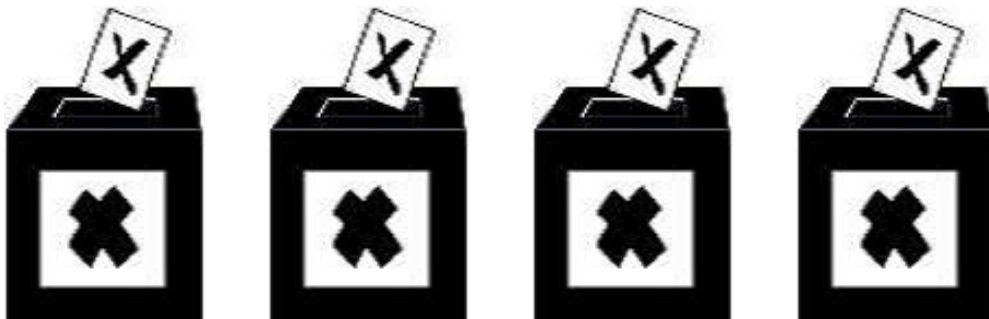


# Polling Places **review** 2011

- what do **you** think?



Our borough is divided into 18 Wards. Each is split into Polling District areas which must have their own venue provided for Polling Station use at election times. Every four years we have to review all these 53 polling districts & polling stations. If you were happy with where you voted at the last election or not, we would be very grateful for opinion and suggestions **by 12 August**. If you are not sure where your current polling station is, please contact us or visit [www.richmond.gov.uk/my\\_richmond](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/my_richmond).

This review does not cover constituency or ward boundaries.

Next scheduled elections are for London Mayor and Assembly in May 2012, but note that elections could be called at any time with just 17 days notice.

**We aim to locate all of our Polling stations a convenient distance from the majority of elector's homes, easy to find, and accessible to all. They have to be located within each ward, and should be within each polling district, so a lack of suitable premises available for us to hire can sometimes be an issue, but our main guidelines are:**

1. The review is based on the number of electors on the current electoral roll, and each of the borough's 53 polling districts should contain approximately equal numbers of electors.
2. Where possible 'natural' boundaries should be used, e.g. railways, major roads, waterways; and all of a minor road, or estate should be in one polling district.
3. Polling locations should be 'logical' i.e. electors should not have to travel past another polling place to get to their own: and none should be shared by different wards.

At every election we ask voters if the polling stations we provide are suitable, and use this feedback to change venues if we are told of better available premises to hire. In the 2005 Election survey, 95% told us their polling station was in a suitable venue; in the 2006, 2008 and 2010 Election surveys this figure was 99%. In the 2011 Referendum it was 98%.

## Polling Station **review** 2011 - what do **you** think?

Return this form with your comments, or complete online at  
[www.richmond.gov.uk/polling\\_station\\_review](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/polling_station_review)

<b>My current Polling Station is</b>				
<b>My current Polling Station is in a suitable location</b>	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>The improvements I would like to see there would be...</b>				
<b>The venue I would prefer my station to be in is...</b>				
<b>Name</b>				
<b>Address</b>				
<b>phone number / email</b>				

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