

# East Hertfordshire: Proposed Polling Scheme to apply from May 2023 - for consultation

## Explanatory Notes:

- The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) completed an electoral review of East Hertfordshire in August 2022 and has recommended changes to district and parish ward boundaries to take effect from May 2023.
- Further to the LGBCE's recommendations, East Herts Council is undertaking an interim review of polling districts and polling places to ensure that polling districts align with the revised ward boundaries and that all electors are able to vote at a convenient and accessible polling place in elections from May 2023.
- The Council's draft proposals are set out in this document – comments and any alternative suggestions are invited from all interested parties **by 20 January 2023** by email to [electors@eastherts.gov.uk](mailto:electors@eastherts.gov.uk) or by post to **The Electoral Services Manager, East Herts Council, Wallfields, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8EQ.**
- The revised register of electors incorporating the changes agreed as a result of the review will be published on 15 February 2023.
- The next statutory review of polling districts and polling places is scheduled to take place during the period of 16 months starting on 1 October 2023.

## Note regarding proposals for Bishop's Stortford:

The most significant changes to ward boundaries recommended by the LGBCE are within Bishop's Stortford. The number of district council wards within the town will increase from five to six and the number of town council wards from five to nine (because it is necessary to create a town ward for each separate area where district ward and county division boundaries will no longer be coterminous).

As a result of these changes it will also be necessary to create additional polling districts within Bishop's Stortford, some of which will be quite small. It is proposed therefore not to designate a separate polling place in every polling district, but that in some cases an existing polling place will continue to serve two or more of the proposed new polling districts.

Electorate figures for some of the new polling districts in Bishop's Stortford are in the process of being calculated and this document will be updated as these are available.