

**BOROUGH OF EASTBOURNE
NEW POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACE ARRANGEMENTS
SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

APPENDIX 1

Ward	Polling District		Estimated Electorate		Polling Place (Provisional)
Devonshire	1a	Existing AB	1,750	3,850	Salvation Army Citadel, Langney Road (or All Saints Church Hall, Wellesley Road (1a) and EODS, Seaside (1b).
	1b	Existing AD	2,100		
	2	Part HA	1,390	2,140	St Agnes Hall, Whitley Road
	3	Part HB	1,300		
	4	Part HB	2,070		
Hampden Park	1	Existing CB and CD	2,070	Hampden Park Community Centre, Brodrick Road	
	4	Part CA (i.e. the park)	2		
	2	Existing CC	3,340	St Peter's Church Hall, The Hydneye	
	3	Existing GD	2,120	Willingdon Trees Community Centre, Maywood Avenue	
Langney	1a	Part DA and Part IC (Priory Lane)	1,050	3,580	St Barnabas Church Premises, Kingfisher Drive
	1b	Part DB	1,500		
	1c	Part DC (i.e. Pennine Way estate)	1,030		
	2	Part DC	4,040	Shinewater Community Centre, Milfoil Drive	
Meads	1	Existing EA and AA	2,390	St Saviour and St Peter, Spencer Road	
	2	Existing EB	2,140	All Saints Parish Hall, Grange Road	
	3	Existing EC	3,360	St John's Parish Hall, Meads Road	
Ward	Polling District		Estimated		Polling Place (Provisional)

			Electorate		
Old Town	1	Existing BB and Part BA (north of A259)	2,600	3,110	Greenfield Methodist Church Hall, Greenfield Road
	4	Existing FB	510		
	2	Existing BC and Part BD	1,940	Old Town Community Centre, Central Avenue	
	3	Existing FC	1,470	1,840	Victoria Baptist Church Hall, Eldon Road
	5	Part FA (north of Mountney Road)	370		
	6*	Part BA (south of A259) and Part JB	940	Edgmond Evangelical Church Activity Centre	
	* Note: These are revised proposals with additional polling district (No. 6) and station as described in note (d) on page 38 of Consultation Document. Districts 1 and 2 adjusted accordingly.				
Ratton	1	Existing GC	1,530	Oakwood School, Magnolia Drive	
	2	Existing GB and Part CA	1,760	St Stephen's Church Hall, The Broadway	
	3	Existing GA	1,520	Methodist Church Rooms, Wish Hill	
	4	Part FE	1,500	1,750	ATC HQ, Rangemore Drive
	7	Part FD (DGH)	250		
	8	Part CB	2	1,710	Victoria Baptist Church Hall, Eldon Road
	5	Part FE (Bevrington Road, Willingdon Road, Rodmill Drive 'triangle')	210		
	6	Part FD (Burton Road area)	780		
	9	Part BD	720		
Note: Possible alternative venues to be fully explored as described in notes on page 48 of Consultation Document (N.B. references to 'Green Street Farm area' in the notes should read 'Rockhurst Drive area').					
Ward	Polling District		Estimated Electorate	Polling Place (Provisional)	

St Anthony's	1	Existing HC and Part HA	3,290	Roselands County Infants School, Woodgate Road	
	*4a	Part IB (west of Langney Roundabout)	470	1,370	St Andrew's Church Hall, Seaside
	*5	Part IA	900		
	2a	Part DA	1,810	3,820	Langney Community Centre, Etchingham Road
	2b	Part DB	770		
	*3	Part IC	980		
	*4b	Part IB (east)	260		
	Note: These are revised proposal and add St Andrew's Church Hall, Seaside and delete use of St Richard's Church Hall, Priory Road.				
Sovereign	1	Part IA and Part IB (west)	3,370	4,220	Christ The King RC Church Hall, Princes Road (District 2 to vote at The Haven School, Atlantic Drive if and when premises are available)
	2	Part IB (Atlantic Drive area)	*850		
	3	Part IB (Pacific Drive area)	*860	Conqueror Hall, Harold Drive	
	*Notes: Districts 2 and 3 will increase in their electorates as development continues)				
Upperton	1	North		Upperton United Reformed Memorial Hall, Watts Lane	
	2	South east		The Foyer, Eversfield Road	
	3	South west		The Town Hall, Grove Road	
	Note: Polling District boundaries for the whole of the ward to be re-drawn. Amended proposals will be tabled at the meeting of the Standards Committee. Aim is to base new districts around the available and suitable venues.				

Polling Place descriptions are provisional and may yet be subject to formal approach. If in some cases first choice not available, alternatives are given.

Status: These proposals have been prepared following the Agent liaison meeting on 13 November 2001 and are for consideration by the Standards Committee on 19 November 2001.

APPENDIX 2

BOROUGH OF EASTBOURNE - RE-WARDING 2001

DELINEATION OF REVISED POLLING DISTRICTS AND IDENTIFICATION OF POLLING STATIONS

DETAILS OF COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS RECEIVED

Ward (Polling District):	Comment received from:	Comment:	Head of Democratic Services response:
Devonshire (Proposed District No.1)	Cllr Mrs Beryl Healy (acting for Lib.Dem. Agent)	Concern at the size of this district, though pleased at proposal to use the Salvation Army Citadel. Note in particular distance for voters in Ashford Road end of district. This is a low turnout area in any event.	Will be at the higher range of district size, however the Citadel lies in the centre of this proposed district, has reasonable access and is large enough to cope. It would replace 2 existing less than satisfactory venues (All Saints, Wellesley Road and EODS on Seaside). Should note that Citadel venue may not be available - in which case likely option would have to be a return to existing.
Devonshire (Proposed District No.4)	Cllr Mrs Beryl Healy (acting for Lib.Dem. Agent)	Concerned that voters will have to cross Seaside to get to The Archery Youth Centre. Suggested alternative would be at the Oval Recreation Ground, off Channel View Road. Venue was used in the past.	Concern accepted. Will investigate suitability and availability of The Oval, otherwise use The Archery.
Hampden Park (Proposed District No.1)	Cllr Mrs Beryl Healy (acting for Lib.Dem. Agent)	Concerned that voters in existing polling district CD (who currently vote at the Hampden Park Youth Centre, Brodrick Road) will have to travel to the Hampden Park Community Centre.	Concern acknowledged, however the number of electors in this district are small (710) which makes it difficult to justify an additional station. The Community Centre has good access and parking and is convenient for those journeying to the shops etc. at the village. On balance therefore no change to proposals is made.

Old Town (Proposed Districts Nos 1 and 2)	All at Agent Liaison Meeting	Concern at split of existing district BB and proposal that voters in the north of district will have to go to Old Town Community Centre in Central Avenue as means of reducing numbers that might otherwise go to Greenfield Methodist Church Hall. Support for the option shown at (d) on page 38 of Consultation Document whereby Edgmond Hall is used for voters south of the A259 and all of BB votes at Greenfield. This would also maximise continuity for majority of voters.	Concern accepted. Revised proposals will be amended in view of the very strong case for this change even though this means addition of a polling station. A new Polling District No. 6 will be created.
Ratton (Proposed District No 5)	Cllr Mark Neeham (Cons Agent)	Acknowledges shortcomings of the ATC hut, Rangemore Drive, but believes voters may prefer continuity of polling station rather than redirection to Eldon Road Baptist Church.	This small part of FE is closer to Eldon Road Baptist Church than the ATC hut. On balance therefore, given the difficult access to the ATC hut the change is justified.
Ratton (Proposed Districts Nos 4,5,6,7 and 8)	Cllr Mark Neeham (Cons Agent)	In noting the possibility of a venue on the Park College/ECAT site, expressed concern that voters would have to cross Kings Drive.	Concerns acknowledged. Final decision on this should wait until possibility of alternative venues to the ATC hut have been fully explored.
St Anthony's (all Districts)	All at Agent Liaison Meeting	Concern at size of electorate going to Roselands County Infants School. Suggestion is to add St Andrew's Church Hall, Seaside for voters in district 5 (IA) and the west of 4 (IB) and to dispense with St Richard's Church Hall, Priory Road, sending all voters east of the Langney Roundabout to Langney Community Centre.	Revised proposal is now put forward.
St Anthony's (all Districts)	Cllr Mrs Beryl Healy (acting for Lib.Dem. Agent)	Remaining concern that only 3 polling stations are proposed for this geographically spread-out ward.	Concern is acknowledged, however proposed arrangements are on balance no more or less favourable with those proposed for other parts of the town.

Sovereign (Proposed District No. 3)	Cllr Margo Smith	Unhappy with use of Conqueror Hall. Little used. Generation of additional traffic in local estate roads. Busy A259 junction. Views expressed to her by local residents. Seeks use of venue in the Retail Park, possibly within ASDA. Alternatively, possible hire of mobile library vehicle or similar.	Intention is to explore Retail Park venue in near future as population grows. In meantime Conqueror Hall meets need, has level access, car parking, staff facilities. Expense and unsuitability of mobiles/portakabins and other temporary arrangements. Potential confusion to ASDA customers if resident in other parts of the town and unable to vote at 'in-store' station.
Upperton (Proposed Districts Nos. 3 and 4)	Cllr Graham Marsden	Very concerned at the proposal to focus on Elim Church Hall - planning application already agreed for demolition and replacement with flats. To remove Town Hall and Edgmond Chapel for JA and JB respectively and replace with somewhere further away sends the wrong message about encouraging residents to vote - particularly when many are elderly and unable to travel distances. Appreciates the problems in Upperton Ward about alternatives, but thinks this is a step too far. 3000+ at one station seems excessive.	Concerns are acknowledged. If possible, use of Elim Church should be discontinued in advance of re-development. Revised proposals need to be developed retaining use of Town Hall as a polling station and re-drawing other boundaries. Important that Watts Lane electorate does not exceed 3,000 (preferably less). (N.B. Agreement at Agent Meeting that Polling Districts be re-drawn based around existing 3 suitable venues of Town Hall, The Foyer and Watts Lane).

**NEW BOROUGH WARDS AND REVISION OF ELECTORAL REGISTER/
PREPARATION FOR 2 MAY ELECTIONS**

TIMETABLE

Date	Activity/Event
September/October	Preliminary work to prepare for reconfiguration of Electoral Register
September/October	Draw up draft Polling District and Polling Station proposals
End-October	Circulation of draft Polling District and Polling Station proposals to Councillors and local party agents
13 November	Liaison meeting with local party agents to consult on new Polling Districts and proposed Polling Stations
19 November	Special meeting of Standards Committee
c.20 November	Complete input of data following Annual Canvass.
28 November	Approval of proposals by the full Council
30 November (for 1 December)	Publication of Electoral Register following Annual Canvass (qualifying date 15 October 2001)
End November to mid/late February	Reconfiguration of Electoral Register prior to publication of revised Register
Mid-February	Finalise polling station proposals.
Mid February/March	Publicity campaign
? February/March	Publication of New Register (preceded 14 days before by statutory public advertisement)
12 March	Last date for applications to add, amend or delete names on Electoral Register in time for them to be effective for 2 May election
End March/early April	Issue of Poll Cards (based on electoral register as at 2 April – i.e. the election register)
2 April	Last update (under 'Rolling Registration') of Electoral Register for 2 May elections

5 April	Noon Deadline for Receipt of Nomination Papers
24 April	Last deadline for Postal Vote applications
1 May	<i>Electoral Register update – not effective for 2 May elections)</i>
2 May	Borough Elections