



Neath Port Talbot
Castell-nedd Port Talbot
County Borough Council Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol

Elections - Polling Arrangements

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places/Stations 2019

Background Information

The Reason for the Review

Under the Representation of the People Act 1983, the Electoral Administration Act 2006 and the Review of Polling District & Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council has a duty to divide the district into polling districts and to designate a polling place for each polling district. It also has to keep these arrangements under review.

In order to comply with the above legislation Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council is required to complete a full review of all polling districts and polling places every five years. However this does not prevent changes being made at any time prior to the next review.

The arrangements made for United Kingdom Parliamentary elections are also used at all other elections and referenda.

What is a Polling District?

A polling district is a geographical area and the legislation requires that each community must be a separate polling district. If the community is large, and in order to provide easy access, the community can potentially be divided into smaller polling districts.

What is a Polling Place?

A 'polling place' is the geographical area, in which a polling station is located. There is no legal definition of what a polling place is. The geographical area could be defined as tightly as a particular building or as widely as the entire polling district. Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council has defined each polling district as the polling place rather than a particular building for practical purposes.

What is a Polling Station?

A polling station is the actual area where the process of voting takes place, e.g. a room in a community centre or school.

How the Review is Conducted

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council will publicise when the review is to take place.

The Returning Officer will be consulted on the current arrangements and will make representations on the existing polling stations used.

What is not covered by the Review

Neither the boundaries of parliamentary/assembly constituencies nor the boundaries and name of the local authority or its electoral divisions will be part of the review process.

Timetable for the Review

Start of Review	14 January 2019
Representations to be received by	15 March 2019
Electoral Services and Returning Officers' Comments Published	5 April 2019
Revised arrangements come into force	May 2019

Making Comments

Comments do not have to be restricted to alternative proposals; support for the current arrangements is also welcome.

When making representations it would be helpful to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council for you to provide as much relevant information as you can about your current polling place/station, including how convenient (or not) its location is in relation to where you live, whether there is adequate parking, what access is available for disabled and/or wheelchair users and how suitable overall it is for voting.

Please also indicate whether there are any other suitable premises that could be used.

Comments should be made in writing to:
Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council,
Electoral Services,
Civic Centre,
Port Talbot,
SA13 1PJ.

Alternatively via email to elections@npt.gov.uk **no later than 11 March 2019.**

A consultation form is also available for submission on the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council website www.npt.gov.uk/elections.