall	✓		✓		✓
1	Almond	WW01F:	Holy Cross Episcopal Church Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1	Almond	WW01G:	Newbridge Bowling Club	✓	r	✓	✓	✓
1	Almond	New	Newbridge Bowling Club		r	✓	✓	✓
1	Almond	New	Turnhouse Golf Club	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1	Almond	NW01H:	Muirhouse Millennium Centre	✓	✓	✓		✓
1	Almond	NW01I:	North Edinburgh Arts Centre	✓	✓	✓	✓	
1	Almond	WW01J	City Gates Church Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*Walking distance of twenty minutes or less. Rural dwellings further indicated by 'r'.

Notes

WW01A – Boundary change

Queensferry Library replaced Echline Primary School for the 2022 Local Council Election and 2024 General Election. Anecdotal feedback during each of these days of poll have indicated the site is unpopular with electors as unlike the school it

replaced, the library is not centrally located in the district and does not provide easy parking for the wider electorate.

Disabled parking has been provided on both occasions by way of a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order on the south side of Shore Road, immediately outside the building. As a council owned property, it is available at short notice and incurs no direct hire fee.

No further community accessible buildings have been identified in the district other than those in the Port Edgar area, including the 21st South Queensferry Scout Group hall, a building likely to prove suitable. That site, due to the geography of the district, is only accessible via Shore Road. This would see electors pass the current polling place to reach it.

Public transport does not serve the Port Edgar area. For those reliant on a bus service, there would remain a 1.3km round trip walk from the bus stops on Hopetoun Road to Port Edgar. Those stops are themselves close to the library.

Figures suggest the library can cope with the additional electorate expected from development of the area between the M90 and Springfield area, accessed by Bo'ness Road.

Residents of properties in the immediate vicinity of the library currently vote at the Community Centre on School Lane. A minor adjustment is proposed to allow them to vote at the library building.

WW01B – Boundary change

South Queensferry Community Education Centre serves WW01B. Figures show the community centre rooms are unable to accommodate a notable rise in voters.

These numbers will increase due to significant development within the current district and a requirement to add to the district an area of development currently located in WW01C, but with no direct transport links to the polling provision of that district.

A revision is proposed to WW01B and subsequently WW01C. This would see the area of development between Builyeon Road and the M90 join WW01B. Further, a new district and polling place is proposed, as below, to return the electorate of WW01B to manageable numbers.

New district and Polling Place – Queensferry Sports and Community Hub

Proposed is a new district, drawing an area predominantly from WW01B. The boundary lines have been drawn with consideration to pedestrian, vehicular and public transport routes as well as electorate volume. Residents who might best be able to access the Education Centre remain in district for that site, where those who might best be able to access the Community Hub have been incorporated in the new

district. Three streets in the current WW01C, those in the immediately vicinity of Dalmeny Station, are incorporated in to the new district also.

WW01C – Boundary change

Dalmeny Church Hall serves WW01C, a vast rural area.

Housebuilding between A901 Builyeon Road and the M90 falls within the boundary of this district however there are no direct transport links between the site of the development and the polling place. The polling place for WW01B is the closest to the access to this development.

As above, proposed is a boundary amendment to incorporate the development area to WW01B.

Also proposed as above, a move of the boundary between WW01B and C, following the cycle track east of Bankhead Grove, Forth Terrace and Forth Park. These electors being incorporated in the new district served by the Sports and Community Hub.

WW01G – Boundary change

Newbridge Bowling Club replaced Hillwood Primary School for the 2022 Local Council and 2024 General Election. The club is of a good size to serve the residents primarily of Newbridge and Ratho Station including the new Lilybank development.

Significant and ongoing development in the Turnhouse Road area is creeping in to the eastern fringe of the district as it currently exists. This brings an unmanageable rise in electors while also providing them with an excessive travel to vote.

As part of adjustments to better provide polling facilities for residents of the Turnhouse developments and to futureproof the district, a reduction in the geographical size of WW01G is proposed.

New district and polling place

Turnhouse Golf Club is proposed to act as a polling place for future elections serving a new district housing the development areas either side of Turnhouse Road, which are currently shared between WW01G (Newbridge Bowling Club) and WW01J (City Gates Church).

New district – Gogar future development

Planning data considered as part of this review suggests as many as 2075 dwellings may be delivered within the next five years, from a long-term development capacity of 11,000 dwellings.

These will be created in area between the airport and railway line north of the tram depot and also in the area between RBS Gogarburn and the A720.

With the likelihood of these areas having electors resident ahead of the next polling review, proposed now is the creation of a specific polling district for this area. A suitable venue to be identified from circa 2026/27 when residents occupy their new homes. A hotel, golf club and banking offices with conference rooms lie within this new district. All of these would be considered in place of any new community building which may be constructed in the development.

WW01J – Boundary changes

City Gates Church serves the district of WW01J, newly formed in advance of the 2024 General Election from the southern section of WW01E.

That district had grown in electorate due to notable residential development between Cammo Walk and Maybury Road. The district currently includes further significant residential development south of Craigs Road.

An adjustment in the boundaries of the district to the west, east and north are proposed;

Western fringe to allow the new district served by Turnhouse Golf Club to be created.

Eastern fringe to replicate Scottish Parliamentary boundary changes proposed by Boundaries Scotland, primarily incorporating the remainder of Barnton Park into WW01J

Northern fringe to allow voters in the immediate vicinity of the polling place to use the building.

WW01E & F – Enforced boundary adjustment

Boundaries Scotland changes to Scottish Parliamentary constituencies dissects WW01F west of Marine Drive. Undeveloped land between the Brighthouse development and Marine Drive becomes the same constituency at neighbouring WW01E.

Proposed is an adjustment in the boundary between WW01E & F to accommodate the changes.

NW01I – Return to North Edinburgh Arts Centre

Muirhouse Millenium Centre served the district of NW01I in addition to NW01H, within which its located, at the 2024 General Election.

Previously NW01I was served by North Edinburgh Arts centre, unavailable for UKPGE'24 due to substantial redevelopment works in the area.

Proposed is a return to North Edinburgh Arts centre. Possible alternative sites in event of the centre being unsuitable or unavailable upon completion - The Old Kirk and Muirhouse Church (Pennywell Kirk) and the new Muirhouse Library building.

A minor change is proposed at the south end of Muirhouse Green, allowing the occupants of the new build properties on the east side of the street to vote with the established properties on the remainder, as part of NW01H.

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Ward 2 Pentland Hills

Polling places for the 2024 United Kingdom General Election were as follows.

2	Pentland Hills	South West	SWP02B	Heriot-Watt University
2	Pentland Hills	South West	SWP02C	Juniper Green Parish Church Hall
2	Pentland Hills	South West	SWP02D	Clovenstone Community Centre
2	Pentland Hills	South West	SWP02F	Gibson Craig Halls
2	Pentland Hills	South West	SWP02G	Currie Library
2	Pentland Hills	South West	SWP02H	Balerno Parish Church, St. Joseph's Centre
2	Pentland Hills	South West	SWP02J	The Bridge Community Café, Holy Trinity Church
2	Pentland Hills	South West	SWP02I	Sighthill Primary School
2	Pentland Hills	West	WP02A	Ratho Bowling Club

Following this review we propose the following;

Ward		Polling District	Venue	In District	Walking Distance*	Disabled Access	On Bus Route	Unrestricted Parking
2	Pentland Hills	SWP02B	Heriot-Watt University	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Pentland Hills	SWP02C	Juniper Green Parish Church Hall	✓		✓	✓	✓
2	Pentland Hills	SWP02D	Clovenstone Community Centre	✓	✓	✓		✓
2	Pentland Hills	SWP02F	Gibson Craig Halls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Pentland Hills	SWP02G	Currie Library			✓	✓	✓
2	Pentland Hills	SWP02H	Balerno Parish Church, St. Joseph's Centre	✓	r	✓	✓	
2	Pentland Hills	SWP02J	The Bridge Community Café, Holy Trinity Church	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Pentland Hills	SWP02I	Calder Gardens Sheltered Housing Community Room	✓	✓	✓		✓
2	Pentland Hills	WP02A	Ratho Bowling Club	✓	r	✓	✓	✓

*Walking distance of twenty minutes or less. Rural dwellings further indicated by 'r'.

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SWP02G – Boundary Change

Currie Library has the capacity to host additional electors but is passed by residents to the west of the building on their way to vote at Gibson Craig Halls. Proposed is movement of the boundary between SWP02G and SWP02F to Curriehill Road.

SWP02I – New Polling Place

Sighthill Primary School and Wester Hailes Education Centre are the sole sizable community accessible buildings in the district. WHEC remains unable to host polling activity due to significant and ongoing long-term demolition and rebuilding work, whilst still functioning as a high school.

The district was previously served by Sighthill Primary School until the Local Council Elections in 2022. For that election a temporary compound was erected on the concrete area to the north of Medwin House.

The provision of a temporary cabin structure, generator, temporary toilet and fenced compound with 24-hour manned security came at significant cost.

Nearby electors commented to poll staff they were unhappy with the generator noise, which commenced the previous day as the compound was erected and continued for a 72-hour period.

Staff positioned at the polling place worked with the absolute minimum of welfare facilities, including being reliant on bottled water and using a temporary toilet cubicle outside the cabin. The cabin was capable of hosting only a single polling station, affording minimal space for voter privacy.

The 2024 general election date allowed a temporary return to Sighthill Primary School, during the summer holiday break.

Alternative sites have been visited by elections team staff in the approach to the 2022 and 2024 elections. These properties include the Calder Community Flat, The Bridge 8 Hub café, St Nicholas Parish Church, St John Ogilvie Church and the Calders Gardens Sheltered Housing Community Room.

Proposed is the use of Calder Gardens Sheltered Housing Community Room, due to its accessibility and central location to the whole district.

WP02A – Enforced district split – New district

Boundaries Scotland changes to Scottish Parliamentary constituencies dissects WP02A. A new polling district is required to accommodate this dissection.

The new boundary line follows the Gogar Burn parallel to the A71, placing properties at Burnwynd, Hatton Mains and The Dalmahoy Country Club in a differing constituency to the remainder of WP02A.

A move of the current southern boundary of WP02A where it meets SWP02H and SWP02G is not possible as this is a UK parliamentary constituency boundary which must be retained.

Proposed, a new sparsely populated district to accommodate the Boundaries Scotland changes.

SWP02B – Enforced district split – New district

Boundaries Scotland changes to Scottish Parliamentary constituencies dissects SWP02B. A new polling district is required to accommodate this dissection.

The new boundary line follows the M8 motorway rather than the Gogar Burn as at present on the northern edge of the polling district.

A move of the northern boundary of SWP02B where it meets the current WW01G is not possible, as this is a UK parliamentary constituency and local authority ward boundary which must be retained.

Proposed, a new unpopulated district to accommodate the Boundaries Scotland changes.

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Ward 3 Drum Brae / Gyle

Polling places for the 2024 United Kingdom General Election were as follows.

3	Drum Brae/ Gyle	South West	SWW03G	Lothian Valuation Joint Board
3	Drum Brae/ Gyle	South West	SWW03H	Mobile Polling Station
3	Drum Brae/ Gyle	West	WW03B	Munro Community Centre
3	Drum Brae/ Gyle	West	WW03C	Rannoch Community Education Centre
3	Drum Brae/ Gyle	West	WW03D	Leonardo Edinburgh Murrayfield
3	Drum Brae/ Gyle	West	WW03A	East Craigs Church Centre
3	Drum Brae/ Gyle	West	WW03E	Craigsbank Church Hall
3	Drum Brae/ Gyle	West	WW03F (& WW06K)	St Thomas' Church

Following this review we propose the following;

Ward	Polling District	Venue	In District	Walking Distance*	Disabled Access	On Bus Route	Unrestricted Parking
3	Drum Brae / Gyle	SWW03G	Forrester Rugby Club	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Drum Brae / Gyle	WW03B	Munro Community Centre	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Drum Brae / Gyle	WW03C	Rannoch Community Education Centre	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Drum Brae / Gyle	WW03D	Leonardo Edinburgh Murrayfield	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Drum Brae / Gyle	WW03A	East Craigs Church Centre	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Drum Brae / Gyle	WW03E	Craigsbank Church Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Drum Brae / Gyle	WW03F	St Thomas' Church	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Drum Brae / Gyle	New district	Forrester Rugby Club		✓	✓	✓

*Walking distance of twenty minutes or less. Rural dwellings further indicated by 'r'.

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SWW03H – Merge with SWW03G – New Polling Place

Mobile Polling Station provision for SWW03H has been courtesy of a mobile library van based at Oxgangs Library, positioned on the roadway adjacent to 14 and 16 Forrester Park Avenue.

New, all electric, mobile libraries are due for delivery May 2025. The new vehicles will not be equipped with an on-board toilet. Polling staff are not permitted to leave the polling place site.

The maximum operating time of the vehicles on a single charge is as yet unknown. A minimum of 17 hours would be required to provide, lighting, heating and device charging facilities. The vehicle would also require power to journey from Oxfords to Forrester Park and return. There are no EV charge points in the Forrester Park area.

Lothian Joint Valuation Board offices host a single polling station serving neighbouring SWW03G. Forrester Rugby Club sits between the LVJB offices and Forrester Park area. It has the capacity to host both stations with ease plus further voters from the Gogarloch area as detailed below. It has a car park and is served by three bus routes.

Proposed is the merge of SWW03G & SWW03H, served by the new venue of Forrester Rugby Club.

WW03B, C & D – Boundary adjustment

Rannoch Community Education Centre and **Leonardo Edinburgh Murrayfield** host two polling stations, serving approximately 1470 and 2145 voters respectively.

Proposed is a boundary adjustment to balance voter numbers, moving the polling place of residents in Ardshiel, Essendean and Hoseason to the closer Rannoch Centre. Further, a minor adjustment at south end of Clermiston Drive, allowing voters on Clermiston Drive close to the Rannoch Centre to vote there.

WW03F – District split - New district – New Polling Place

St Thomas' Church located on the south side of Glasgow Road serves WW03F. The district is dissected by the Edinburgh to Fife rail line. The installation of bollards on South Gyle Road at South Gyle station many years ago pedestrianised this sole crossing point between the north and south of the district. Gylemuir Primary School previously served the district, located only 350m from the crossing point.

Withdrawing from the use of schools has now disadvantaged voters of the South Gyle and Gogarloch areas. The only viable buildings in the current district are north of the rail line, notably further from the crossing point.

From Gogarloch Syke, walking takes 25 minutes through Gyle Park. By vehicle, access is only via Gyle roundabout or Bankhead Drive/Meadowhouse Road. Distances of 2 and 2.6 miles respectively.

As above, Forrester Rugby Club is proposed to serve the combined districts of SWW03G and SWW03H. It is also more accessible to residents of WW03F south of the railway line. The club has onsite parking and is served by three bus routes.

A split of WW03F is proposed, following the rail line through the district.

A revised WW03F boundary to the north would absorb North Gyle, West Craigs and the eastern fringe of the new West Craigs development which lies in ward 3 (boundary splits Amos Crossway). These areas along with the existing district north of the rail line would be served by St Thomas' Church, Glasgow Road.

Proposed is a new district, following existing boundaries of WW03F to the south of the rail line to be hosted by Forrester Rugby Club.

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Ward 4 Forth

Polling places for the 2024 United Kingdom General Election were as follows.

4	Forth	North & Leith	NN04C	West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre
4	Forth	North & Leith	NN04D	Edinburgh College Granton Campus
4	Forth	North & Leith	NN04E	Royston Wardieburn Community Centre
4	Forth	North & Leith	NN04F	Granton Parish Church
4	Forth	North & Leith	NN04G	Wardie Residents Club
4	Forth	North & Leith	NN04H	Inverleith St. Serf's Church
4	Forth	North & Leith	NN04J	Summerside Bowling Club
4	Forth	North & Leith	NN04I	The Heart of Newhaven

Following this review we propose the following;

Ward		Polling District	Venue	In District	Walking Distance*	Disabled Access	On Bus Route	Unrestricted Parking
4	Forth	NN04C	West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre	✓	✓	✓		✓
4	Forth	NN04D	Edinburgh College - Granton Campus	✓	✓	✓	✓	
4	Forth	NN04E	Royston Wardieburn Community Centre	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Forth	NN04F	Granton Parish Church	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Forth	NN04G	Wardie Residents Club	✓	✓	✓	✓	
4	Forth	NN04H	Inverleith St. Serf's Church	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Forth	NN04J	Summerside Bowling Club	✓	✓	✓		✓
4	Forth	NN04I	Newhaven Parish Church	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*Walking distance of twenty minutes or less. Rural dwellings further indicated by 'r'.

Notes

NN04E – Boundary Change

Royston Wardieburn Community Centre is located off district with capacity to host existing electors. Neighbouring electors pass the centre making their way to Granton Parish Church. Revision proposed moves the eastern boundary from Royston Mains Road and Pilton Drive to Wardieburn Road and Pilton Park.

NN04F – Boundary Change

Granton Parish Church has a good level of accommodation for an electorate the size of NN04F. District NN04E to the west and district NN04G to the east however would both benefit from boundary alterations which would impact on this district. Changes detailed above and below will see elector levels remain within the capacity of the site, while centralising the site within the new district layout.

NN04G – Boundary Change

Wardie Residents Club is located off district and operates the maximum number of polling stations it can hold. Many residents of the surrounding area on the east side of Granton Road travel to St Serfs Church to cast their vote. The church also hosts the maximum number of stations the building will allow.

Proposed is a move on the west boundary to follow Boswall Loan and Boswall Drive to the former rail line pathway south of Boswall Avenue. To the east boundary a move to follow Boswall Road, Netherby Road and Wardie Road.

Electorate pressures will ease at both Wardie Residents Club and St Serfs. Generally, distances electors travel to reach each of these sites will reduce.

NN04H – Boundary Change

Inverleith St Serfs Church serves NN04H. As above, a reduction in the size of the boundary is proposed, reducing the level of demand on the church.

NN04I – Venue Change

Newhaven Parish Church served NN04I for the 2022 Local Council Elections but was unable to host polling for the UKPGE'24, due to school summer holiday club commitments.

The Heart of Newhaven, formerly the original Victoria Primary School sits close to the boundary of NN04I and NN13A, while serving the latter district. The site has capacity to host up to five polling stations when required, two in the original building and/or three in the newer Anchor Building. It is here voters of NN04I attended in July 2024.

As the two sites serve differing local authority wards, the preference would be to return to Newhaven Church building which is also more centrally located within the district.

Proposed is a return to Newhaven Parish Church.

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Ward 5 Inverleith

Polling places for the 2024 United Kingdom General Election were as follows.

5	Inverleith	North & Leith	NC05D	The Village Hotel - Energy Room
5	Inverleith	West	WC05D	The Village Hotel - Motivation Room
5	Inverleith	North & Leith	NN05F	St. James' Episcopal Church Hall
5	Inverleith	North & Leith	NC05G	St. Stephen's Comely Bank Church
5	Inverleith	North & Leith	NC05H	Stockbridge Library
5	Inverleith	North & Leith	NC05I	Bellevue Chapel
5	Inverleith	West	WW05A: WW05B	Davidson's Mains Parish Church South Hall
5	Inverleith	West	WC05J: WC05G	Bristo Baptist Church Hall
5	Inverleith	West	WW05C	Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre
5	Inverleith	West	WW05E	Blackhall St. Columba's Church Hall
5	Inverleith	West	WC05L (& WC06D, WC06C & WC06L)	Murrayfield Parish Church

Following this review we propose the following;

Ward		Polling District	Venue	In District	Walking Distance*	Disabled Access	On Bus Route	Unrestricted Parking
5	Inverleith	NC05D	The Village Hotel - Energy Meeting Room	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Inverleith	WC05D	The Village Hotel - Motivation Meeting Room		✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Inverleith	NN05F	St. James' Episcopal Church Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	
5	Inverleith	NC05G	St. Stephen's Comely Bank Church	✓	✓	✓	✓	
5	Inverleith	NC05H	Stockbridge Library	✓	✓	✓	✓	
5	Inverleith	NC05I	Bellevue Chapel	✓	✓	✓	✓	
5	Inverleith	WW05A: WW05B	Davidson's Mains Parish Church - South Hall		✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Inverleith	WC05J:	Bristo Baptist Church Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	
5	Inverleith	WC05G	Bristo Baptist Church Hall		✓	✓	✓	
5	Inverleith	WW05C	Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre	✓	✓	✓		✓
5	Inverleith	WW05E: WC05L	Blackhall St. Columba's Church Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	

*Walking distance of twenty minutes or less. Rural dwellings further indicated by 'r'.

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NC05D – Note

The Village Hotel on Crewe Road South previously served the district of NC05D. Recent UK parliamentary constituency changes severed this district at Crewe Road South to form WC05D to the west and NC05D to the east. The hotel remains well placed on the boundary of these new districts to serve both. They remain in the same ward and Scottish Parliamentary Constituency. The hotel offers two distinct rooms within, which worked well for mixed constituency UK election delivery in July 2024.

WW05A & WW05B – Retain “new” polling place

Davidson’s Mains Parish Church’s South Hall at the Quality Street junction served both districts at UKPGE’24 for the first time.

Blackhall Primary School served WW05B until 2021. In 2022 this electorate joined those of WW05A at Blackhall Library. This closed due to the discovery of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete. A mobile library service is in operation from car park of Davidson’s Mains Parish Church Hall.

The church is well placed to continue hosting voters well away from the school, its halls are a good size, is well served by public transport and has a large car park.

Consideration has been given to surrendering the eastern edges of both districts to WW05E, reducing travelling distance for residents to the South Hall. There is concern however over poor pedestrian crossing provision at all junctions on Strachan Road, the junction of Forthview Terrace at Telford Road and the House O’Hill Ave/Rd junctions.

Three of the four proposals under consideration for Blackhall Library at time of writing involve long term usage of the existing site, centrally located for both districts in their current guise. Proposed is the retention of Davidson’s Mains Parish Church until the next polling review, where Blackhall Library may be available once more in a new guise.

WC05G & J – Future consideration

Bristo Baptist Church served WC05J (previously NC05J) and the newly formed WC05G, previously a segment of NC05G situated west of Orchard Brae. These districts were both affected by UK parliamentary constituency boundary changes.

Electorate volume and turnout statistics show Bristo Baptist Church now operates close to capacity.

Proposals for ward 6 include the future use of The Dean building, previously Dean Parish Church. This site is close to Bristo Baptist church and provides sufficient space to absorb voters from WC05G or WC05J also, should electorate numbers swell.

Proposed is the continued use of Bristo Baptist Church for both districts, with a caveat of The Dean building hosting part of the electorate where required.

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Ward 6 Corstorphine / Murrayfield

Polling places for the 2024 United Kingdom General Election were as follows.

6	Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	West	WW06I	Carrick Knowe Parish Church Hall
6	Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	West	WC06D, WC06C, WC06L (& WC05L)	Murrayfield Parish Church Centre
6	Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	West	WC06G	Saughton Crescent Scout Hall
6	Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	West	WC06H	Church of the Good Shepherd
6	Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	West	WW06A	Corstorphine St. Ninian's Church Hall
6	Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	West	WW06B	St. Anne's Parish Church Hall
6	Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	West	WW06E	10th Craigmmond Scout Hall
6	Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	West	WW06F	Corstorphine Library
6	Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	West	WW06K (& WW03F)	St Thomas Church

Following this review we propose the following.

Ward		Polling District	Venue	In District	Walking Distance*	Disabled Access	On Bus Route	Unrestricted Parking
6	Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	WW06I	Carrick Knowe Parish Church Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	WC06D	Murrayfield Parish Church Centre	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	WC06C	Murrayfield Parish Church Centre			✓	✓	✓
6	Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	WC06L	The Dean (formerly Dean Parish Church)		✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	WC06G	Saughton Crescent Scout Hall	✓	✓	✓		✓
6	Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	WC06H	Church of the Good Shepherd	✓	✓	✓		✓
6	Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	WW06A	Corstorphine St. Ninian's Church Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	WW06B	St. Anne's Parish Church Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	WW06F	Merge with WW06B					
6	Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	WW06E	10th Craigmmond Scout Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	WW06K	10th Craigmmond Scout Hall		✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	New District	Corstorphine St. Ninian's Church Hall		✓	✓	✓	✓

*Walking distance of twenty minutes or less. Rural dwellings further indicated by 'r'.

Notes

WC06L – New Polling Place

Murrayfield Parish Church Centre hosts WC06L with WC06C and WC06D. Voters in WC06L face a notable travel to the current polling place.

The former Dean Parish Church building is situated on Ravelston Terrace. Branded as 'The Dean', it is available for hire as an events space via Erskine Stewart Melville Schools events team. Access is good, the building is spacious and hire fees discussed with ESMS are on budget.

Proposed is the new polling place of The Dean.

WW06B, E, F & I – Boundary changes and mergers

St Anne's Parish Church Hall & Carrick Knowe Parish Church have been underutilised.

Corstorphine Library has been used as a recent direct replacement for Carrick Knowe Primary school.

WW06E, served by 10th Craigalmond Scout Hall, includes a narrow strip of properties which has seen voters on the eastern side of Silvan house pass two other polling places to cast their vote.

Proposed is a redraw of polling district boundaries, with a balanced redistribution of electors.

The changes will see WW06B served by St Anne's church merge with portions of WW06E and WW06F. Other portions of E and F will be absorbed by WW06I, served by Carrick Knowe Parish Church. This frees elector capacity at the 10th Craigalmond Scout Hall to host electors from WW06K, as below.

In the main, this will reduce voters travelling distances. It will also remove the library from use as a polling place on election day, leaving it to operate as normal once more.

WW06K – Split district

St Thomas' Church, located in ward 3, hosted the electorate of WW06K at UKPGE'24. This followed the withdrawal of Tesco Extra Corstorphine as a polling place, who had hosted both the 2022 local council and 2023 ward 6 by-elections.

Notable changes are proposed in ward 3 which will impact the electorate figures attending St Thomas', reducing its viability as a long-term solution to also hosting ward 6 voters.

Corstorphine St Ninian's Church Hall and 10th Craigalmond Scout Hall are the closest ward 6 polling places to WW06K, both of which have electorate capacity.

Proposed is a split of WW06K. This allows voters of Gylemuir to attend St Ninian's Church while those of Wester Broom attend the Scout Hall on Ladywell Road.

Returning Officer Comments

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Ward 7 Sighthill / Gorgie

Polling places for the 2024 United Kingdom General Election were as follows.

7	Sighthill/Gorgie	South West	SWC07D	Gorgie War Memorial Hall
7	Sighthill/Gorgie	South West	SWC07E	Gorgie Dalry Stenhouse Church
7	Sighthill/Gorgie	South West	SWC07F	St. Brides CC
7	Sighthill/Gorgie	South West	SWP07A	St. David's Church Hall
7	Sighthill/Gorgie	South West	SWP07H	Sighthill Bowling Club
7	Sighthill/Gorgie	South West	SWP07J	McHattie Building, Saughton Park
7	Sighthill/Gorgie	West	WP07B	Carrickvale Community Education Centre
7	Sighthill/Gorgie	South West	SWP07N	Slateford Longstone Parish Church Hall

Following this review we propose the following;

Ward		Polling District	Venue	In District	Walking Distance*	Disabled Access	On Bus Route	Unrestricted Parking
7	Sighthill/Gorgie	SWC07D	Gorgie War Memorial Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Sighthill/Gorgie	SWC07E	Gorgie Dalry Stenhouse Church	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Sighthill/Gorgie	SWC07F	St. Brides CC	✓	✓	✓	✓	
7	Sighthill/Gorgie	SWP07A	St. David's Church Hall	✓	✓	✓		✓
7	Sighthill/Gorgie	SWP07H	Sighthill Bowling Club	✓	✓	✓		✓
7	Sighthill/Gorgie	SWP07J	McHattie Building, Saughton Park	✓	✓	✓		✓
7	Sighthill/Gorgie	WP07B	Carrickvale Community Education Centre	✓	✓	✓		✓
7	Sighthill/Gorgie	SWP07N	Slateford Longstone Parish Church Hall	✓	✓	✓		✓

*Walking distance of twenty minutes or less. Rural dwellings further indicated by 'r'.

Notes

SWP07J & SWP07N – Boundary change

McHattie Building in Saughton Park serves new build properties west of HMP Edinburgh in addition to homes on the east side of Stenhouse. These new build properties in Gaskell Street area are closer to Carrickvale Community Education Centre (750m walk) and Slateford Longstone Church (800m walk). Only the church sits in the same boundaries for all elections.

Proposed a change of boundary to allow Gaskell Street area to vote at Slateford Longstone Church.

SWP07N & SWP07H – Boundary Change

Sighthill Bowling Club serves SWP07H which includes properties east of Longstone Road which itself is 1.4km from the club. These properties are closer to both Slateford Longstone Church 850m away (SWP07N) and St David's Church 900m away (SWP07A).

Proposed is a boundary move to allow electors currently on the eastern fringe of SWP07H to join SWP07N voting at Slateford Longstone Church.

Returning Officer Comments

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Ward 8 Colinton / Fairmilehead

Polling places for the 2024 United Kingdom General Election were as follows.

8	Colinton/Fairmilehead	South	SP08D	Charwood
8	Colinton/Fairmilehead	South	SP08G	Fairmilehead Parish Church Hall
8	Colinton/Fairmilehead	South West	SWP08B: SWS08H	Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre
8	Colinton/Fairmilehead	South West	SWP08F: SWP08C	Pentland Community Centre
8	Colinton/Fairmilehead	South West	SWP08A	St. Cuthbert's Episcopal Church Hall
8	Colinton/Fairmilehead	South West	SWP08E	Dreghorn Loan Church Hall

Following this review we propose the following;

Ward		Polling District	Venue	In District	Walking Distance*	Disabled Access	On Bus Route	Unrestricted Parking
8	Colinton / Fairmilehead	SP08D	Charwood	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Colinton / Fairmilehead	SP08G	Fairmilehead Parish Church Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Colinton / Fairmilehead	New District	St Fillans Church Hall	✓	✓	✓		✓
8	Colinton / Fairmilehead	SWP08B: SWS08H	Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre	✓	✓	✓		✓
8	Colinton / Fairmilehead	New District	Fairmilehead Parish Church Hall		✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Colinton / Fairmilehead	SWP08F	Pentland Community Centre	✓	✓	✓		✓
8	Colinton / Fairmilehead	SWP08A	St. Cuthbert's Episcopal Church Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Colinton / Fairmilehead	SWP08E	Dreghorn Loan Church Hall		✓	✓		✓

*Walking distance of twenty minutes or less. Rural dwellings further indicated by 'r'.

Notes

SP08D & SP08G – Boundary adjustments - New district added

Charwood lies within SP08G, served by Fairmilehead Parish Church. It is passed by electors from the Caiystane and Waterfield Road areas, making their way to vote at the church.

Both the church and Charwood see robust elector numbers while St Fillan's Church at the north end of Buckstone (used to serve SP10K at UKPGE'24) is underutilised. Electorate numbers and the distance they must travel can be balanced by all three venues serving the current SP08D and SP08G.

Proposed is a revision to the boundary between SP08D and SP08G combined with new boundary creating a north/south split of the current SP08D. This will form a new district at the northern end of Buckstone, served by St Fillan's Church.

SWP08E – Boundary adjustment with SWP08A

Dreghorn Loan Church has polling capacity while St Cuthbert's Episcopal Church in the next street hosts significant footfall in a hall at capacity with stations. Proposed is a small growth of SWP08E, taking streets from SWP08A.

SWP08F – Enforced district split – New district

Boundaries Scotland changes to Scottish Parliamentary constituencies dissects SWP08F. A new polling district is required to accommodate this dissection.

Returning Officer Comments

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Ward 9 Fountainbridge / Craiglockhart

Polling places for the 2024 United Kingdom General Election were as follows.

9	Fountainbridge/ Craiglockhart	South West	SWC09D (& SWC11F)	Tollcross Community Centre
9	Fountainbridge/ Craiglockhart	South West	SWS09B	St. Michael's Church Hall
9	Fountainbridge/ Craiglockhart	South West	SWS09C	Fountainbridge Library
9	Fountainbridge/ Craiglockhart	South West	SWP09I	Kingsknowe Golf Club
9	Fountainbridge/ Craiglockhart	South West	SWS09A	O2 Academy Edinburgh
9	Fountainbridge/ Craiglockhart	South West	SWS09E (& SWS10A)	Boroughmuir Rugby and Community Sports Club
9	Fountainbridge/ Craiglockhart	South West	SWS09G	Craiglockhart Parish Church Hall

Following this review we propose the following.

Ward		Polling District	Venue	In District	Walking Distance*	Disabled Access	On Bus Route	Unrestricted Parking
9	Fountainbridge/ Craiglockhart	SWC09D	Tollcross Community Centre		✓	✓	✓	
9	Fountainbridge/ Craiglockhart	SWS09B	St. Michael's Church Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	
9	Fountainbridge/ Craiglockhart	New District	St Michael's Church Hall		✓	✓	✓	
9	Fountainbridge/ Craiglockhart	SWS09C	Fountainbridge Library	✓	✓	✓	✓	
9	Fountainbridge/ Craiglockhart	SWP09I	Kingsknowe Golf Club		✓	✓	✓	✓
9	Fountainbridge/ Craiglockhart	SWS09A	O2 Academy Edinburgh	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	Fountainbridge/ Craiglockhart	SWS09E	Boroughmuir Rugby and Community Sports Club	✓	✓	✓		✓
9	Fountainbridge/ Craiglockhart	SWS09G	Craiglockhart Parish Church Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*Walking distance of twenty minutes or less. Rural dwellings further indicated by 'r'.

Notes

SWS09B – Enforced district split – New district

Boundaries Scotland changes to Scottish Parliamentary constituencies dissects SWS09B. A new polling district is required to accommodate this dissection.

Voters in the new district are residents of Hermand Terrace, Street and Crescent who have been placed in Edinburgh South Western. The closest neighbouring polling district is SWS09A, served by O2 Academy.

Proposed is a new district made up solely of the western corner of the current SWS09B. This will be served as at present by St Michael's Church Hall for UK General and Local Council elections. At Scottish Parliamentary elections, these voters will attend the O2 Academy building with those of SWS09A.

SWS09A - Note

The electorate in SWS09A exceeds 5000, a notable number for a single polling place. At Scottish Parliamentary elections, due to the electorate increase noted above, this number will exceed 6000.

Ward boundaries and physical boundaries such as a rail line surround this district prevent a practical merge with another district to spread electorate pressure.

A move within the O2 Academy complex from the Newmarket to Baron suite may be required in the next five years. The latter can be accessed from the same level access entry point familiar to voters.

Increased hire costs will occur however the site is expected to continue to return fiscal value, for the size of electorate served. Hire fees vs electorate at UKPGE'24 ranked the Baron Suite as the 79th most expensive site used.

Returning Officer Comments

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Ward 10 Morningside

Polling places for the 2024 United Kingdom General Election were as follows.

10	Morningside	South	SS10B	Polwarth Parish Church Hall
10	Morningside	South	SS10C	Morningside United Church Hall
10	Morningside	South	SS10F	Church Hill Theatre - Studio
10	Morningside	South	SC10E: SS10G	Laudate House, German Congregation Church
10	Morningside	South	SS10H	The Watsonian Club - The Pavilion Myreside
10	Morningside	South	SP10K	St. Fillan's Church Hall
10	Morningside	South	SS10I	Morningside Parish Church Halls
10	Morningside	South	SS10J	Greenbank Church Hall
10	Morningside	South West	SWC10D	Barclay Viewforth Church
10	Morningside	South West	SWS10A (& SWS09E)	Boroughmuir Rugby and Community Sports Club

Following this review we propose the following.

Ward		Polling District	Venue	In District	Walking Distance*	Disabled Access	On Bus Route	Unrestricted Parking
10	Morningside	SS10B	Polwarth Parish Church Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	
10	Morningside	SS10C	Morningside United Church Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	
10	Morningside	SS10F	Church Hill Theatre - Studio	✓	✓	✓	✓	
10	Morningside	New District	Church Hill Theatre - Studio	✓	✓	✓	✓	
10	Morningside	SC10E: SS10G	Laudate House, German Congregation Church		✓	✓		
10	Morningside	SS10H	The Watsonian Club - The Pavilion Myreside		✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Morningside	SP10K	St. Fillan's Church Hall		✓	✓		✓
10	Morningside	SS10I	Morningside Parish Church Halls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Morningside	SS10J	Greenbank Church Hall		✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Morningside	SWC10D	Barclay Viewforth Church		✓	✓	✓	
10	Morningside	New District	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints		✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Morningside	SWS10A	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*Walking distance of twenty minutes or less. Rural dwellings further indicated by 'r'.

Notes

SWS10A – Enforced district split – New district

Boundaries Scotland changes to Scottish Parliamentary constituencies dissects SWS10A. A new polling district is required to accommodate this dissection.

Voters to the south of Colinton Road can, for Scottish Parliamentary elections, join those of SS10H at Myreside Pavilion. Those to the north can join those at Polwarth Parish Church hall.

For Local Council and UK Parliamentary elections, SWS10A and the new district made up of its southern segment can be served by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. This church is an established polling place, though unavailable in July 2024.

SS10F – Enforced district split – New district

Boundaries Scotland changes to Scottish Parliamentary constituencies dissects SS10F. A new polling district is required to accommodate this dissection.

For Scottish Parliamentary elections, voters in the new district can be accommodated at Morningside United Church Hall with those of SS10C.

The remaining substantial majority of the electorate, can continue to vote at the Church Hill Theatre building.

For Local Council and UK Parliamentary elections, SS10F and the new district can both be served by the Church Hill Theatre.

Returning Officer Comments

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Ward 11 City Centre

Polling places for the 2024 United Kingdom General Election were as follows.

11	City Centre	East & Musselburgh	EC11G	Lauriston Halls
11	City Centre	East & Musselburgh	EC11H	Customer Hub City Chambers
11	City Centre	East & Musselburgh	EC11J: EE11K	Council Headquarters Waverley Court
11	City Centre	East & Musselburgh	EC11L	Novotel Edinburgh Centre
11	City Centre	East & Musselburgh	EC11M	Greyfriars Charteris Centre
11	City Centre	North & Leith	NC11C	Voco Edinburgh Royal Terrace Hotel
11	City Centre	North & Leith	NC11A	YOTEL Edinburgh
11	City Centre	North & Leith	NC11B	Broughton St Marys Parish Church
11	City Centre	North & Leith	NC11E	Walpole Hall
11	City Centre	West	WC11D	Palmerston Place Church
11	City Centre	South West	SWC11F (& SWC09D)	Tollcross Community Centre

Following this review we propose the following;

Ward		Polling District	Venue	In District	Walking Distance*	Disabled Access	On Bus Route	Unrestricted Parking
11	City Centre	EC11G	Lauriston Halls	✓	✓	✓		
11	City Centre	EC11H	Customer Hub City Chambers	✓	✓	✓		
11	City Centre	EC11J: EE11K	Council Headquarters Waverley Court	✓	✓	✓		
11	City Centre	EC11L	Novotel Edinburgh Centre		✓	✓	✓	
11	City Centre	EC11M	Braidwood Centre	✓	✓	✓		
11	City Centre	NC11C	Voco Edinburgh Royal Terrace Hotel	✓	✓	✓		
11	City Centre	NC11A	YOTEL Edinburgh	✓	✓	✓		
11	City Centre	NC11B	Broughton St Marys Parish Church	✓	✓	✓	✓	
11	City Centre	NC11E	Walpole Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	
11	City Centre	WC11D	Palmerston Place Church	✓	✓	✓		
11	City Centre	SWC11F	Tollcross Community Centre	✓	✓	✓	✓	

*Walking distance of twenty minutes or less. Rural dwellings further indicated by 'r'.

Notes

NC11A & NC11B Boundary Change

Yotel & Broughton St Marys Church have electors close to the opposite places voting at them. Proposed a minor adjustment between the boundary of each to reduce elector travelling distance to existing polling places.

EC11M – Return to previous polling place

The Braidwood Centre previously served EC11M electors. Initially closed in December 2022, the centre is operational once more with Canongate youth granted a license to occupy. Proposed, a return to The Braidwood Centre.

Returning Officer Comments

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Ward 12 Leith Walk

Polling places for the 2024 United Kingdom General Election were as follows.

12	Leith Walk	East & Musselburgh	EN12H EN12K (& EN14K)	Norton Park Conference Centre
12	Leith Walk	North & Leith	NN12A	Edinburgh Leith and District Boys Brigade
12	Leith Walk	North & Leith	NN12B	Ebenezer United Free Church Hall
12	Leith Walk	North & Leith	NN12D	Drivers Sports & Social Club
12	Leith Walk	North & Leith	NN12E	Pilrig St Paul's Church Hall
12	Leith Walk	North & Leith	NN12F	Out of The Blue Drill Hall
12	Leith Walk	North & Leith	NN12I	McDonald Road Library
12	Leith Walk	North & Leith	NN12J	Holyrood Evangelical Church
12	Leith Walk	North & Leith	NN12C	Royal Navy & Royal Marine Association & Club
12	Leith Walk	East & Musselburgh	EN12G (& EN13E)	Leith St Andrews Church Hall

Following this review we propose the following;

Ward		Polling District	Venue	In District	Walking Distance*	Disabled Access	On Bus Route	Unrestricted Parking
12	Leith Walk	EN12K: EN12H	Norton Park Conference Centre	✓	✓	✓		✓
12	Leith Walk	NN12A	Edinburgh Leith and District Boys Brigade	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12	Leith Walk	NN12B	Ebenezer United Free Church Hall		✓	✓		✓
12	Leith Walk	NN12D	Drivers Sports & Social Club	✓	✓	✓		
12	Leith Walk	NN12E	Pilrig St Paul's Church Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	
12	Leith Walk	NN12F	Out of The Blue Drill Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	
12	Leith Walk	NN12I	McDonald Road Library	✓	✓	✓	✓	
12	Leith Walk	NN12J	Holyrood Evangelical Church	✓	✓	✓		
12	Leith Walk	NN12C	Royal Navy & Royal Marine Association & Club	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12	Leith Walk	EN12G	Leith St Andrews Church Hall		✓	✓	✓	

*Walking distance of twenty minutes or less. Rural dwellings further indicated by 'r'.

Notes

N12J & NN12I – Boundary adjustment

Holyrood Evangelical Church serving NN12J has grown to an electorate of over 6000 voters, an unsustainable figure for a four-station polling place. Neighbouring NN12I is served by McDonald Road library which has scope for an electorate increase.

Proposed is a minor boundary adjustment to balance electorate figures.

NN12B – Enforced district split – New district

Boundaries Scotland changes to Scottish Parliamentary constituencies dissects NN12B. A new polling district is required to accommodate this dissection.

Voters in the new district on the south side of Bonnington Road will be invited to vote at Pilrig St Pauls Church with those of NN12E at Scottish Parliamentary Elections. The church has sufficient capacity to host the small number of voters affected.

NN12D – Enforced district split – New district

Boundaries Scotland changes to Scottish Parliamentary constituencies dissects NN12D. A new polling district is required to accommodate this dissection.

Voters in the new district will continue to use the Drivers Sports and Social Club at all elections. The interior of the club sees one polling station in the social area to the front of the building and three stations in the event hall to the rear. The boundary split equates to approximately 35% of the current electorate of NN12D in need of a segregated polling station for Scottish Parliamentary Elections only. This can be accommodated with the club layout, though a more balanced electorate split would be in place for all other elections.

NN12C - Enforced district split – New district

Boundaries Scotland changes to Scottish Parliamentary constituencies dissects NN12C. A new polling district is required to accommodate this dissection.

Voters in the new district will continue to use the Royal Navy and Marine Club at Loal Council and UK parliamentary elections. An exchange of voters with NC05I, Bellevue Chapel, is proposed for Scottish Parliamentary elections. Electorate numbers between the new district and NC05I differ by circa 20 voters only.

Returning Officer Comments

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Ward 13 Leith

Polling places for the 2024 United Kingdom General Election were as follows.

13	Leith	East & Musselburgh	EN13E (& EN12G)	Leith St Andrews Church Hall
13	Leith	North & Leith	NN13A (& NN04I)	The Heart of Newhaven
13	Leith	North & Leith	NN13B	Leith Library
13	Leith	North & Leith	NN13C	Leith Dockers Club
13	Leith	North & Leith	NN13D	South Leith Parish Church Halls

Following this review we propose the following;

Ward		Polling District	Venue	In District	Walking Distance*	Disabled Access	On Bus Route	Unrestricted Parking
13	Leith	EN13E	Leith St Andrews Church Hall		✓	✓	✓	
13	Leith	NN13A	The Heart of Newhaven		✓	✓		✓
13	Leith	NN13B	Leith Library	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Leith	NN13C	Leith Dockers Club	✓	✓	✓		
13	Leith	NN13D	South Leith Parish Church Halls	✓	✓	✓	✓	

*Walking distance of twenty minutes or less. Rural dwellings further indicated by 'r'.

Notes

Ward 13 - No Changes Proposed

Polling places and districts to remain unchanged.

Returning Officer Comments

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Ward 14 Craigentinny / Duddingston

Polling places for the 2024 United Kingdom General Election were as follows.

14	Craigentinny/ Duddingston	East & Musselburgh	EE14C	Wilson Memorial United Free Church of Scotland
14	Craigentinny/ Duddingston	East & Musselburgh	EE14G	Northfield/Willowbrae Community Centre
14	Craigentinny/ Duddingston	East & Musselburgh	EE14H	Duddingston Kirk
14	Craigentinny/ Duddingston	East & Musselburgh	EE14A	Ss Ninian & Triduana R.C. Church
14	Craigentinny/ Duddingston	East & Musselburgh	EE14B	Craigentinny Community Centre
14	Craigentinny/ Duddingston	East & Musselburgh	EE14D: EN14L	Meadowbank Church of Scotland
14	Craigentinny/ Duddingston	East & Musselburgh	EE14F	Willowbrae Parish Church
14	Craigentinny/ Duddingston	East & Musselburgh	EE14M	Restalrig Lochend Community Hub

Following this review we propose the following;

Ward		Polling District	Venue	In District	Walking Distance*	Disabled Access	On Bus Route	Unrestricted Parking
14	Craigentinny/ Duddingston	EE14C	Wilson Memorial United Free Church of Scotland	✓		✓	✓	✓
14	Craigentinny/ Duddingston	EE14G	Northfield/Willowbrae Community Centre	✓	✓	✓		✓
14	Craigentinny/ Duddingston	EE14H	Duddingston Kirk	✓	✓	✓		✓
14	Craigentinny/ Duddingston	EE14A	Ss Ninian & Triduana R.C. Church	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14	Craigentinny/ Duddingston	EE14B	Craigentinny Community Centre	✓	✓	✓		✓
14	Craigentinny/ Duddingston	EE14D: EN14L	Meadowbank Church of Scotland	✓	✓	✓	✓	
14	Craigentinny/ Duddingston	EE14F	Willowbrae Parish Church	✓	✓	✓	✓	
14	Craigentinny/ Duddingston	EE14M	Restalrig Lochend Community Hub	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*Walking distance of twenty minutes or less. Rural dwellings further indicated by 'r'.

Notes

Ward 14 – No Changes Proposed

Polling places and districts to remain unchanged.

Returning Officer Comments

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Ward 15 Southside / Newington

Polling places for the 2024 United Kingdom General Election were as follows.

15	Southside/ Newington	East & Musselburgh	EC15A	Southside Community Centre
15	Southside/ Newington	South	SS15D	St. Catherine's Argyle Church
15	Southside/ Newington	South	SS15G	Mayfield Salisbury Church Hall
15	Southside/ Newington	South	SS15I	Reid Memorial Church Hall
15	Southside/ Newington	South	SS15J	Millar Hall - 75th Braid Scout Centre
15	Southside/ Newington	South	SS15H	Cameron House Community Education Centre
15	Southside/ Newington	East & Musselburgh	EC15C	Nelson Hall Community Centre
15	Southside/ Newington	South	SC15C	Nelson Hall Community Centre
15	Southside/ Newington	South	SS15F	Marchmont St Giles' Parish Church

Following this review we propose the following.

Ward		Polling District	Venue	In District	Walking Distance*	Disabled Access	On Bus Route	Unrestricted Parking
15	Southside/ Newington	EC15A	Southside Community Centre	✓	✓	✓	✓	
15	Southside/ Newington	SS15D	St. Catherine's Argyle Church	✓	✓	✓	✓	
15	Southside/ Newington	New District	St Catherine's Argyle Church / Mayfield Salisbury		✓	✓	✓	
15	Southside/ Newington	SS15G	Mayfield Salisbury Church Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	
15	Southside/ Newington	SS15I	Reid Memorial Church Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	Southside/ Newington	SS15J	Millar Hall - 75th Braid Scout Centre	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	Southside/ Newington	SS15H	Cameron House Community Education Centre	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	Southside/ Newington	EC15C	Nelson Hall Community Centre	✓	✓	✓	✓	
15	Southside/ Newington	SC15C	Nelson Hall Community Centre		✓	✓	✓	
15	Southside/ Newington	SS15F	Marchmont St Giles' Parish Church	✓	✓	✓	✓	

*Walking distance of twenty minutes or less. Rural dwellings further indicated by 'r'.

Notes

Ward 15 - Southside / Newington

SS15F – Enforced district split – Revised boundaries

Boundaries Scotland changes to Scottish Parliamentary constituencies dissects SS15F.

Proposed is a revision of the boundary between SS15F and SS15I to reflect this change.

SS15D – Enforced district split – New district

Boundaries Scotland changes to Scottish Parliamentary constituencies dissects SS15D.

A permanent boundary revision will place a sub optimal number of voters at Mayfield Salisbury church, when other amendments are taken into consideration. The creation of a new district will allow those on the south side of the new split to continue voting at St Catherine's Argyle church, attending Mayfield Salisbury only for Scottish Parliamentary elections.

Proposed is a new district, consisting of the current SS15D area, south of Grange Road.

SC15C – Enforced district split – Revised boundaries

Boundaries Scotland changes to Scottish Parliamentary constituencies dissects SC15C twice.

Proposed is boundary revision to absorb the two small sections of SC15C isolated by this dissection in to SS15G.

SS15I & J – Boundary Adjustment

Reid Memorial Church Hall, with the addition of voters from SS15F as noted above, is over capacity. Miller Hall in neighbouring SS15J is considerably under capacity, seeing only 184 voters in July 2024.

Proposed is an adjustment of the adjoining boundary, allowing those east of the Mayfield Road corridor to vote at Millar Hall.

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Ward 16 Liberton / Gilmerton

Polling places for the 2024 United Kingdom General Election were as follows.

16	Liberton/ Gilmerton	South	SE16D	Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre
16	Liberton/ Gilmerton	South	SE16F	Alnwickhill Road Army Reserve Centre (formerly known as T. A. Centre)
16	Liberton/ Gilmerton	South	SE16G	Gracemount Leisure Centre
16	Liberton/ Gilmerton	South	SE16I	Liberton Northfield Parish Church
16	Liberton/ Gilmerton	South	SE16J	Valley Park Community Centre
16	Liberton/ Gilmerton	South	SE16K	Gilmerton Community Centre
16	Liberton/ Gilmerton	South	SE16H: SS16E	Liberton Kirk
16	Liberton/ Gilmerton	South	SS16A	Liberton Rugby Club
16	Liberton/ Gilmerton	South	SS16B	St. Gregory's R.C. Church Hall

Following this review we propose the following.

Ward		Polling District	Venue	In District	Walking Distance*	Disabled Access	On Bus Route	Unrestricted Parking
16	Liberton/ Gilmerton	SE16D	Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre	✓	✓	✓		✓
16	Liberton/ Gilmerton	SE16F	Alnwickhill Road Army Reserve Centre	✓	✓	✓		✓
16	Liberton/ Gilmerton	SE16G	Gracemount Leisure Centre	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	Liberton/ Gilmerton	SE16J	Valley Park Community Centre	✓	✓	✓		✓
16	Liberton/ Gilmerton	SE16L	Tron Kirk, Moredun	✓	✓	✓		✓
16	Liberton/ Gilmerton	SE16K	Gilmerton Community Centre	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	Liberton/ Gilmerton	New District	Tron Kirk, Gilmerton	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	Liberton/ Gilmerton	SE16H	Liberton Kirk Halls	✓	✓	✓		✓
16	Liberton/ Gilmerton	SS16A	Liberton Northfield Church	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	Liberton/ Gilmerton	SS16E	Liberton Kirk Halls	✓	✓	✓		✓
16	Liberton/ Gilmerton	SS16B	St. Gregory's R.C. Church Hall	✓	✓	✓		✓

*Walking distance of twenty minutes or less. Rural dwellings further indicated by 'r'.

Notes

SE16L – New Polling Place

A previously unpopulated district not shown in 2024 table above. Building development on site will require polling provision. Suitable provision located on eastern flank of neighbouring SE16D. Proposed is the amendment to the boundary of the two, allowing surrounding voters to use the new polling place of Tron Kirk, Moredun.

SE16K – Split district - New district – New Polling Place

SE16K has significant new homes on its southern edge with high numbers of voters in attendance already. A split of this district is required. Proposed is a new district to the southern side of SE16K, served by Tron Kirk, Gilmerton.

SS16A – Revised polling place

To be served by Liberton Northfield Church which is within the district. This in place of Liberton Rugby club which provided unfavourable access arrangements. Only possible due to split of SE16I as below.

SE16I – Split and merge with SE16H & SE16D

New larger SE16H to remain served by Liberton Kirk Halls. New eastern boundary following Burdiehouse Burn in Ellen's Glen adds Malbet and Greenend residents.

Guardwell area to join SE16D, reducing distance to polling place. SE16I previously Liberton Northfield Church, to now serve SS16A.

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Ward 17 Portobello / Craigmillar

Polling places for the 2024 United Kingdom General Election were as follows.

17	Portobello/ Craigmillar	East & Musselburgh	EE17A	Portobello Community Centre (The Wash House)
17	Portobello/ Craigmillar	East & Musselburgh	EE17B	Yellow Bamboo Yoga
17	Portobello/ Craigmillar	East & Musselburgh	EE17C	Portobello and Joppa Parish Church (use main Church)
17	Portobello/ Craigmillar	East & Musselburgh	EE17K	Newcraighall Primary School
17	Portobello/ Craigmillar	East & Musselburgh	EE17D	Bingham Community Centre
17	Portobello/ Craigmillar	East & Musselburgh	EE17E	St. Martins Parish Church
17	Portobello/ Craigmillar	East & Musselburgh	EE17G: ES17M	Craigmillar Library
17	Portobello/ Craigmillar	East & Musselburgh	EE17J	Hays Community Hub

Following this review we propose the following;

Ward		Polling District	Venue	In District	Walking Distance*	Disabled Access	On Bus Route	Unrestricted Parking
17	Portobello/ Craigmillar	EE17A	Portobello Community Centre	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17	Portobello/ Craigmillar	EE17B	Yellow Bamboo Yoga	✓	✓	✓		✓
17	Portobello/ Craigmillar	EE17C	Portobello and Joppa Parish Church	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17	Portobello/ Craigmillar	EE17K	Newcraighall/ Niddrie Bowling Club	✓	✓	✓	✓	
17	Portobello/ Craigmillar	EE17D	Bingham Community Centre	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17	Portobello/ Craigmillar	EE17E	St. Martins Parish Church	✓		✓		✓
17	Portobello/ Craigmillar	EE17G: ES17M	Craigmillar Library	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17	Portobello/ Craigmillar	EE17J	Hays Community Hub			✓		✓
17	Portobello/ Craigmillar	New district	Tron Kirk Moredun		✓	✓		✓

*Walking distance of twenty minutes or less. Rural dwellings further indicated by 'r'.

Notes

EE17K – New Venue and boundary change with EE17E

Newcraighall Primary School was one of the last schools to cease being used to host polling, due to a lack of alternate venues in the area. The timing of UKPGE 2024 allowed a temporary return.

The Cuddie Brae Bar & Restaurant served the district at the Local Council Elections in 2022 however this provided logistical difficulties, leaving the returning officer open to challenge on the secrecy of poll.

Proposed is the use of Niddrie Bowling Club on Newcraighall Road. While not currently centrally located, future development on the north side of Newcraighall Road will see the bowling club adjacent to many more residents of the district than at present.

EE17J – Split district – New district – New polling place

To accommodate new development in the southern corner of EE17J, a new district is required. In time this will be served with a new polling place at Tron Kirk Moredun.

Proposed is a split of EE17J to create a new district.

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