

## **POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS REVIEW 2019**



### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

This document contains the final proposals for the polling districts, polling places and polling stations in the Folkestone & Hythe District Council area.

Please note the following points before reading this document:

- Electoral Commission guidance recommends a maximum polling station electorate of 2,500.
- The enclosed maps relate to the polling districts that have had an administrative change only.
- The electorate figures in this report have been reduced by 20% to accommodate the average amount of postal voters in an area. Postal voters do not attend a polling station to vote.
- Any polling district, polling place or station not mentioned in this document does not have a recommendation for change, therefore current polling arrangements used at previous elections will remain in place.
- Identified housing developments carry an average of 2 electors per household, this has been considered for future electorate calculations.
- Natural population growth is set at 1.07% in line with the national average for areas without large housing developments.

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**Ward:** Cheriton West ward of Folkestone Town Council, Cheriton District ward

**Polling districts:** CH2, CH3

<b>Polling district</b>	<b>Current electorate</b>	<b>Potential electorate (over next 4 years)</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
CH2	2265	2619	Tower Theatre North Road Cheriton, CT20 3HL	Change the current polling place to: 1 <sup>st</sup> Cheriton Scout Hut Hawkins Road / Firs Lane Cheriton, CT19 4JA
<b>Comments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The exponential growth in electorate will be caused by natural progression and the housing development plans in the area.</li><li>• The Scout Hut is central to this densely populated area of Cheriton, with suitable access from two roads and ample parking on firs lane or in the Range car park. The new location can also facilitate a double polling station if required based on the potential growth of electorate in the area.</li></ul>				

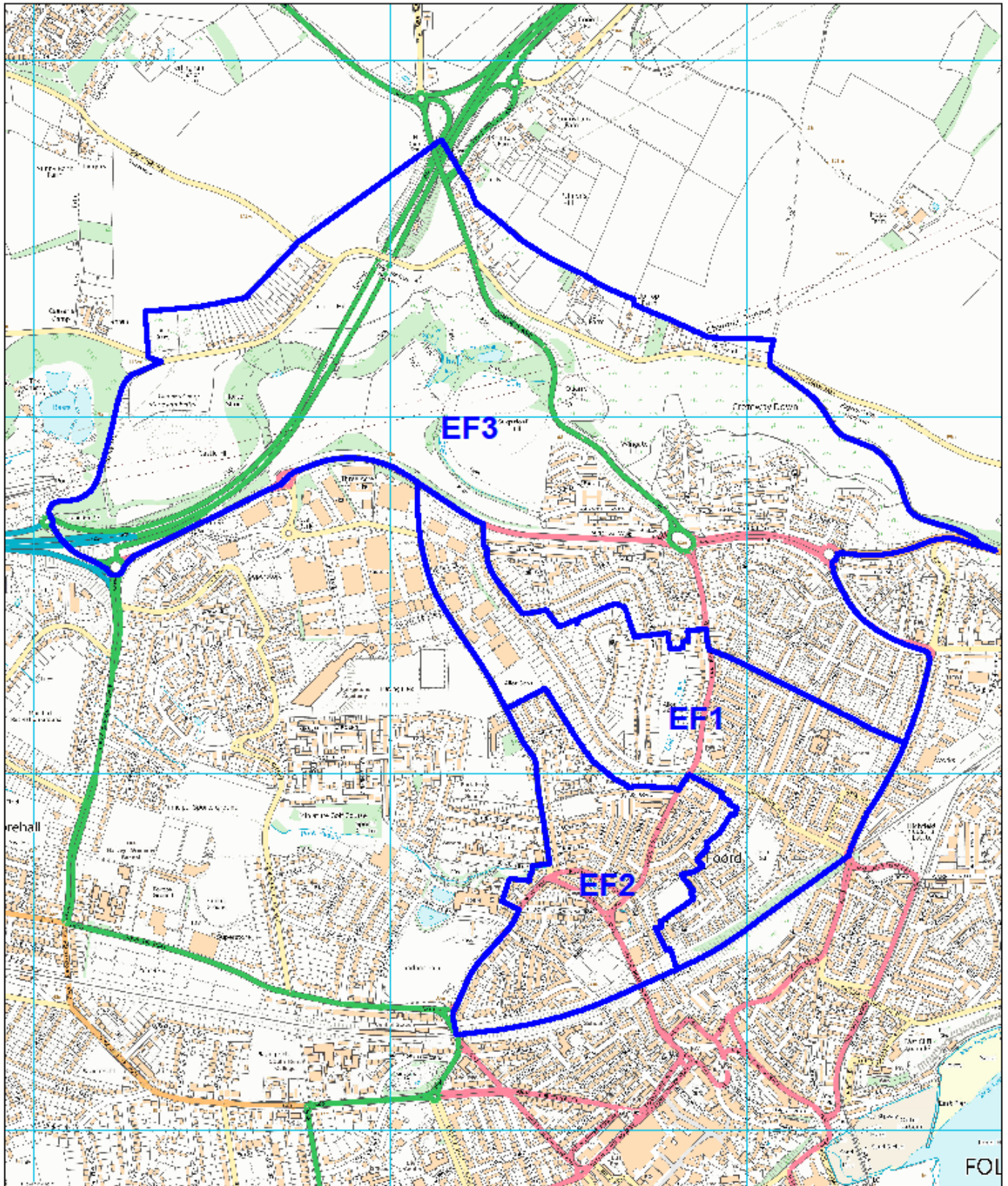
<b>Polling district</b>	<b>Current electorate</b>	<b>Potential electorate (over next 4 years)</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
CH3	2616	2738	All Souls Church Hall Somerset Road Cheriton, CT19 4NW	To introduce two polling stations at this polling place (double polling station).
<b>Comments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This long standing venue choice has adequate space to accommodate a double station for the large electorate of this area.</li><li>• Large housing developments in this area will have an implication on the electorate size over the next 4 years.</li></ul>				

**Ward:** East Folkestone ward of Folkestone Town Council, East Folkestone District ward

**Polling districts:** EF1, EF2, EF3

<b>Polling districts</b>	<b>Current electorate</b>	<b>Potential electorate (over next 4 years)</b>	<b>Current polling places</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
EF1 EF2 EF3	2158 1802 2878	2251 1880 3003	Salvation Army, 75-79 Canterbury Rd St Johns Church Hall, St Johns Church Rd Wood Avenue Library, Wood Avenue	To keep the current polling places, however balance the electorate against Electoral Commission guidance to avoid oversaturation at Wood Avenue Library
<b>Comments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Move the administrative boundary lines that make up this ward. By moving the lines slightly the approximate electorate figures allow for any natural increase in electorate over the next 4 years:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ EF1 2275 (with potential growth to 2373 over the next 4 years)</li><li>▪ EF2 2215 (with potential growth to 2311 over the next 4 years)</li><li>▪ EF3 2346 (with potential growth to 2448 over the next 4 years)</li></ul></li><li>• A map on the following page shows the new boundary lines for each of the polling districts EF1, EF2 and EF3.</li></ul>				

# Proposed Boundary Changes - EF1, EF2 & EF3

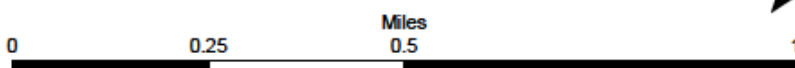


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**Ward:** Folkestone Central ward of Folkestone Town Council, Folkestone Central District ward

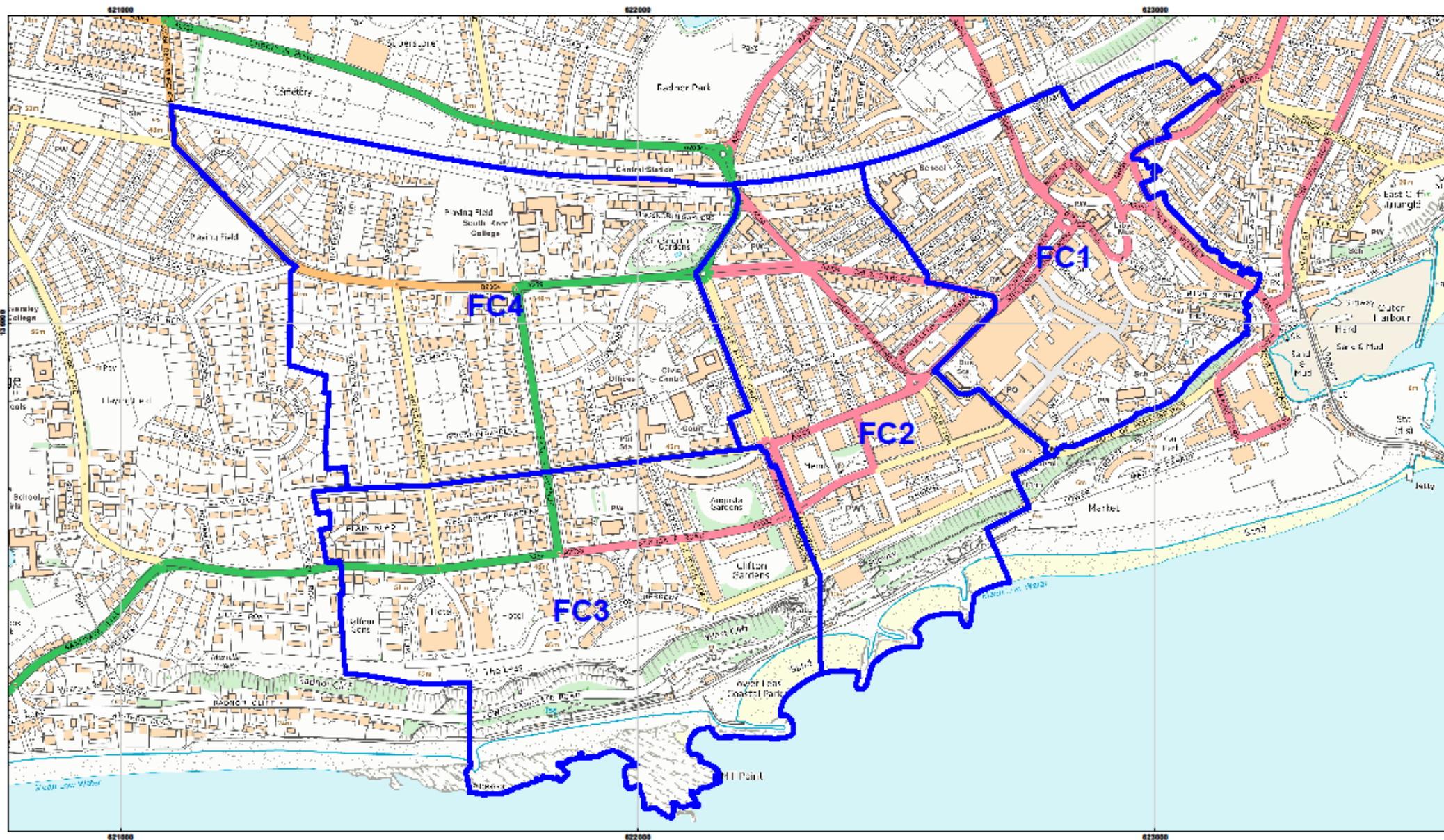
**Polling districts:** FC1, FC2, FC3, FC4

<b>Polling district</b>	<b>Current electorate</b>	<b>Potential electorate (over next 4 years)</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
FC1	2604	2717	Folkestone Town Hall, Guildhall St.	In order to balance the electorate against Electoral Commission guidance, the administrative boundary lines of this ward should be moved. The current polling places remain.
FC2	1502	1567	South Kent Community Church	
FC3	1453	1516	Holy Trinity Church Hall	
FC4	983	1025	Wards Hotel, 39 Earls Avenue	

**Comments:**

- Move the administrative boundary lines that make up this ward. By moving the lines slightly the approximate electorate figures allow for any natural increase in electorate over the next 4 years:
  - FC1 1931 (with potential growth to 2014 over the next 4 years)
  - FC2 1655 (with potential growth to 1726 over the next 4 years)
  - FC3 1552 (with potential growth to 1619 over the next 4 years)
  - FC4 1403 (with potential growth to 1464 over the next 4 years)
- A map on the following page shows the new boundary lines for each of the polling districts FC1, FC2, FC3 and FC4.

# Proposed Boundary Changes - FC1, FC2, FC3 & FC4.



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**Ward:** Hythe East ward of Hythe Town Council, Hythe District ward

**Polling districts:** HY1

<b>Polling district</b>	<b>Current electorate</b>	<b>Potential electorate (over next 4 years)</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
HY1	1523	1589	Seabrook Church Hall 141 Seabrook Road Hythe, CT21 5RB	Change the polling place permanently to: New Fountain Pub 171 Seabrook Road Hythe, CT21 5RT
<b>Comments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We have been informed that Seabrook Church Hall is permanently closed and now up for auction.</li><li>• Successful elector and polling station staff feedback coupled with the proximity of this location to the old venue is a suitable replacement.</li></ul>				

**Ward:** New Romney Town ward of New Romney Town Council, New Romney District ward

**Polling district:** NR2

<b>Polling district</b>	<b>Current electorate</b>	<b>Potential electorate (over next 4 years)</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
NR2	2433	2530	New Romney Bowls Club Sussex Road New Romney, TN28 8HL	Change the polling place permanently to: South Kent Methodist Church Hall High Street New Romney, TN28 8AH
<b>Comments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proportionate elector and polling station staff feedback has led to a change of polling station in the New Romney Town area.</li><li>• Alternative venues were suggested, one being the proposed venue noted above.</li><li>• The venue is on the high street, has an entry ramp and a path leading to it, answering the requests of the local electorate.</li></ul>				



**Wards:** Swingfield Parish Council and Acrise parish meeting, North Downs East District ward

**Polling districts:** NDE6, NDE10

<b>Polling district</b>	<b>Current electorate</b>	<b>Potential electorate (over next 4 years)</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
NDE6 NDE10	89 655	92 683	Black Horse Inn, Densole	Change the polling place permanently to: The Scout Hut, Reindene Woods CT18 7BB
<b>Comments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The location of both these premises is on a busy road, however the Black Horse Inn is on a blind bend where electors have to contend with two other roads opposite when entering/leaving the location by car.</li><li>• The additional signage that was placed on the road ahead of the Scout Hut made drivers aware of the venue entrance.</li><li>• The Scout Hut provides value for money for the electorate.</li></ul>				

**Wards:** Lyminge ward of Lyminge Parish Council, North Downs West District ward

**Polling districts:** NDW9

<b>Polling district</b>	<b>Current electorate</b>	<b>Potential electorate (over next 4 years)</b>	<b>Current polling place</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
NDW9	1410	1501	Lyminge Village Hall	Change the polling place permanently to: 1 <sup>st</sup> Lyminge Scout Hut, Woodland Road, Lyminge CT18 8EW
<b>Comments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moving to this location avoids the requirement of shutting down a busy pre-school at the Village Hall.</li></ul>				

- The venue is wheelchair accessible, has a kitchen facility for staff as well as toilets and ample space for the polling station.

**Wards:** Lydd Town Council and Walland & Denge Marsh District ward

**Polling districts:** WDM2

Polling district	Current electorate	Potential electorate (over next 4 years)	Current polling place	Proposal
WDM2	918	982	Dungeness Lifeboat Station	Change the polling place permanently to: Heysham Hall Taylor Road Romney Marsh TN29 9PA

**Comments:**

- Following elector feedback we have procured this change of venue for Lydd electors.
- The location has disabled access, parking, is close to the main road and is also on a bus route.