



Review of polling districts and polling places/stations 2024

Background information

1 Background to the Review

Under the Representation of the People Act 1983 and 2013, the Council has a duty to divide its area into polling districts and to designate a polling place for each district. It also has to keep these arrangements under review. The Electoral Administration Act 2006 introduced a duty on all local authorities in Great Britain to review their polling districts and polling places.

2 Definitions

A polling district is a geographical area created by the sub-division of an electoral area, i.e. a constituency, district ward or division into smaller parts. A polling place is a building or area in which polling stations will be located. A polling station is the room or area within the polling place where voting takes place.

3 How the Review Is Conducted

The review will take place between 28 October 2024 and 1 February 2025.

The Acting Returning Officer will be consulted on the current arrangements and will make representations on the existing polling stations used. Her comments will be published as part of the review process.

County Borough Councillors, Community Councils, local political parties, residents and views from such persons who have particular expertise in relation to access to premises are invited to submit their representations.

4 What is not covered by the Review

The boundaries of parliamentary constituencies, electoral wards and Town/Community Council wards within Blaenau Gwent.

5 The Review Timetable

Publication of Notice/Commencement of Review	28 October 2024
Consultation - Representations to be received by	22 November 2024
Electoral Services and Acting Returning Officers' comments published	27 November 2024
Submission of final proposals to Council	23 January 2025
Revised arrangements come into force	1 February 2025

6 The Aim of the Review

The document attached sets out details of the current polling districts and polling places in Blaenau Gwent. The Council appreciates the cooperation of polling places in providing their building for the day so that electors have a convenient place to vote.

The Review seeks to address issues which have arisen, either due to the closure of buildings/proposed closure of buildings or issues arising during recent elections and will also be informed by feedback from polling station staff and inspectors.

7 Making Representations

When making representations, where a suggestion relates to the change of polling place, we would encourage you to give the reasons for this, and to suggest alternative polling places to allow further consultation. Similarly support for the current arrangements is also welcome.

Submissions can be made in writing to - Polling Review, Electoral Registration, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council, The General Offices, Steelworks Road, Ebbw Vale NP23 6DN or by email to – electoralservices@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk