

Timetable of Review of Polling Districts, Places and Stations

Dates	Action / Event
Thursday, 17th July 2014	Report to Council requesting endorsement of the process for the Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations.
August 2014	Final Recommendations of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England published on its review of the electoral arrangements for Darlington
Monday, 1st September, 2014	<p>Publication of Notice advising of commencement of Review of Polling Districts, Places and Stations. The Notice will state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the local authority is conducting a review of Polling Districts and Polling Places; • that the (Acting) Returning Officer will make comment on proposed Polling Stations; • that electors within the authority, or the UK Parliamentary constituency of Darlington, may make a representation; • that the authority would welcome any person or body with expertise in access for persons with any type of disability to make a representation or to comment on the authority's proposals, the (Acting) Returning Officer's representation, or any other related matter; • that persons or bodies making representations should, if possible, suggest alternative places that may be used as Polling Places; • the postal address, e-mail address and website address at which documents can be inspected and representations made; • an indication of the timetable of the review and a deadline for representations. <p>The Notice will be placed on the Council's website.</p>

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Monday, 1st September, 2014	<p>Commence consultation on existing Polling Districts, Places and Stations. Invite feedback from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Returning Officer • MP's • MEP's • All Ward Councillors • Darlington Association for Disabled • GOLD • BME Community Groups • Presiding Officers • Head teachers / School Governors • Polling Station Inspectors <p>Place details of the Review of Polling Districts, Places and Stations on the DBC website, with link on the mini banners to on-line consultation.</p>
Friday, 20th September, 2014	<p>Deadline for receipt of comments in response to initial consultation on existing Polling Districts, Places and Stations.</p>
Monday, 1st September to Friday, 20th September, 2014	<p>Inspect of some existing and any further venues proposed from the initial consultation process, in accordance with the guidance and templates provided by the Electoral Commission.</p>
Monday, 22nd September to Friday, 27th September 2014	<p>Review of Findings - Formulate draft proposals based on responses received from initial consultation and inspection reports.</p>

Dates	Action / Event
Monday, 29th September to Friday, 10th October, 2014	Consultation exercise on draft proposals for Polling Districts, Places and Stations. To consult with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acting Returning Officer • MP • MEP's • All Ward Councillors • Darlington Association for Disabled • GOLD • BME Community Groups • Presiding Officers • Head teachers / School Governors • Polling Station Inspectors
Monday, 13th October 2014 – Monday, 27th October 2014	Finalise proposals for Polling Districts, Places and Stations for submission to Council.
Thursday, 4th December, 2014	Submission of final proposals to Full Council