

Appendix 1

Full Review of Brighton & Hove Polling Districts and Places Consultation Paper and (Acting) Returning Officer Comment

1. Introduction & Strategy

Brighton & Hove City Council are conducting a full review of its polling districts and polling places under Section 18 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 and in line with the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013.

This review comes at a time of significant change to electoral administration in Brighton & Hove with the reforms introduced by the Elections Act 2022, the Dissolution and Calling of Parliament Act, the Local Government Boundary Commission England's (LGBCE) new warding scheme for the City and the Boundary Commission for England's (BCE) latest parliamentary constituency boundary proposals.

Ward Boundary Review

The LGBCE completed their review of Brighton & Hove's wards in October 2022. Their final recommendations have made changes to boundaries across the City. While the number of Councillors remains the same – the number of wards has risen from 21 to 23. From May 2023 the wards in Brighton & Hove will be:

- Brunswick & Adelaide
- Central Hove
- Coldean & Stanmer
- Goldsmid
- Hangleton & Knoll
- Hanover & Elm Grove
- Hollingdean & Fiveways
- Kemptown
- Moulsecoomb & Bevendean
- North Portslade
- Patcham & Hollingbury
- Preston Park
- Queen's Park
- Regency
- Rottingdean & West Saltdean
- Round Hill
- South Portslade
- West Hill & North Laine
- Westbourne & Poets' Corner
- Westdene & Hove Park
- Whitehawk & Marina
- Wish
- Woodingdean

Parliamentary Constituency Boundary Review

The BCE held their first public consultation period from 8 June to 8 August 2021, and a second consultation from 22 February to 4 April 2022. The Commission's latest proposals and responses to the consultations are on the BCE consultation portal. A final consultation is now running from 8 November to 5 December 2022 inclusive.

In the latest proposals, the constituencies in Brighton & Hove remain similar to the current boundaries. The only changes are:

- Hove constituency renamed Hove and Portslade
- The polling districts PHEA and PHEF in Hanover & Elm Grove ward move from Brighton Pavilion to Brighton Kemptown. These polling districts are around the Pankhurst Estate.

Dissolution and Calling of Parliament Act

The Dissolution and Calling of Parliament Act repeals the Fixed-term Parliaments Act 2011. The Act allows the Prime Minister to request a dissolution from the Sovereign which, if granted, would enable the Prime Minister to call a general election at a time of their choosing. The (Acting) Returning Officer can now receive just 25 working days to run a general election. A general election must take place by 28 January 2025 but the date is not fixed and therefore cannot be pre-planned for.

Elections Act 2022

The Elections Act 2022 will make big changes to the way elections run. The changes that will affect polling places include:

- Voter Identification - From May 2023, electors will show photo identification when they vote at a polling station. If an elector does not have suitable identification then they can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate. Returning Officers will need to provide areas where electors can show their face in private. Polling station electors will be contacted about the changes in January 2023.
- Accessibility. From May 2023, Returning Officers will provide specialist equipment to voters with disabilities - if needed. Anyone over the age of 18 may assist disabled voters in the polling station.
- Postal Votes returned to Polling Stations - From July 2023, electors will sign a declaration form when returning postal voting packs to polling stations. There will be a limit on the number of packs a person can return.

As a result of the Elections Act changes, Returning Officers will need to:

- work to new ratios guiding the acceptable electorate size of a polling station
- consider how Presiding Officers will cope with a significant increase in their workload
- Consider how questions and robust feedback about voter identification are best dealt with in polling stations
- consider how core and polling station staff resources can be best utilised.

In consultation with the (Acting) Returning Officer, the Electoral Services Management Team, Elections Project Board and the Council's Group Leaders it was agreed that to mitigate the impact of the changes, the new scheme should be developed with the following principles:

- Assigns a polling place to each polling district and elector
- So far as is reasonable and practicable ensure every polling station is accessible to electors who are disabled
- Helps facilitate the safe and efficient delivery of local and parliamentary elections
- Reduces the number of polling places and increases the number of double/triple stations, where possible. This will enable polling places to benefit from a higher proportion of senior staff who can deal with queries
- Ensure the majority of polling stations have between 1,250-1,750 polling station electors. This will ensure that polling stations are not too busy or quiet, our staffing resources are best utilised and Electoral Commission ratios do not require further polling station splits.

- So far as is reasonable and practicable, ensure electors will not have to walk more than 15 minutes to their polling place
- Where possible, limit the use of schools
- Where possible, avoid the use of temporary buildings
- Implement the LGBCE ward boundary changes
- Futureproofs against proposed BCE parliamentary boundary changes
- Ensures a wide audience are consulted about the changes

The Council and Returning Officer would like to use this opportunity, to highlight their appreciation for the continued co-operation of polling places in providing their buildings for the day so that electors have a convenient place to vote.

2. The Review and Decision Making Process

The Council has published notice of holding the review and consulted the (Acting) Returning Officer for each Parliamentary Constituency in the Council's area. The (Acting) Returning Officer has commented on the proposals throughout. An interactive map of the proposals can be viewed at:

The Council will then invite comments on the proposals. The consultation paper will be published on the Council's website. It will also be sent to Councillors, Members of Parliament, local political parties and local people and stakeholders with expertise in disability and accessibility.

All representations will be considered and responded to by the (Acting) Returning Officer. They will be published in the final report by the (Acting) Returning Officer with their final recommendations. The Policy & Resources Committee will consider the proposals and make a final decision on 19 January 2023. The agreed polling districts will then be passed to the Electoral Registration Officer for publication in the revised Register of Electors. This register will be published on 1 February 2023.

3. The Review Timetable

The timetable for the review is set out below:

- Publication of notice of review, and consultation document including (Acting) Returning Officer's proposals - Thursday 1 December
- Closing date for representations - Saturday 31 December
- Final proposal published via Agenda papers and website – 11 January
- Council Policy & Resources Committee meeting – approval of scheme - Thursday 19 January
- Revised Register Published - Wednesday 1 February
- Local Elections - Thursday 4 May

4. Commenting on the Proposals

The Council and (Acting) Returning Officer welcome your thoughts on our proposals. When making comments or alternative proposals, please consider the principles that we have used to develop the scheme:

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- So far as is reasonable and practicable ensure every polling is accessible to electors who are disabled
- Helps facilitate the safe and efficient delivery of local and parliamentary elections
- Reduces the number of polling places and increase the number of double/triple stations, where possible. This will enable polling places to benefit from a higher proportion of senior staff who can deal with queries
- Ensure the majority of polling stations to have between 1,250-1,750 polling station electors. This will ensure that polling stations are not too busy or quiet, our staffing resources are best utilised and Electoral Commission ratios do not require further polling station splits.
- So far as is reasonable and practicable, ensure electors will not have to walk more than 15 minutes to their polling place. (For the purpose of this exercise, we have calculated the walking time for the furthest elector in the polling district to the polling station using Google Maps. We have not included the most outlying properties in this calculation, such as farms, inaccessible or otherwise remote addresses)
- Where possible, limit the use of schools
- Where possible, avoid the use of temporary buildings
- Implement the LGBCE ward boundary changes
- Futureproofs against proposed BCE parliamentary boundary changes

You can respond to the review in several ways:

- Online at our consultation portal
- by email to electors@brighton-hove.gov.uk
- by post to:

The Returning Officer
Hove Town Hall
Norton Road
Hove
BN3 3BQ

If you wish your views to be considered, please ensure we receive them by 31 December 2022.

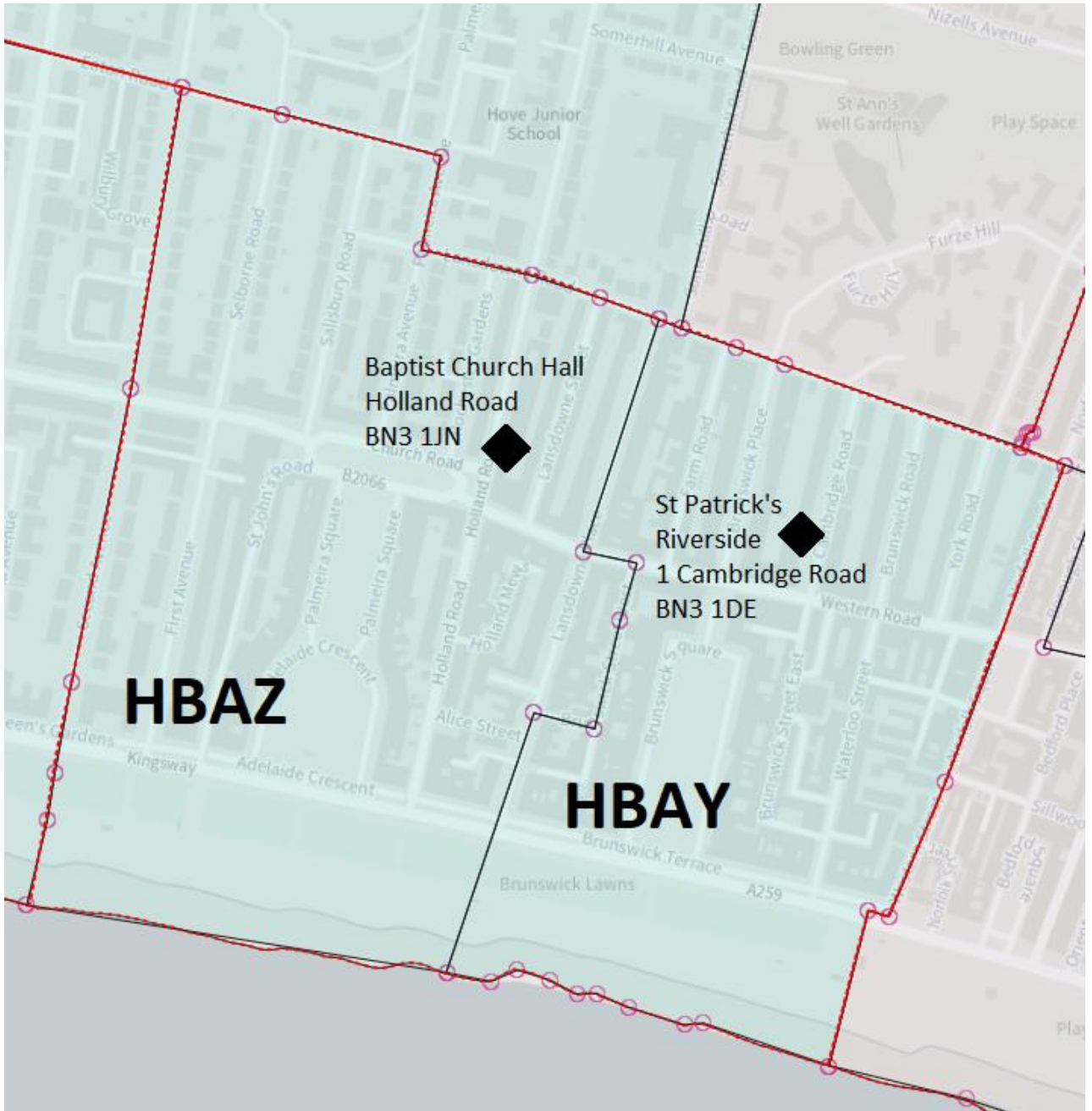
Brunswick & Adelaide, Hove

Brunswick & Adelaide's ward boundary changes were minimal at the ward boundary review.

In line with the project's aim to increase double polling stations, the ward now has only two polling districts. Each polling place will accommodate a double polling station. Electors who voted at Cornerstone Community Centre will now vote at Holland Road Baptist Church Hall. The hall is nearby, provides a space that is accessible and is a suitable size for the increased number of electors.

St Patrick's Riverside will continue to serve electors in the east of the ward. A stairlift, installed by the (Acting) Returning Officer, ensures the venue is accessible.

Constituency	Polling District	Polling District Electorate	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Number of Polling Stations	Furthest Walking Distance (Minutes)
Hove	HBAY	3,661	3,283	St Patrick's, Riverside, 1 Cambridge Road, BN3 1DE	2	7
Hove	HBAZ	3,930	3,514	Baptist Church Hall, Holland Road, BN3 1JN	2	9



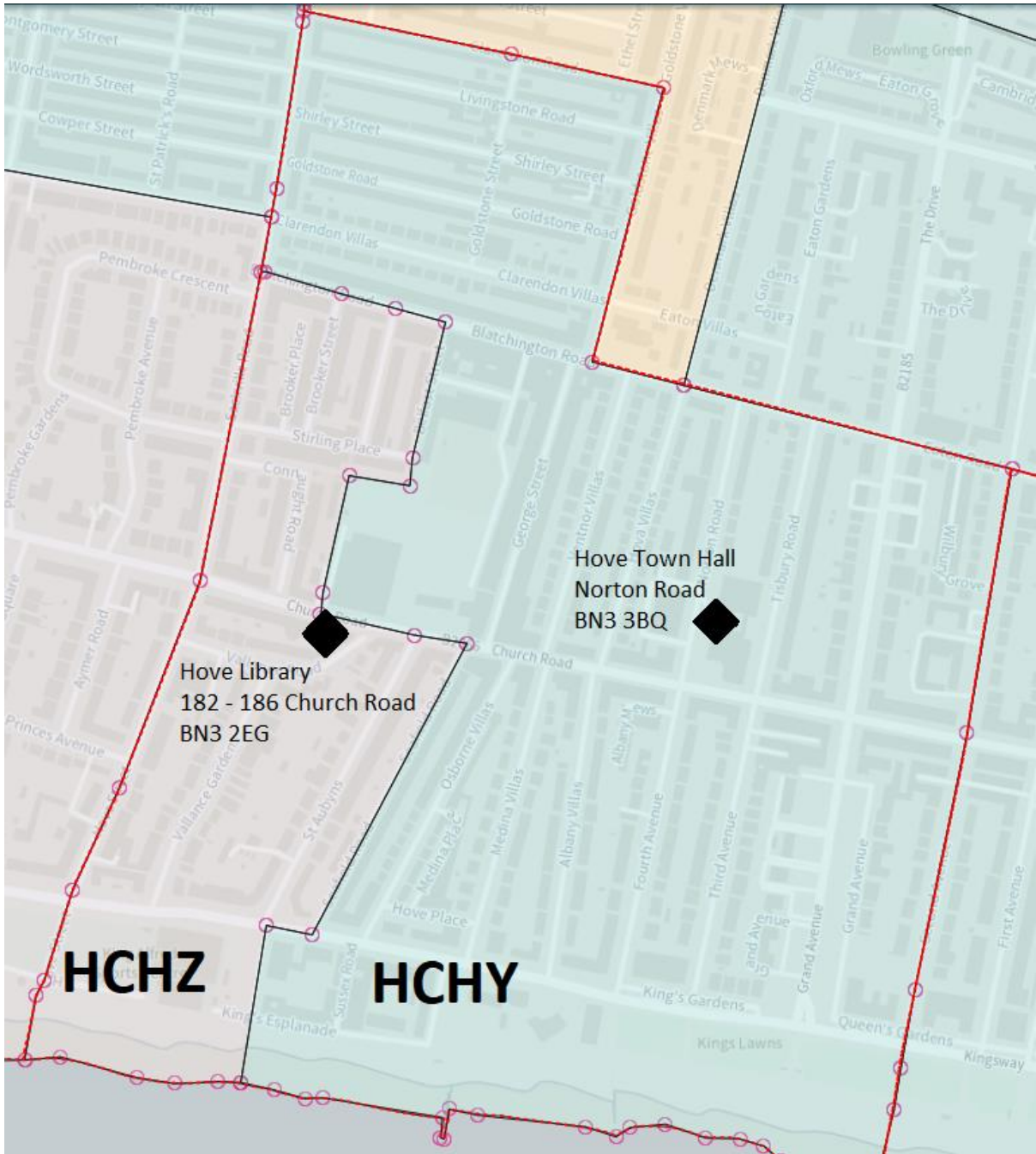
Central Hove, Hove

Central Hove ward has extended north towards Hove Station following the ward boundary review.

The new scheme proposes that the electors new to the ward vote at Hove Town Hall. Electors living in the north-west of HCHY polling district will have the longest distance to travel to vote. The walk is 13 minutes. From Sackville Road - the 5, 5A and 5B bus routes all stop at Hove Town Hall.

The boundary for the HCHZ polling district has been redrawn to ensure that the polling place at Hove Library remains a single station.

Constituency	Polling District	Polling District Electorate	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Number of Polling Stations	Furthest Walking Distance (Minutes)
Hove	HCHY	6,727	5,833	Hove Town Hall, Norton Road, BN3 3BQ	4	13
Hove	HCHZ	1,611	1,437	Hove Library, 182 - 186 Church Road, BN3 2EG	1	7



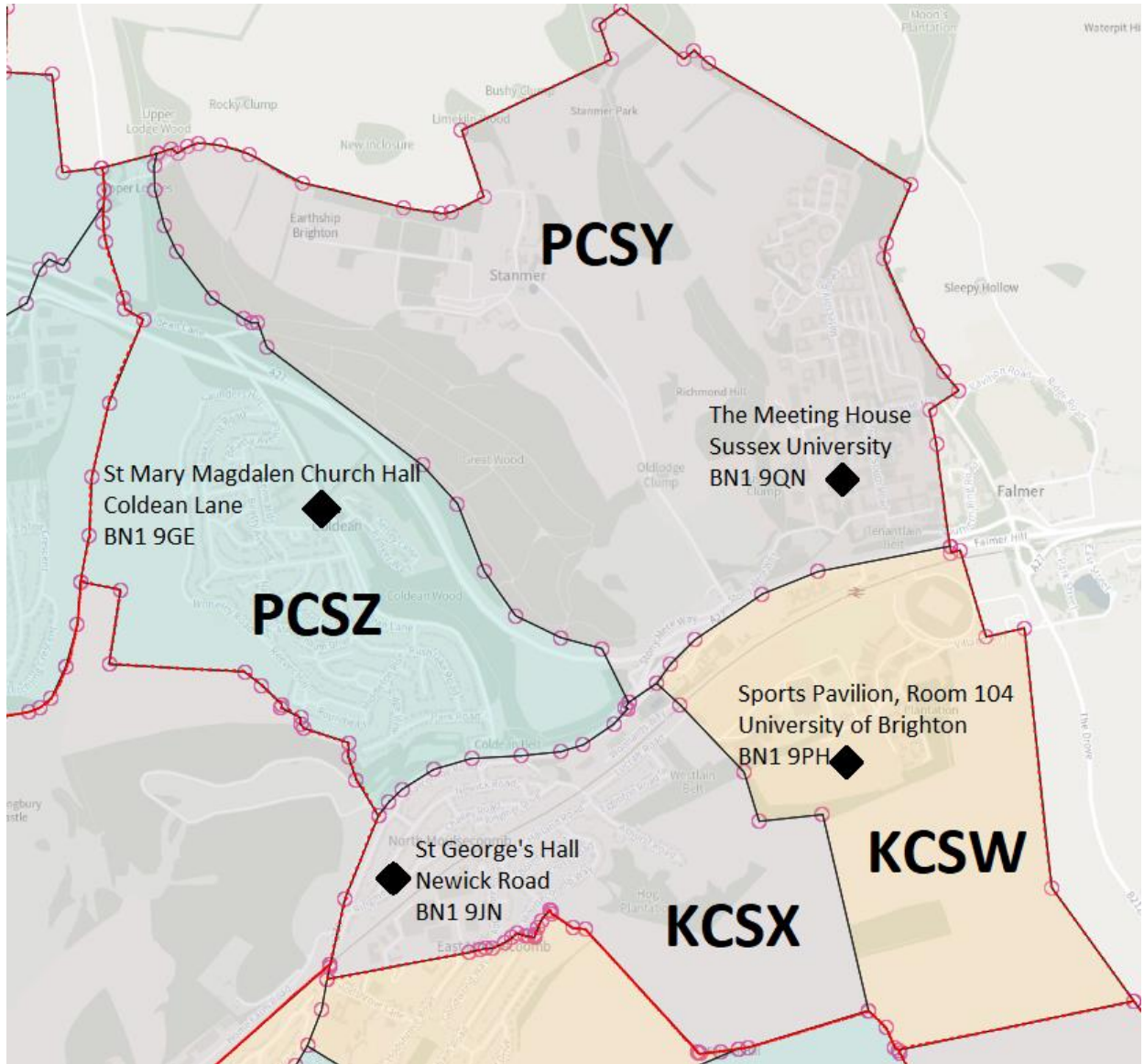
Coldean & Stanmer, Brighton Pavilion & Brighton Kemptown

Coldean & Stanmer is a new ward. It is in both Brighton Pavilion and Brighton Kemptown constituencies. The new polling districts will respect these borders.

The proposed polling district boundaries remain similar to those that joined to form the new ward. The scheme proposes that the North Moulsecoomb area merges to form one larger polling district. This removes the need for a temporary polling place at Ashurst Road. This arrangement worked well at the Police & Crime Commissioner election in 2021.

The scheme proposes a new polling place location on the Brighton University campus.

Constituency	Polling District	Polling District Electorate	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Number of Polling Stations	Furthest Walking Distance (Minutes)
Kemptown	KCSW	357	354	Sports Pavilion, Room 104, University of Brighton, BN1 9PH	1	6
Kemptown	KCSX	1,945	1,752	St George's Hall, Newick Road, BN1 9JN	1	13
Pavilion	PCSY	1,930	1,917	The Meeting House, Sussex University, BN1 9QN	1	13
Pavilion	PCSZ	2,236	1,918	St Mary Magdalen Church Hall, Coldean Lane, BN1 9GE	1	13



Goldsmid, Hove

Goldsmid ward now encompasses the under-construction Sackville Road estate while some roads south of Hove station have moved into Central Hove ward.

Hove Rugby Club Pavilion continues to provide the most accessible venue to electors living in HGOZ polling district. There are pedestrian lights to allow electors to cross the Old Shoreham Road and parking is available on Shirley Drive. The (Acting) Returning Officer was asked to consider Ralli Hall as an alternative. However, the only room available on a Thursday is only accessible via a space that will have other events on. This does not provide a workable solution.

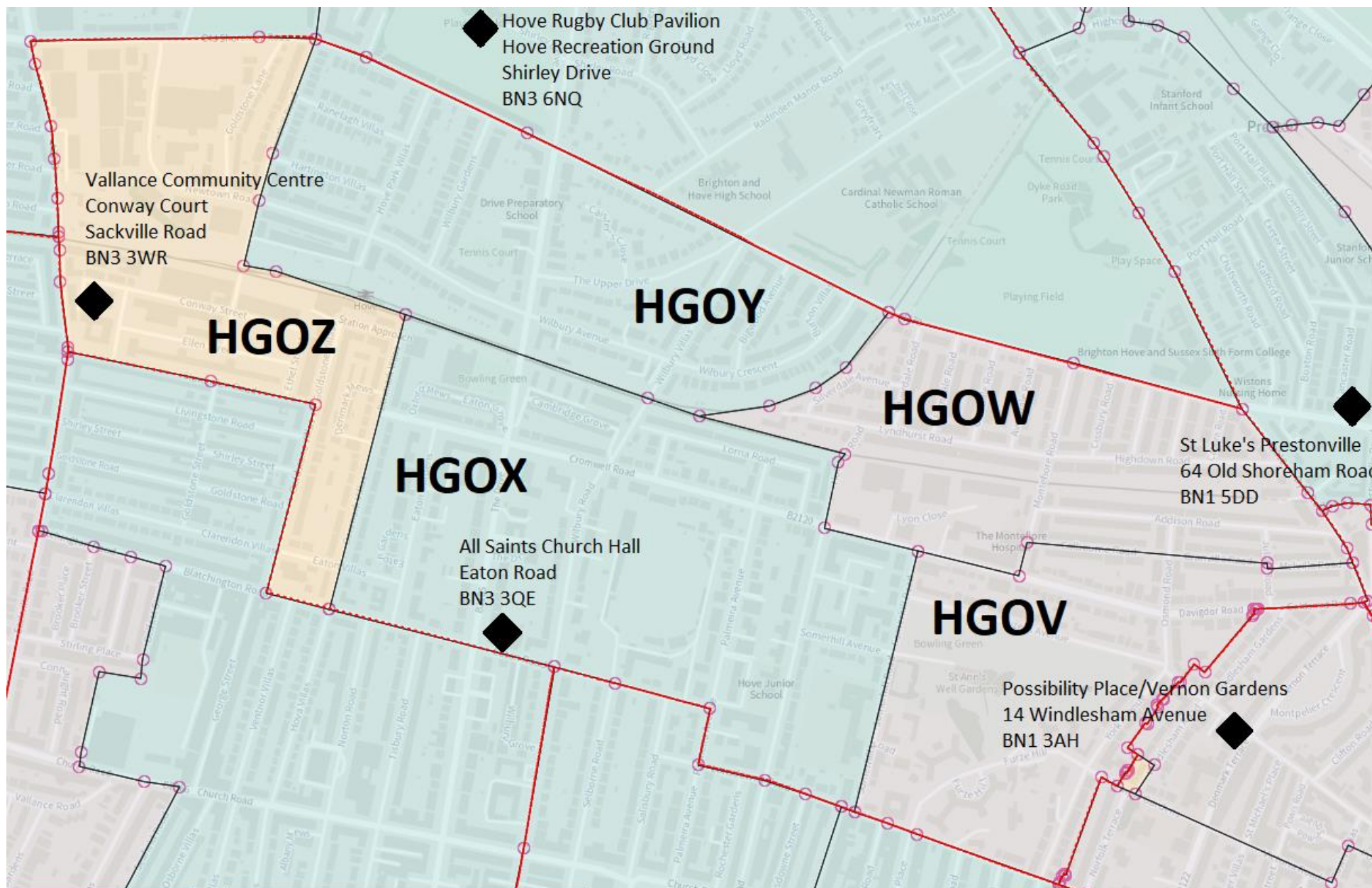
Ralli Hall is also deemed less accessible than Hove Rugby Club Pavilion due to the need to cross the railway line. Electors would either need to use the footbridge over Hove Station or go via Fonthill Road or The Drive to avoid steps. Electors with accessibility needs would either need to be driven or travel a large distance by foot to avoid steps. This potentially does not allow them to vote independently.

Elsewhere, polling district HGOZ is reduced in size from the south while now encompassing the Sackville Road estate. This proposal will ensure that there is capacity at Vallance Community Centre for electorate growth.

The east of the ward is split into a northern and southern polling district. The northern polling district, which is predominatly the roads north of the railway line, will vote at St Luke's Church on Old Shoreham Road. This is a new venue. The southern district will vote at Possibility Place/Vernon Gardens which has been used for the last few elections.

The remaining central polling district will vote at a double polling station at All Saints Church. If the church is unavailable Sussex County Cricket Ground provides an excellent alternative.

Constituency	Polling District	Polling District Electorate	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Number of Polling Stations	Furthest Walking Distance (Minutes)
Hove	HGOV	1,911	1,586	Possibility Place/Vernon Gardens, 14 Windlesham Avenue, BN1 3AH	1	11
Hove	HGOW	1,840	1,609	St Luke's Prestonville, 64 Old Shoreham Road, BN1 5DD	1	11
Hove	HGOX	3,883	3,268	All Saints Church Hall, Eaton Road, BN3 3QE	2	9
Hove	HGOY	2,029	1,646	Hove Rugby Club Pavilion, Hove Recreation Ground, Shirley Drive, BN3 6NQ	1	12
Hove	HGOZ	1,109	917	Vallance Community Centre, Conway Court, Sackville Road, BN3 3WR	1	10



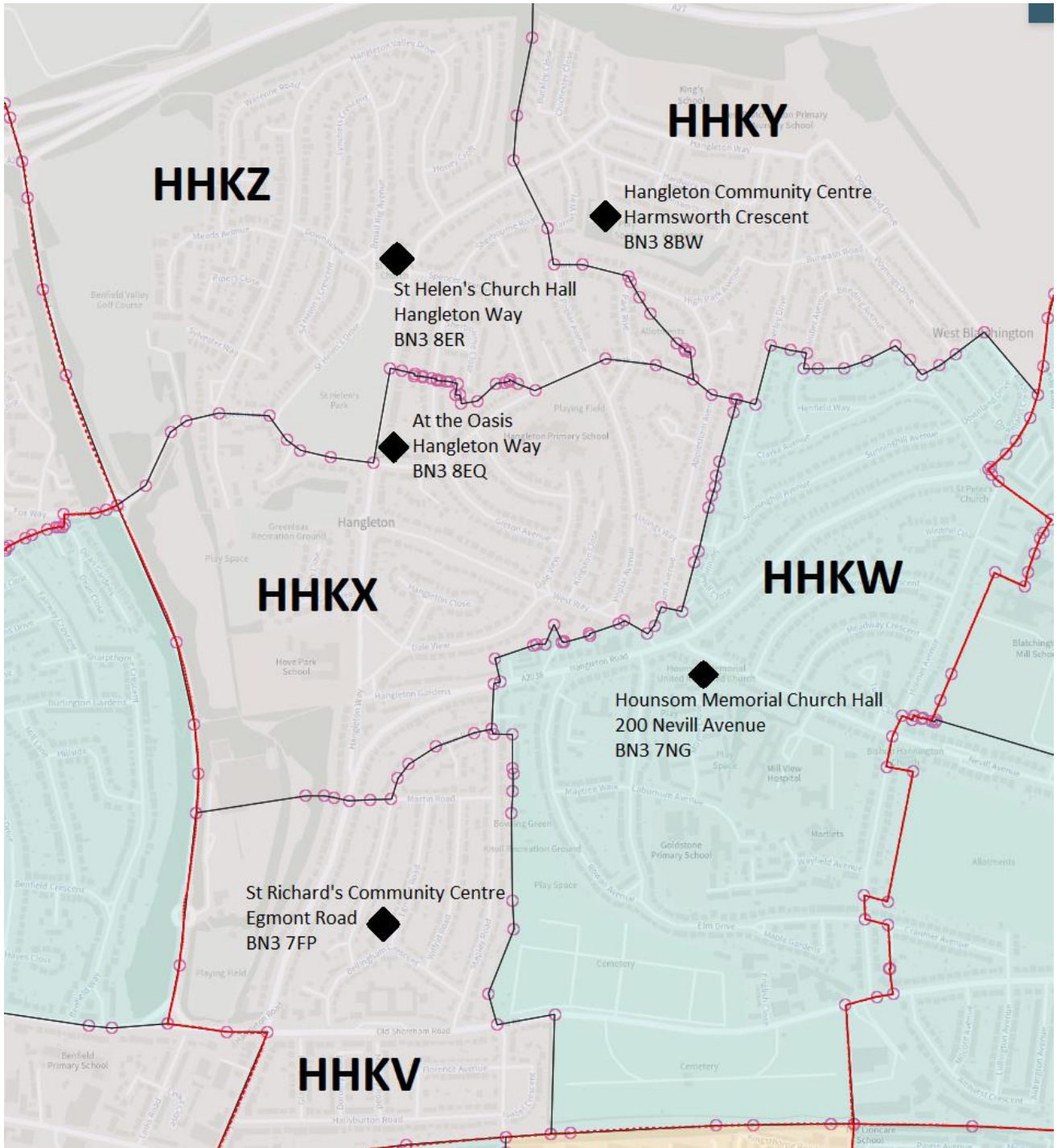
Hangleton & Knoll, Hove

Hangleton & Knoll's borders were not changed at the ward boundary review.

In line with the project's aim to increase the number of double polling stations, the polling districts around Holmes Avenue and Neville Avenue merge. All electors will now visit Hounsom Memorial Church Hall instead of some voting at West Blatchington Windmill. The new venue remains a short walk for most electors. The 5B bus route, that travels along Hangleton Road, provides a route for electors to visit the new polling place.

Other small changes to boundaries are proposed across the ward. These optimise the number of electors assigned to each polling station. Due to the topography of the north of the ward, the polling districts HHKX and HHKZ were not merged

Constituency	Polling District	Polling District Electorate	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Number of Polling Stations	Furthest Walking Distance (Minutes)
Hove	HHKV	1,954	1,609	St Richard's Community Centre, Egmont Road, BN3 7FP	1	9
Hove	HHKW	3,481	2,832	Hounsom Memorial Church Hall, 200 Nevil Avenue, BN3 7NG	2	12
Hove	HHKX	1,946	1,532	At The Oasis, Hangleton Way, BN3 8EQ	1	12
Hove	HHKY	1,884	1,531	Hangleton Community Centre, Harmsworth Crescent, BN3 8BW	1	10
Hove	HHKZ	1,764	1,383	St Helen's Church Hall, Hangleton Way, BN3 8ER	1	10



Hanover & Elm Grove, Brighton Pavilion & Brighton Kemptown

The ward boundaries of Hanover & Elm Grove have not changed. The development of a scheme was complicated by the revised BCE proposals and the removal of a ramp at Elm Grove Primary School – following an incident outside of an election.

The draft proposal was for electors at the top of Elm Grove and around Pankhurst Avenue to vote at The Edge Community Centre. Electors living in and around Luther Street would have been allocated to a polling station at Milton Road Hall. However, the BCE have proposed that the old polling districts PHEA and PHEF will join Brighton Kemptown constituency. To align with these proposals, these polling districts will form PHEV district and vote at The Edge. The district will be renamed KHEV if the BCE proposals are finalised.

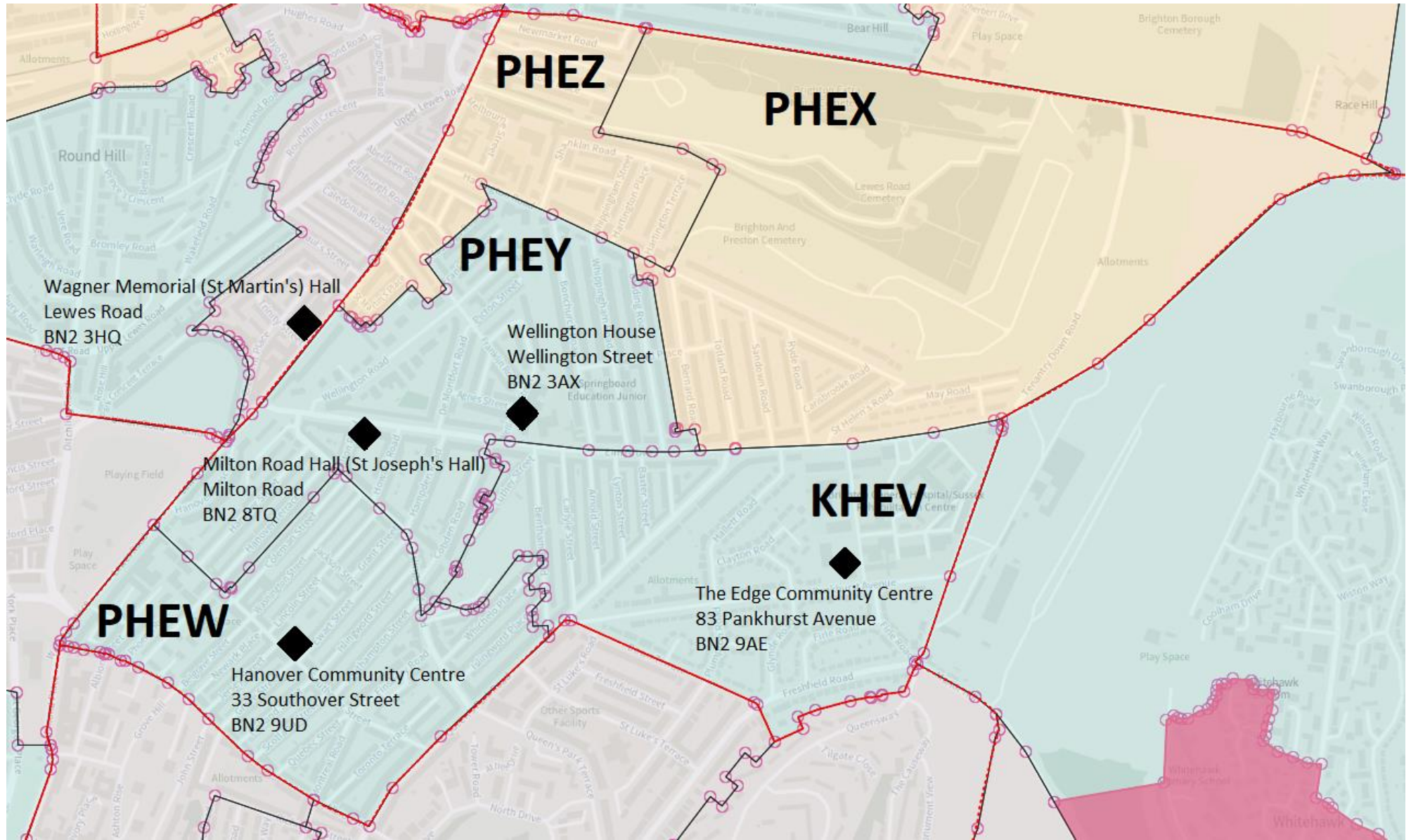
We have attempted to find an alternative polling station towards the top of Elm Grove but no suitable alternative has been found. We have enquired with The Studio on Whippingham Road. However, due to their policy of not allowing outdoor shoes on the hall floor, it was deemed too much of a risk for the (Acting) Returning Officer to pursue. It is therefore proposed that electors living north of Elm Grove and east of Bernard Road vote at a new single polling station at Wellington House. Wellington House is not suitable for an electorate larger than the one proposed in this scheme.

Electors living further down the hill that previously voted at Elm Grove Primary School will now vote at a double polling station at Milton Road Hall.

Polling district PHEW has increased in size to ensure the optimum number of electors vote there. Electors will vote at a double polling station at Hanover Community Centre.

To remove Fairlight Primary School from the scheme, most electors who voted there will now vote at Wagner Memorial Hall on Lewes Road. This proposal is in line with the project aim to remove schools from our scheme, where possible.

Constituency	Polling District	Polling District Electorate	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Number of Polling Stations	Furthest Walking Distance (Minutes)
Pavilion (BCE proposing move to Kemptown)	KHEV	2,057	1,799	The Edge Community Centre, 83 Pankhurst Avenue, BN2 9AE	1	14
Pavilion	PHEW	3,475	3,168	Hanover Community Centre, 33 Southover Street, BN2 9UD	2	8
Pavilion	PHEX	1,277	1,171	Wellington House, Wellington Street, BN2 3AX	1	11
Pavilion	PHEY	3,521	3,242	Milton Road Hall (St Joseph's Hall), Milton Road, BN2 9TQ	2	11
Pavilion	PHEZ	1,689	1,590	Wagner Memorial (St Martin's) Hall, Lewes Road, BN2 3HQ	1	10



Hollingdean & Fiveways, Brighton Pavilion

Hollingdean & Fiveways is a new ward formed of parts of Preston Park and Hollingdean & Stanmer wards.

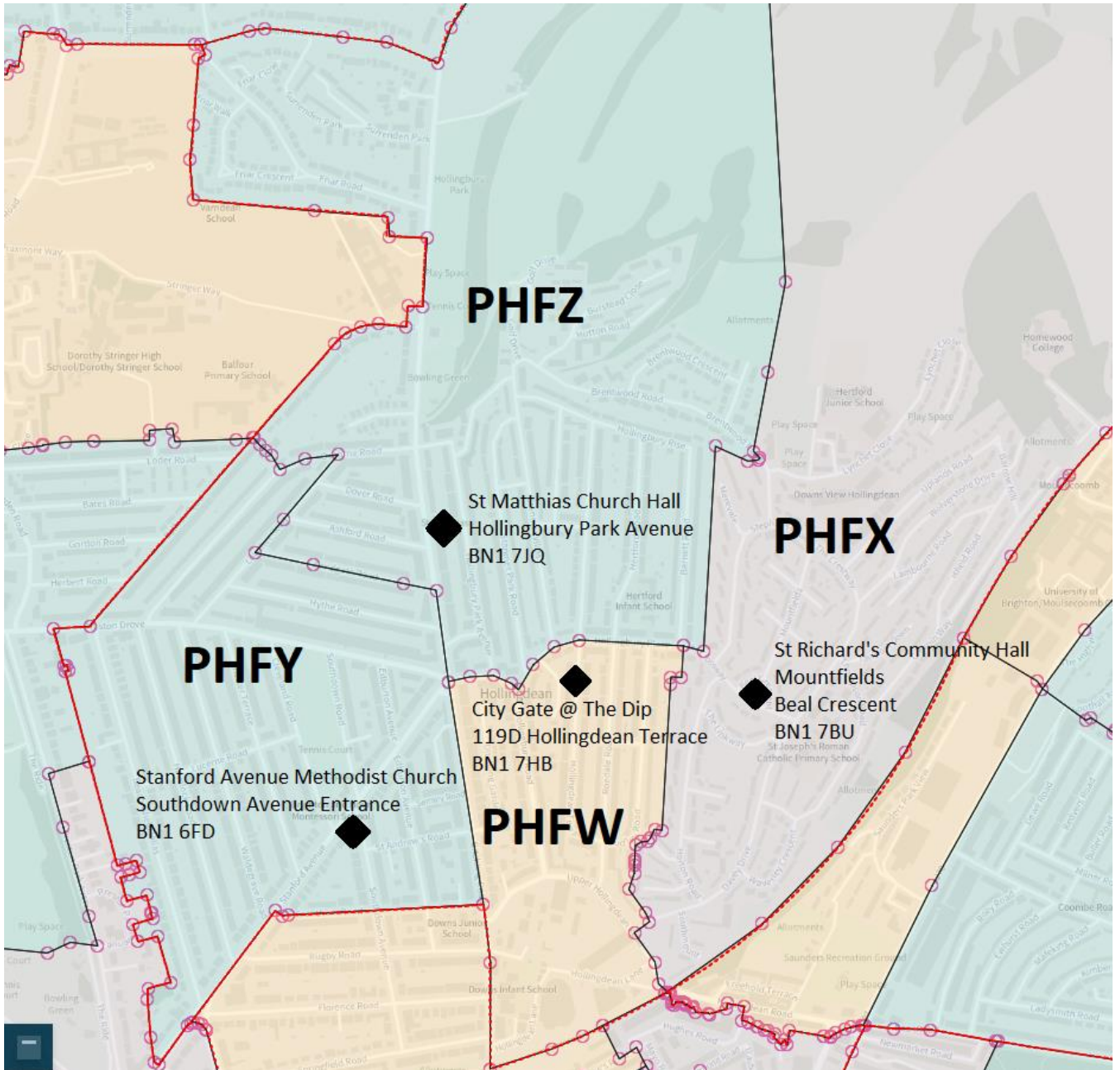
In line with our aim of reducing the number of schools used as polling stations, it is proposed that Downs Infant School will no longer be used. Most electors, who previously voted at Downs Infant School, are now proposed to vote at City Gate @ The Dip which is an existing polling station.

City Gate @ The Dip is not suitable for a double station. It is proposed that its previous electors will now vote at St Matthias Church, which is an existing station in the north of ward and is a closer option for most electors in polling district PHFZ.

Polling district PHFZ has been expanded due to ward boundary changes to incorporate the area around Friar Road. Electors can travel to their polling station, St Matthias Church, on bus routes 26 and 46, or a walk of no more than 15 minutes. Some electors on the north-west side of Ditchling Road will continue to vote at St Matthias Church.

The remaining electors on the western side of Ditchling Road, who previously voted at St Matthias Church, will now join the new PHFY polling district. PHFY incorporates these electors and a former Preston Park polling district. These electors will vote in a double polling station at Stanford Avenue Methodist Church.

Constituency	Polling District	Polling District Electorate	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Number of Polling Stations	Furthest Walking Distance (Minutes)
Pavilion	PHFW	1,493	1,288	City Gate @ The Dip, 119D Hollingdean Terrace, BN1 7HB	1	11
Pavilion	PHFX	1,972	1,715	St Richard's Community Hall, Mountfields, Beal Crescent, BN1 7BU	1	11
Pavilion	PHFY	3,857	3,350	Stanford Avenue Methodist Church, Southdown Avenue Entrance, BN1 6FD	2	13
Pavilion	PHFZ	3,655	3,117	St Matthias Church Hall, Hollingbury Park Avenue, BN1 7JQ	2	15



Kemptown, Brighton Kemptown

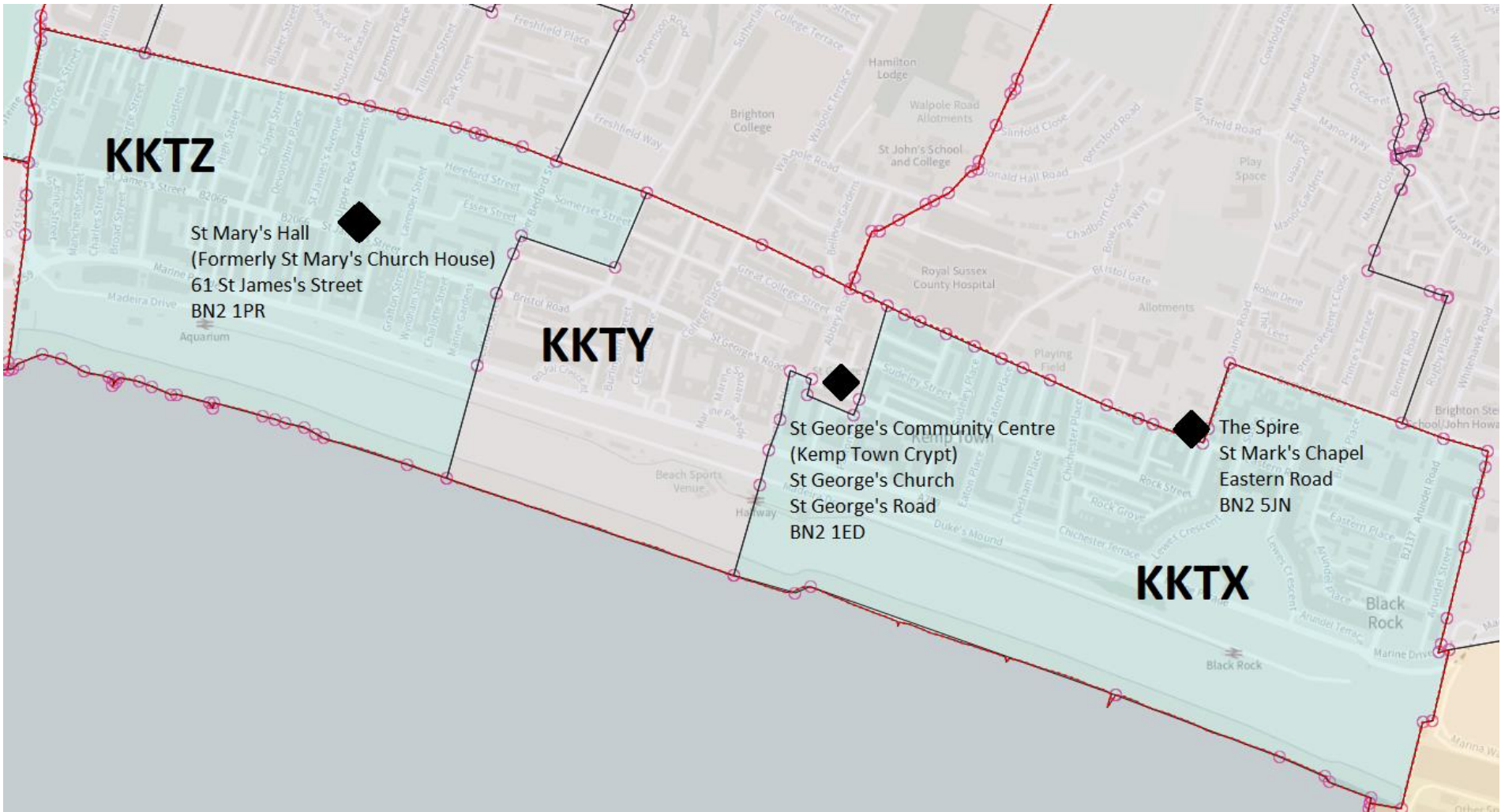
Kemptown is a new ward formed from parts of Queen's Park, East Brighton and Rottingdean Coastal wards.

The electors around St James Street and Upper St James Street will form one polling district and all vote at St Mary's Church. This will optimise the number of electors assigned to the polling place and increase the number of double polling stations. St Mary's Church is very central to this polling district.

The new KKTY polling district will use St George's Community Centre and will be a short walk for all electors. The design of the polling district allows for Esswick T.A. Social Club to be used as an alternative if the Community Centre were ever unavailable.

The final polling district in the ward is KKTZ which covers the most eastern parts of the ward. The Spire provides an excellent location for a double polling station. While the venue is outside the ward, it faces the polling district and is central to those at either end of the district.

Constituency	Polling District	Polling District Electorate	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Number of Polling Stations	Furthest Walking Distance (Minutes)
Kemptown	KKTZ	3,027	2,575	The Spire, St Mark's Chapel, Eastern Road, BN2 5JN	2	10
Kemptown	KKTY	1,841	1,615	St George's Community Centre (Kemp Town Crypt), St George's Church, St George's Road, BN2 1ED	1	5
Kemptown	KKTZ	3,863	3,352	St Mary's Hall (Formerly St Mary's Church House), 61 St James's Street, BN2 1PR	2	8



Moulsecomb & Bevendean, Brighton Pavilion & Brighton Kemptown

Moulsecomb & Bevendean is another ward that now straddles the constituency boundaries. As with other wards in this situation – the constituency boundaries will be respected.

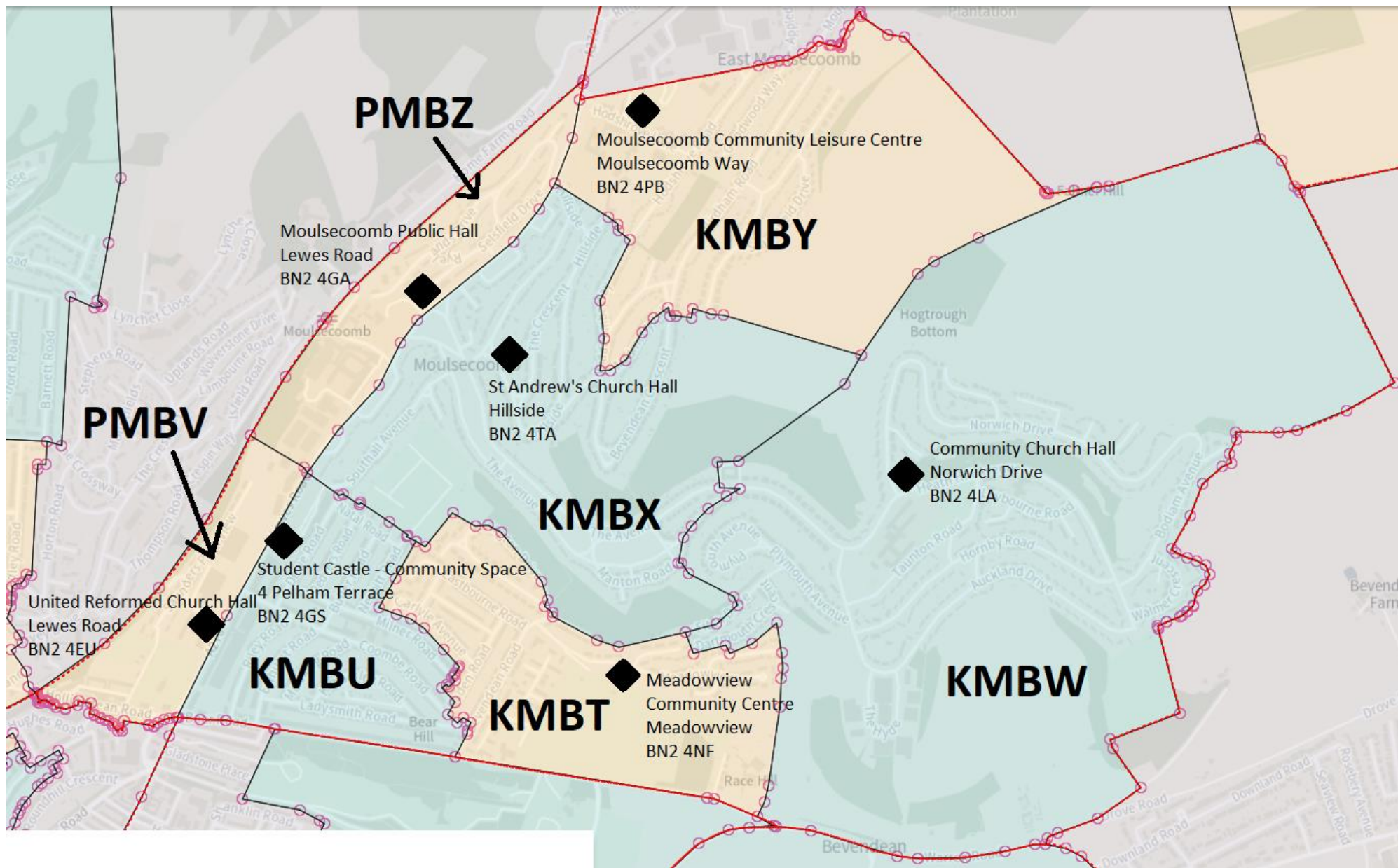
Polling districts PMBV and PMBZ are both located on the eastern side of Lewes Road. Neither reach the optimum number of electors. However, the distance between the top and bottom of these two districts makes them unsuitable for merging. They will remain as small single stations with room for electorate growth due to redevelopment of the area.

In KMBY, Moulsecomb Leisure Centre replaces the 67 Centre. This is due to the proposed redevelopment of the 67 Centre. The venue provides an accessible and well-known replacement.

The boundaries of polling districts KMBW and KMBX remain largely unchanged except for the movement of Upper Bevendean Avenue and Lower Bevendean Avenue into KMBX.

Electors in the revised KMBU polling district will vote at the Community Room at Student Castle. This removes Coombe Road Primary School from the scheme – in line with our aims. The eastern border of KMBU with KMBT is altered. Electors in Baden Road, Carlyle Avenue, Crayford Road and Canfield Road will now vote at Meadowview Community Centre. This ensures the Community Room is suitable for polling and allows for electorate growth from the student Halls of Residence.

Constituency	Polling District	Polling District Electorate	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Number of Polling Stations	Furthest Walking Distance (Minutes)
Kemptown	KMBT	1,280	1,115	Meadowview Community Centre, Meadowview, BN2 4NF	1	9
Kemptown	KMBU	2,707	2,500	Student Castle - Community Space, 4 Pelham Terrace, BN2 4GS	2	14
Kemptown	KMBW	2,024	1,763	Community Church Hall, Norwich Drive, BN2 4LA	1	14
Kemptown	KMBX	2,028	1,828	St Andrew's Church Hall, Hillside, BN2 4TA	1	13
Kemptown	KMBY	1,282	1,099	Moulsecomb Community Leisure Centre, Moulsecomb Way, BN2 4PB	1	12
Pavilion	PMBV	601	550	United Reformed Church Hall, Lewes Road, BN2 4EU	1	7
Pavilion	PMBZ	505	442	Moulsecomb Public Hall, Lewes Road, BN2 4GA	1	7



North Portslade, Hove

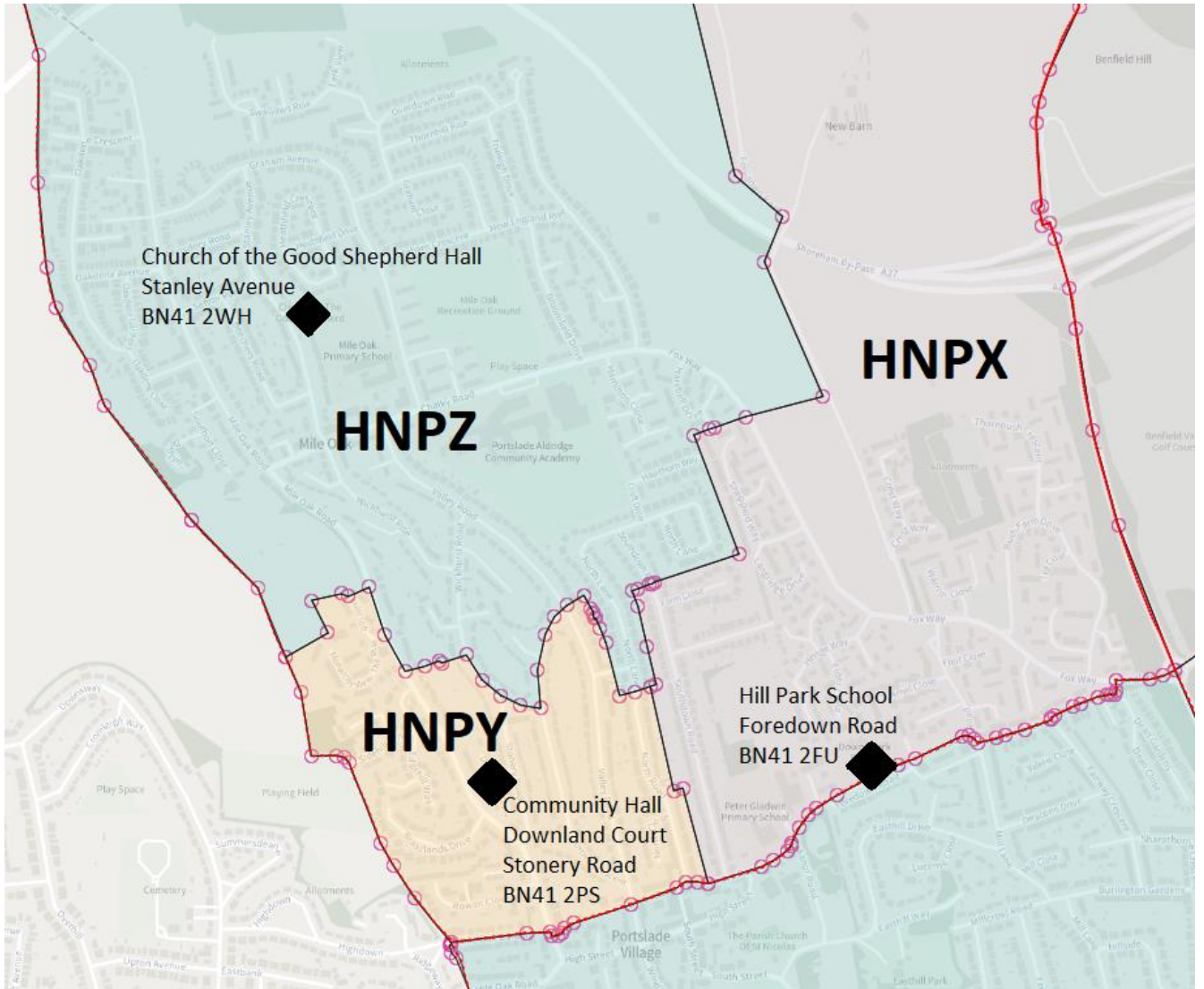
North Portslade's ward boundaries have remained unchanged since the boundary review.

The two northern polling districts will merge to form polling district HNPZ. Electors will vote in a double polling station at Church of Good Shepherd Hall. This will optimise electorates and increase the number of double polling stations.

Electors on the southern part of Mile Oak Road, and the roads coming from The Rise and Edgehill Way, will move into polling district HNPY.

The polling place at Hill Park School will move between the sites on Foredown Road to try and keep the site operational.

Constituency	Polling District	Polling District Electorate	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Number of Polling Stations	Furthest Walking Distance (Minutes)
Hove	HNPX	1,950	1,541	Hill Park School, Foredown Road, BN41 2FU	1	13
Hove	HNPY	1,483	1,256	Community Hall, Downland Court, Stonery Road, BN41 2PS	1	9
Hove	HNPZ	4,067	3,404	Church of the Good Shepherd Hall, Stanley Avenue, BN41 2WH	2	15



Patcham & Hollingbury, Brighton Pavilion

Patcham & Hollingbury ward remains similar. The ward changes are primarily related to Peacock Lane and the roads north of Cedar Gardens joining the ward.

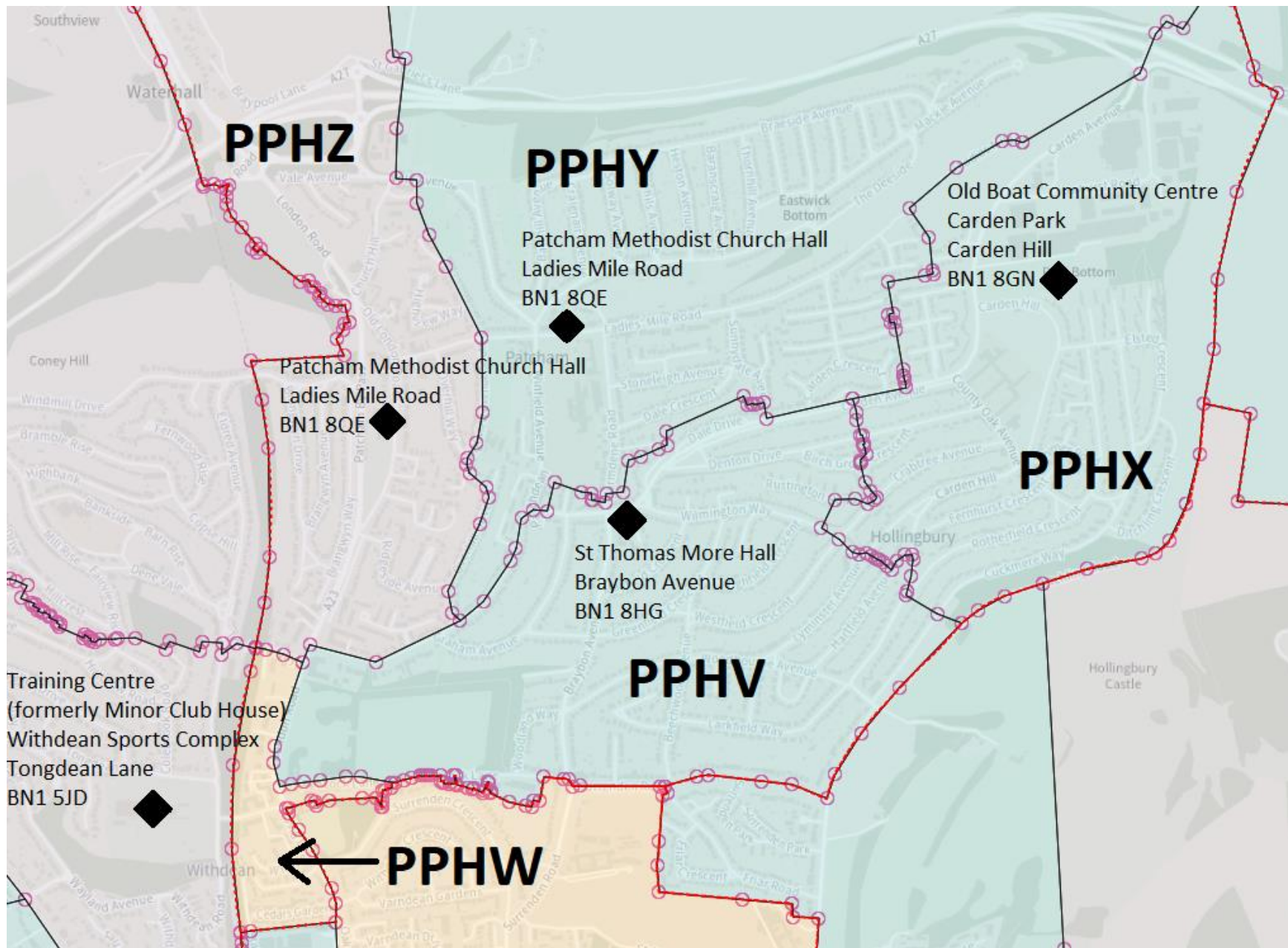
These new parts of the ward had previously voted at Withdean Sports Complex and Varndean College. Incorporating these electors into another polling district within the ward was considered. However, this would not have been beneficial to the electors. It is therefore proposed that they will vote at Withdean Sports Complex – as part of a double polling station.

Elsewhere in the ward, four polling districts have been merged into two. Creating one around central Patcham and another for Hollingbury.

Electors off Mackie Avenue voted at Patcham Community Centre in 2021. This worked well and the proposal is for these electors to continue voting more centrally - at a new double station in Patcham Methodist Church. Both the 5 and 5A bus routes serve the venue and the most outlying parts of the district.

The two Hollingbury polling districts have merged to form a single polling place with a more optimal number of electors. They will all vote at Old Boat Community Centre. No elector will have more than a 12-minute walk to their polling place.

Constituency	Polling District	Polling District Electorate	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Number of Polling Stations	Furthest Walking Distance (Minutes)
Pavilion	PPHV	3,307	2,724	St Thomas More Hall, Braybon Avenue, BN1 8HG	2	16
Pavilion	PPHW	737	575	Training Centre, (formerly Minor Club House), Withdean Sports Complex, Tongdean Lane, BN1 5JD	1	10
Pavilion	PPHX	2,036	1,693	Old Boat Community Centre, Carden Park, Carden Hill, BN1 8GN	1	12
Pavilion	PPHY	3,716	3,094	Patcham Methodist Church Hall, Ladies Mile Road, BN1 8QE	2	20
Pavilion	PPHZ	1,830	1,434	Patcham Memorial Hall, 3 Old London Road, BN1 8XR	1	10



Preston Park, Brighton Pavilion

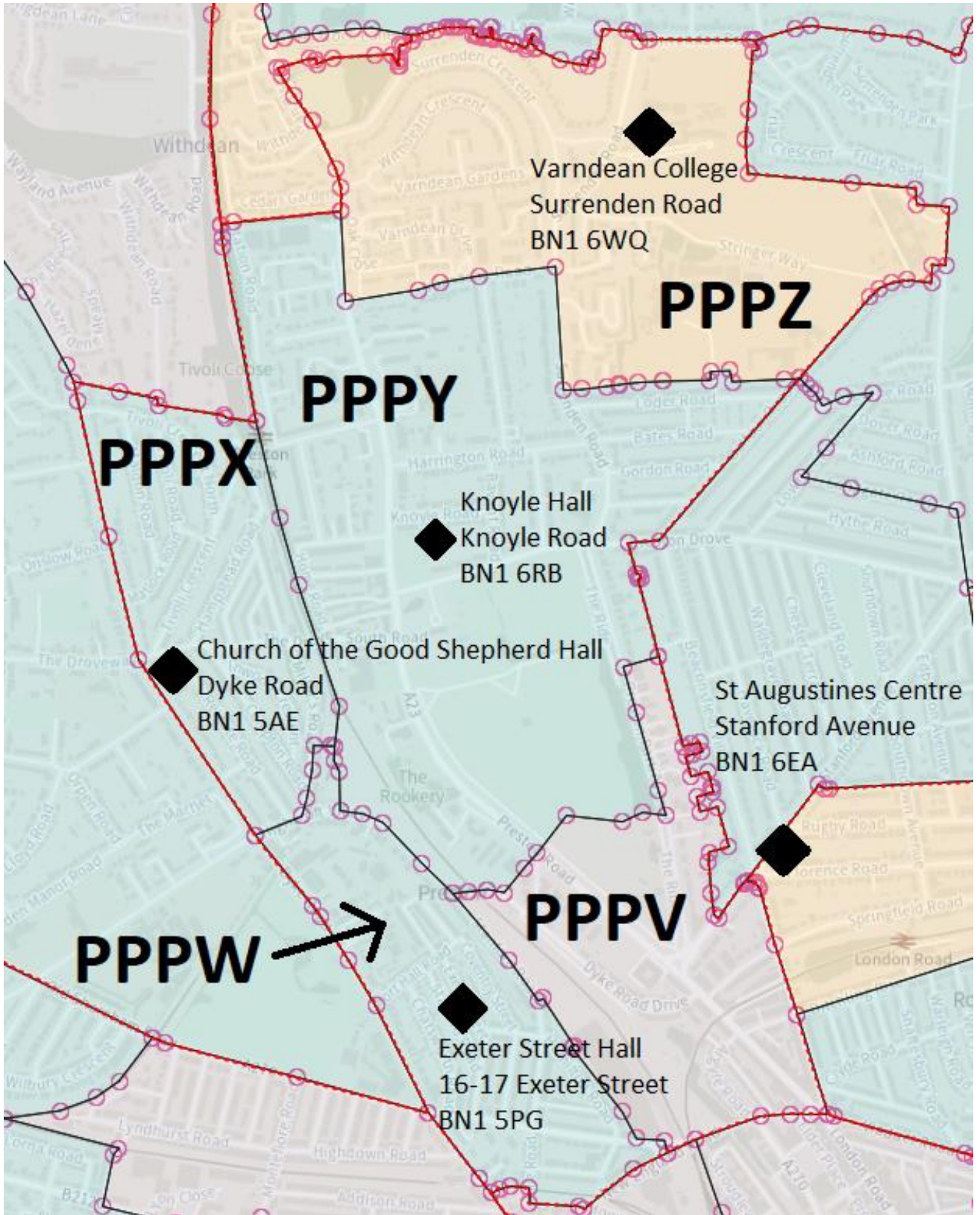
Preston Park's boundaries have changed considerably following the boundary review. Now encompassing polling districts from Withdean ward.

It is proposed that two polling districts immediately to the north of the park are merged. Knoyle Hall will act as a double polling station, replacing the portcabin in Preston Park. The furthest electors allocated to Knoyle Hall live an estimated 11-minute walk from their polling station.

St Augustines Centre is a new polling station, and although just outside of the ward, is known to the community and is no more than a 10 minute walk for electors living in polling district PPPW. St Augustines Centre will also serve electors in Round Hill ward.

Removing Varndean College from the scheme was considered. However, the lack of a suitable alternative prevented this.

Constituency	Polling District	Polling District Electorate	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Number of Polling Stations	Furthest Walking Distance (Minutes)
Pavilion	PPPV	1,820	1,630	St Augustines Centre, Stanford Avenue, BN1 6EA	1	10
Pavilion	PPPW	2,834	2,514	Exeter Street Hall, 16-17 Exeter Street, BN1 5PG	2	11
Pavilion	PPPX	2,008	1,730	Church of the Good Shepherd Hall, Dyke Road, BN1 5AE	1	10
Pavilion	PPPY	3,574	3,029	Knoyle Hall, Knoyle Road, BN1 6RB	2	11
Pavilion	PPPZ	1,090	862	Varndean College, Surrenden Road, BN1 6WQ	1	12



Queen's Park, Brighton Kemptown

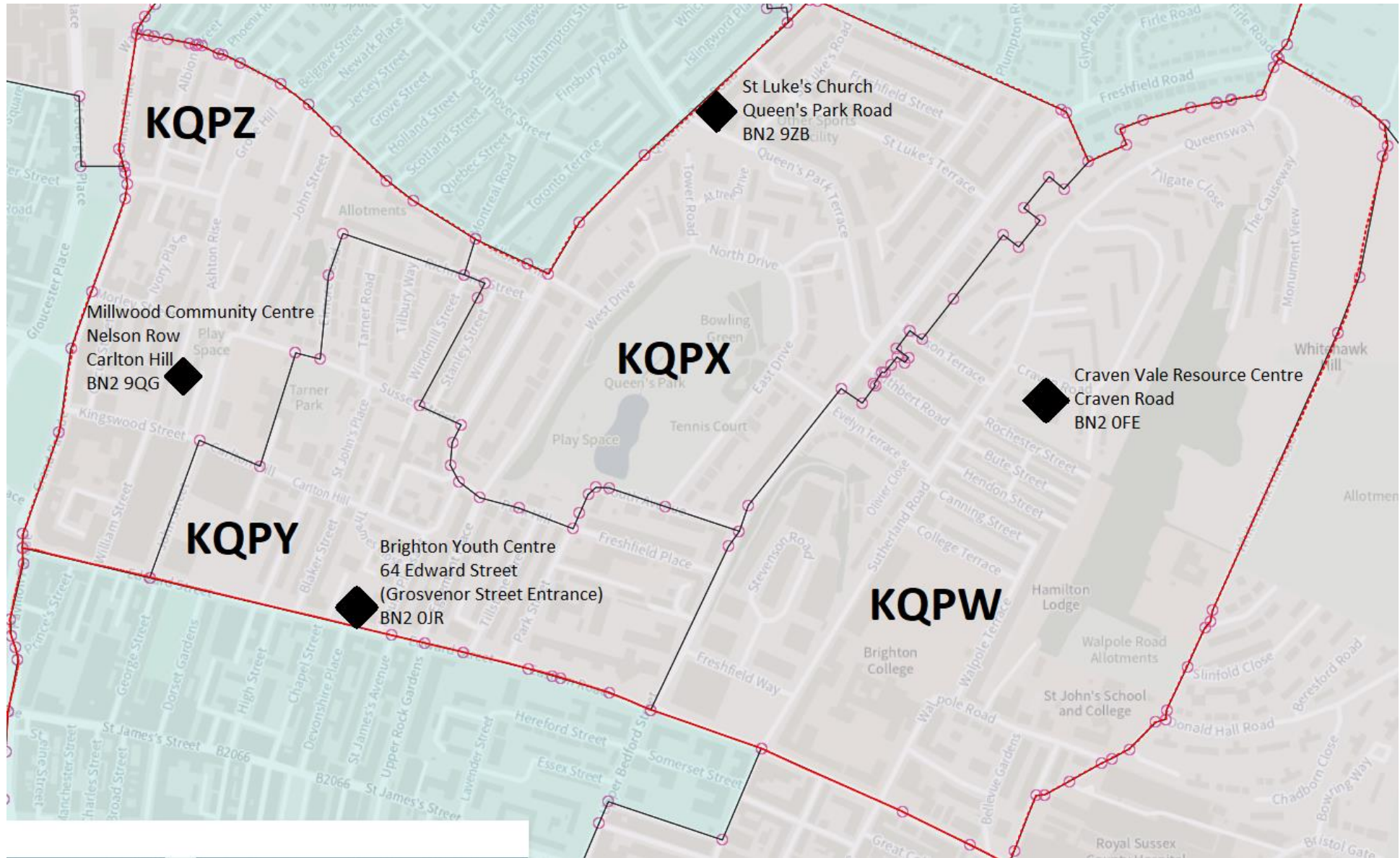
Queen's Park ward has reduced in size, having lost southern areas to the new Kemptown ward. Electors around Craven Road have joined the ward.

St Luke's Primary School will no longer be a polling station, and electors to the north, west and east of Queen's Park will now vote at St Luke's Church.

To optimise the number of electors going to each polling station, the Community Room at Thornsedale will no longer be a polling place. This small polling district will merge with its neighbour to form polling district KQPZ. Electors who voted at Thornsedale will now vote at Millwood Community Centre. This is a closer option for around half of the electors in the previous polling district.

Across the ward, polling district boundaries have been revised to optimise electorates.

Constituency	Polling District	Polling District Electorate	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Number of Polling Stations	Furthest Walking Distance (Minutes)
Kemptown	KQPW	1,776	1,550	Craven Vale Resource Centre, Craven Road, BN2 0FE	1	12
Kemptown	KQPX	1,820	1,600	St Luke's Church, Queen's Park Road, BN2 9ZB	1	7
Kemptown	KQPY	1,656	1,391	Brighton Youth Centre, 64 Edward Street, (Grosvenor Street Entrance), BN2 0JR	1	11
Kemptown	KQPZ	1,724	1,510	Millwood Community Centre, Nelson Row, Carlton Hill, BN2 9QG	1	9



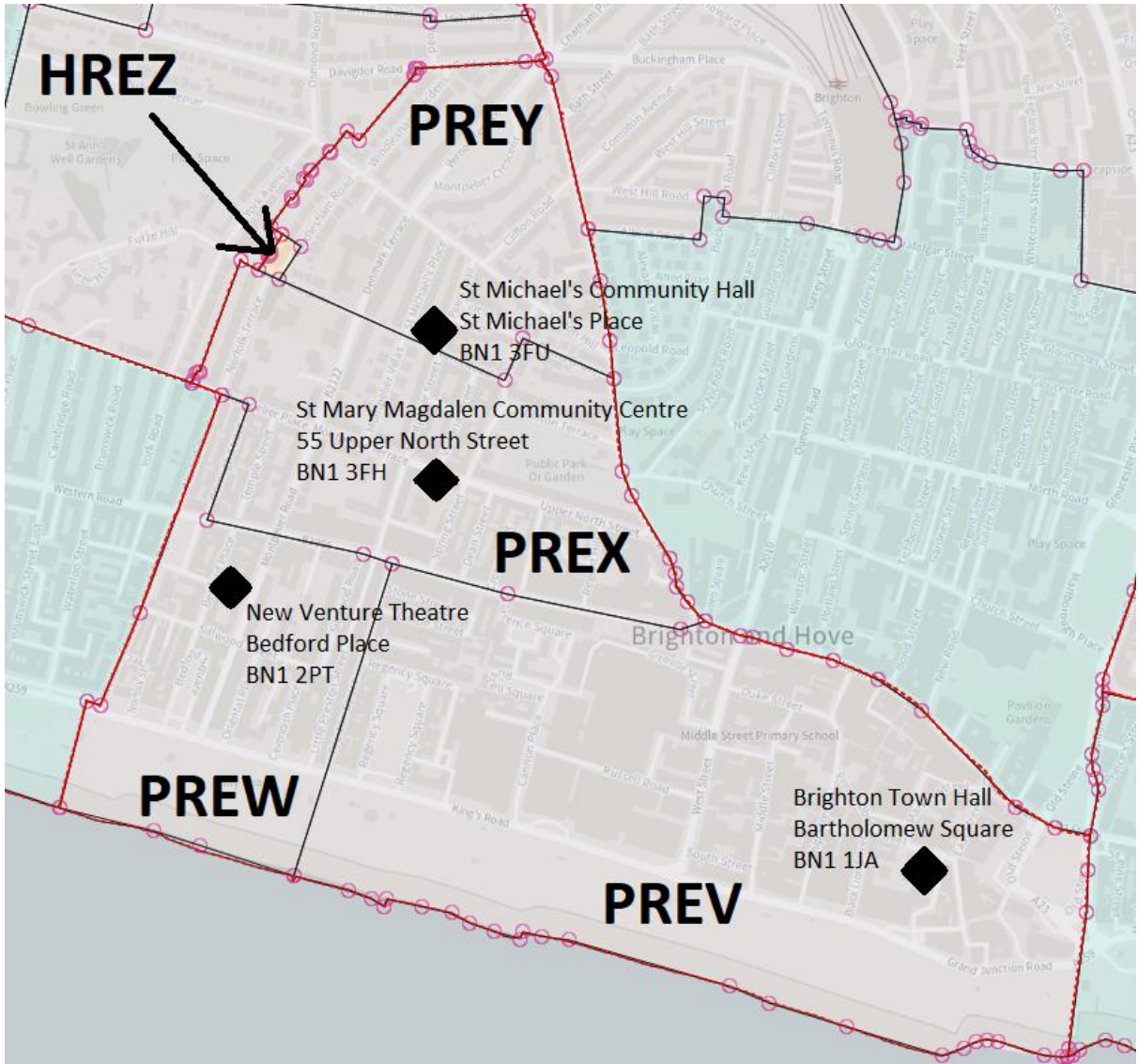
Regency, Brighton Pavilion & Hove

Regency ward's boundaries did not changed at the ward review - bar the inclusion of a small number of properties on Temple Heights/Windlesham Road.

These properties are within Hove constituency and as such will form their own small polling district. At Parliamentary elections electors will attend the polling station for adjoining polling district HGOV. At local elections, they will vote at the polling station for PREY. At a combined election, they will vote at the HGOV polling station.

The other changes in the ward are to optimise the number of electors voting at each polling place. The proposals will prevent any polling places becoming very small double stations due to changes to Electoral Commission ratios.

Constituency	Polling District	Polling District Electorate	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Number of Polling Stations	Furthest Walking Distance (Minutes)
Hove	HREZ	28	20	Possibility Place/Vernon Gardens, 14 Windlesham Avenue, BN1 3AH; or St Michael's Community Hall, St Michael's Place, BN1 3FU	0	3
Pavilion	PREV	1,672	1,488	Brighton Town Hall, Bartholomew Square, BN1 1JA	1	14
Pavilion	PREW	1,949	1,768	New Venture Theatre, Bedford Place, BN1 2PT	1	5
Pavilion	PREX	1,944	1,716	St Mary Magdalen Community Centre, 55 Upper North Street, BN1 3FH	1	6
Pavilion	PREY	1,957	1,724	St Michael's Community Hall, St Michael's Place, BN1 3FU	1	7

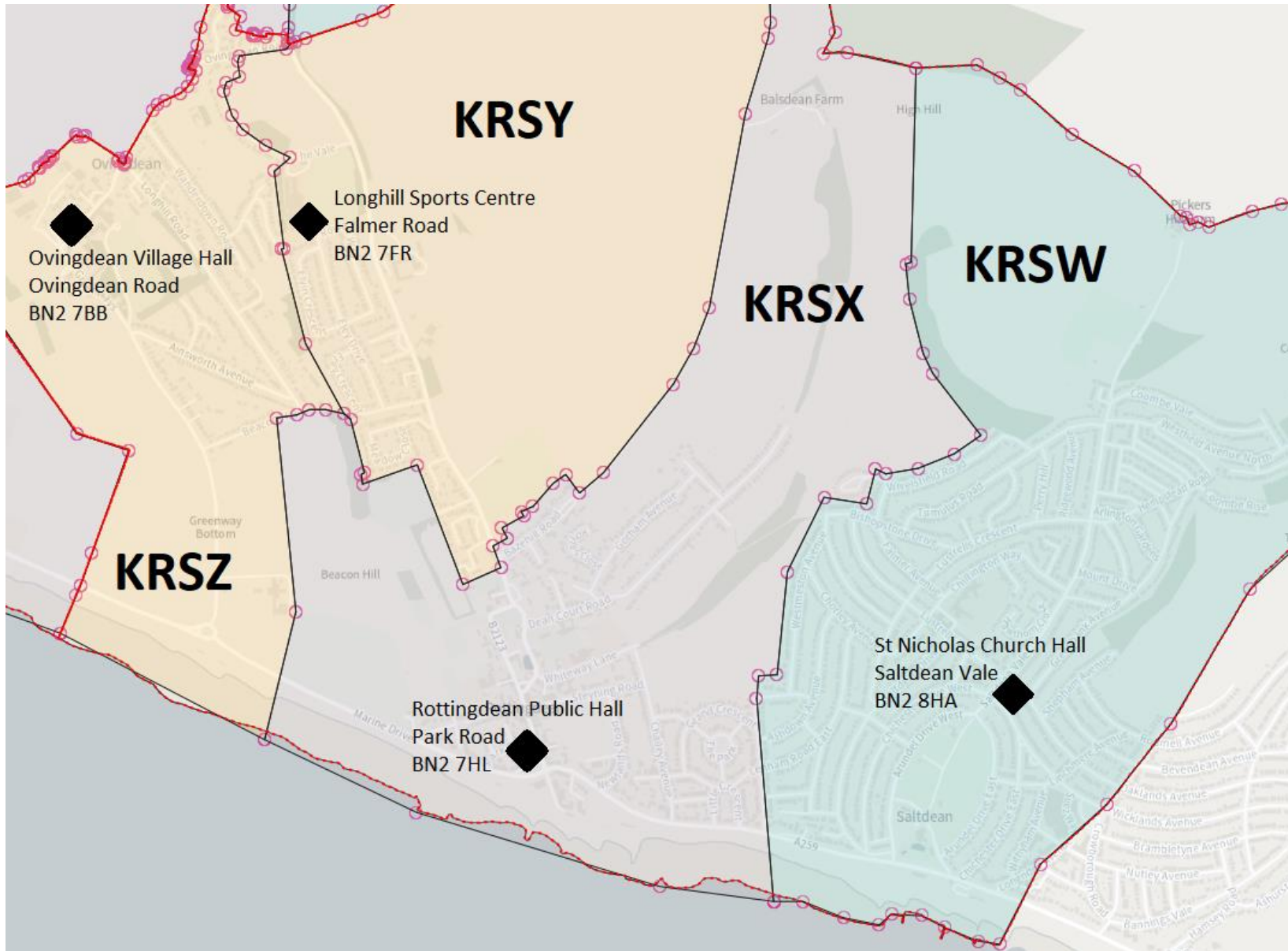


Rottingdean & West Saltdean, Brighton Kemptown

Rottingdean & West Saltdean ward is a new ward made from the previous Rottingdean Coastal ward. The new ward has lost many electors on the western side around Roedean and Sussex Square – becoming a 2-seat ward.

The polling district boundaries have not changed other than to realign with the new ward boundary. All polling places remain suitable and in West Saltdean already meet our aim to have double and triple polling stations. Due to Rottingdean Parish, it is not efficient to change any of the polling district boundaries around the main body of electors.

Constituency	Polling District	Polling District Electorate	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Number of Polling Stations	Furthest Walking Distance (Minutes)
Kemptown	KRSW	4,646	3,652	St Nicholas Church Hall, Saltdean Vale, BN2 8HA	3	18
Kemptown	KRSX	1,843	1,456	Rottingdean Public Hall, Park Road, BN2 7HL	1	24
Kemptown	KRSY	873	662	Longhill Sports Centre, Falmer Road, BN2 7FR	1	15
Kemptown	KRSZ	962	748	Ovingdean Village Hall, Ovingdean Road, BN2 7BB	1	15



Round Hill, Brighton Pavilion

Round Hill is a new ward, consisting of areas from St Peter's & North Laine and Preston Park wards.

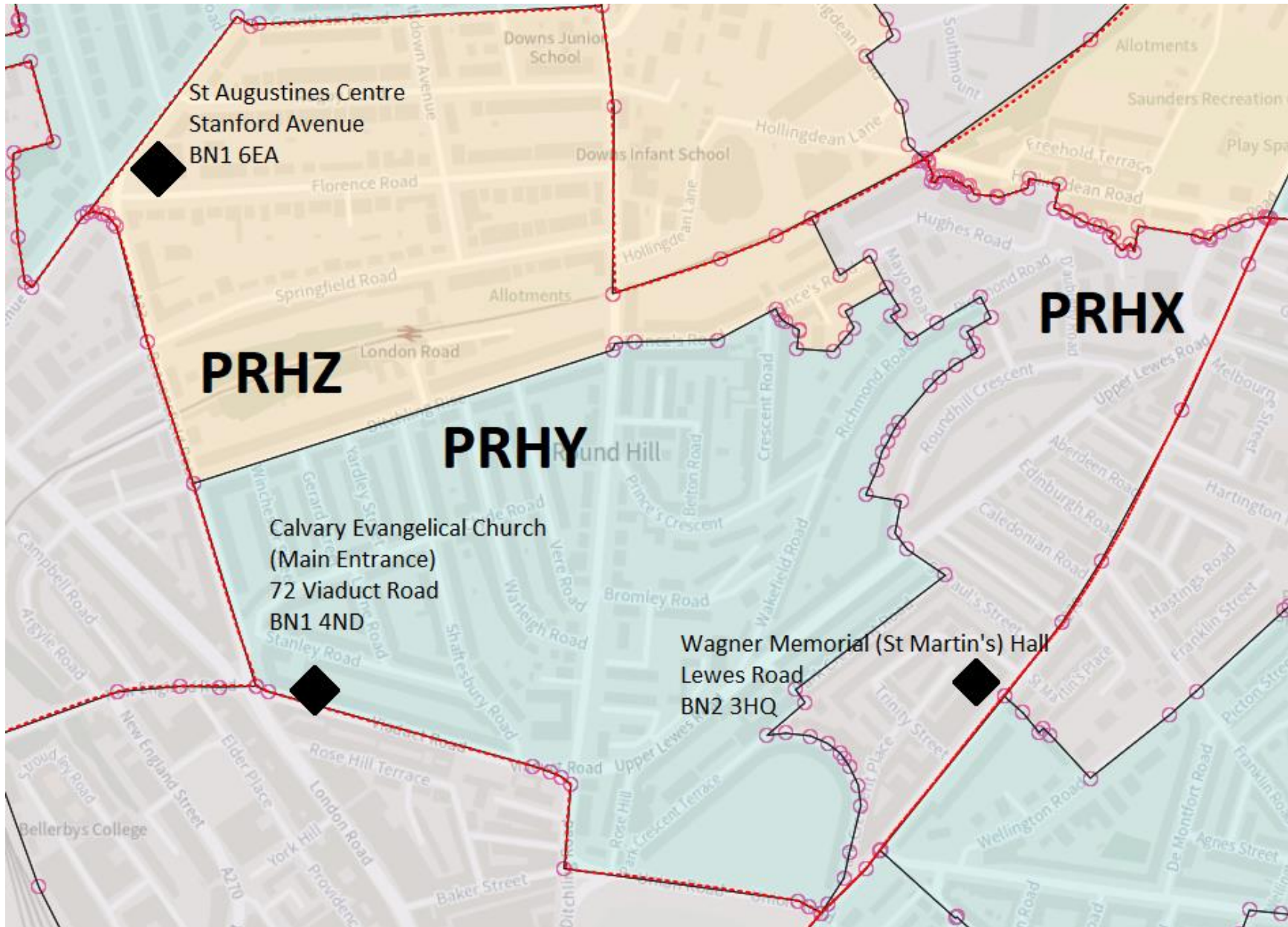
Electors in polling district PRHZ will vote at a new polling station in St Augustines Centre. The venue has better access arrangements than the current polling station for the area - Florence Road Baptist Church. St Augustines Centre will also serve a polling station for Preston Park ward.

In line with our aim to reduce the number of schools, it is proposed to no longer use Downs Infant School for electors in this area. Electors who voted at Downs Infant School will be split amongst the three remaining polling places for the ward.

Wagner Memorial Hall is the proposed polling place for polling district PRHX. Wagner Memorial Hall currently serves as a double polling station for the area. By reducing the number of electors from Round Hill ward voting at this polling station, we enable Wagner Memorial Hall to also serve as a polling station for Hanover & Elm Grove ward. This allows us to remove Fairlight Primary School from the scheme.

Calvary Evangelical Church, in polling district PRHY, will become a double station to accommodate new electors from Wagner Memorial Hall.

Constituency	Polling District	Polling District Electorate	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Number of Polling Stations	Furthest Walking Distance (Minutes)
Pavilion	PRHX	1,901	1,789	Wagner Memorial (St Martin's) Hall, Lewes Road, BN2 3HQ	1	9
Pavilion	PRHY	3,266	2,979	Calvary Evangelical Church, (Main Entrance), 72 Viaduct Road, BN1 4ND	2	13
Pavilion	PRHZ	1,594	1,439	St Augustines Centre, Stanford Avenue, BN1 6EA	1	13

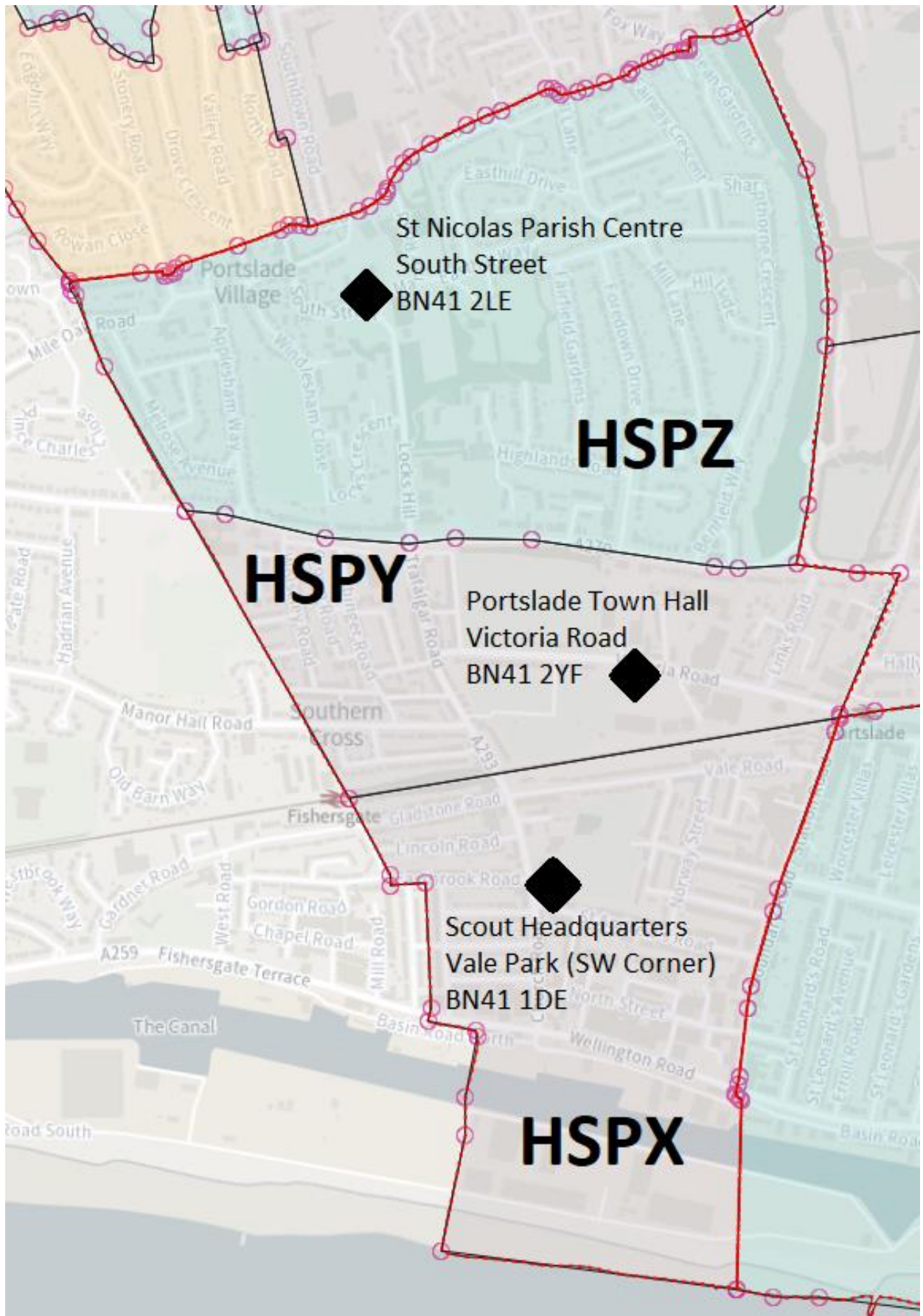


South Portslade, Hove

South Portslade ward is unchanged from the ward boundary review.

The only change to the polling district scheme is the merging of the northern polling districts. They both vote at St Nicolas Parish Centre already. The consolidation allows for improved signage and better distribution of electors between the stations.

Constituency	Polling District	Polling District Electorate	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Number of Polling Stations	Furthest Walking Distance (Minutes)
Hove	HSPX	1,896	1,668	Scout Headquarters, Vale Park, (SW Corner), BN41 1DE	1	9
Hove	HSPY	1,832	1,602	Portslade Town Hall, Victoria Road, BN41 2YF	1	12
Hove	HSPZ	3,591	2,974	St Nicolas Parish Centre, South Street, BN41 2LE	2	15

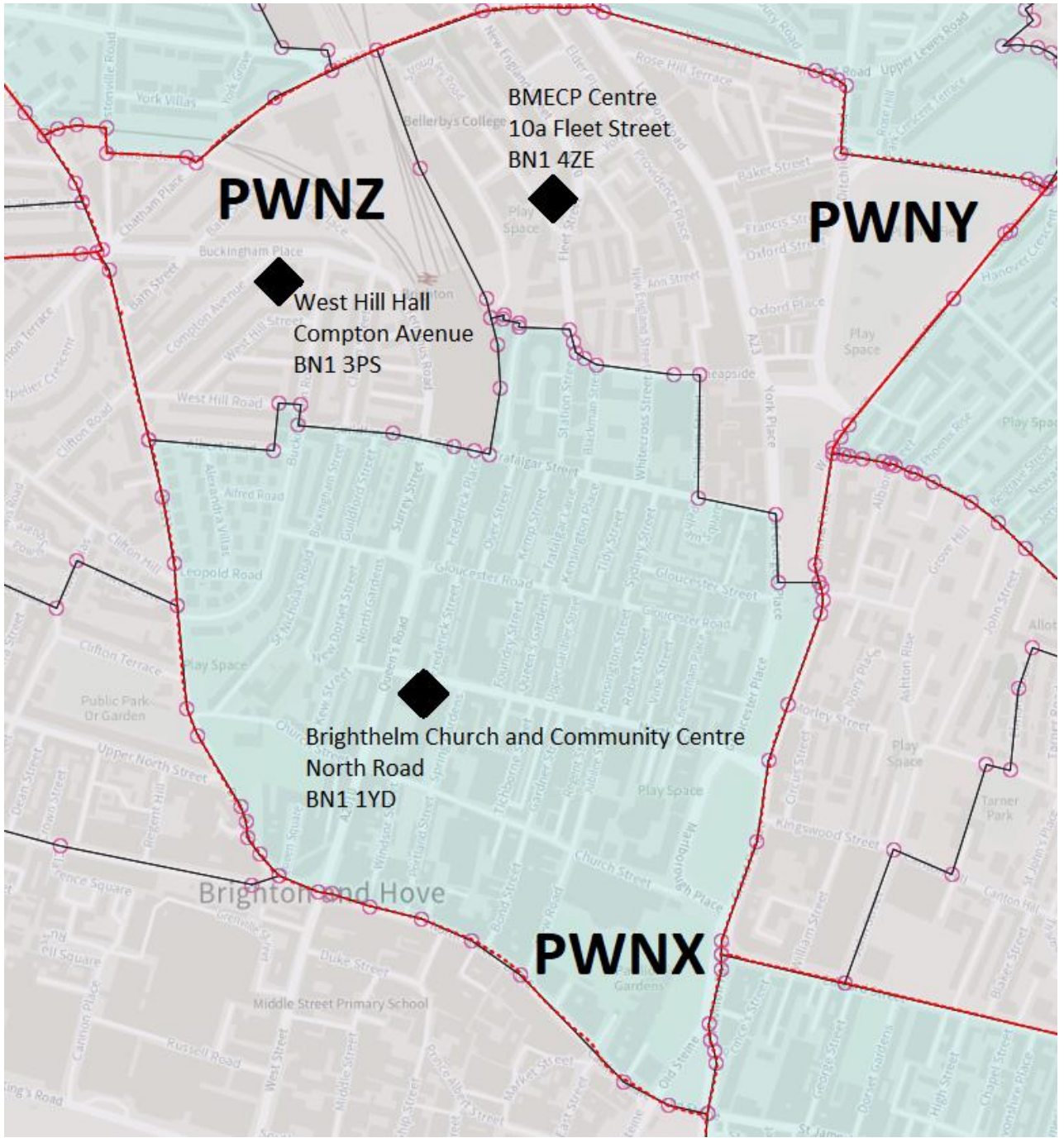


West Hill & North Laine, Brighton Pavilion

West Hill & North Laine ward is a reduced version of St Peter's & North Laine ward.

It is proposed to continue using three existing polling places for this ward. The polling district boundaries remain similar. Two polling districts have merged. The majority of electors who voted at Brighton & Hove Foyer will now vote at Brighthelm Church and Community Centre. This is a 10-minute walk for the furthest elector.

Constituency	Polling District	Polling District Electorate	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Number of Polling Stations	Furthest Walking Distance (Minutes)
Pavilion	PWNX	3,769	3,358	Brighthelm Church and Community Centre, North Road, BN1 1YD	2	10
Pavilion	PWNY	1,824	1,668	BMECP Centre, 10a Fleet Street, BN1 4ZE	1	7
Pavilion	PWNZ	1,876	1,714	West Hill Hall, Compton Avenue, BN1 3PS	1	5



Westbourne & Poets' Corner, Hove

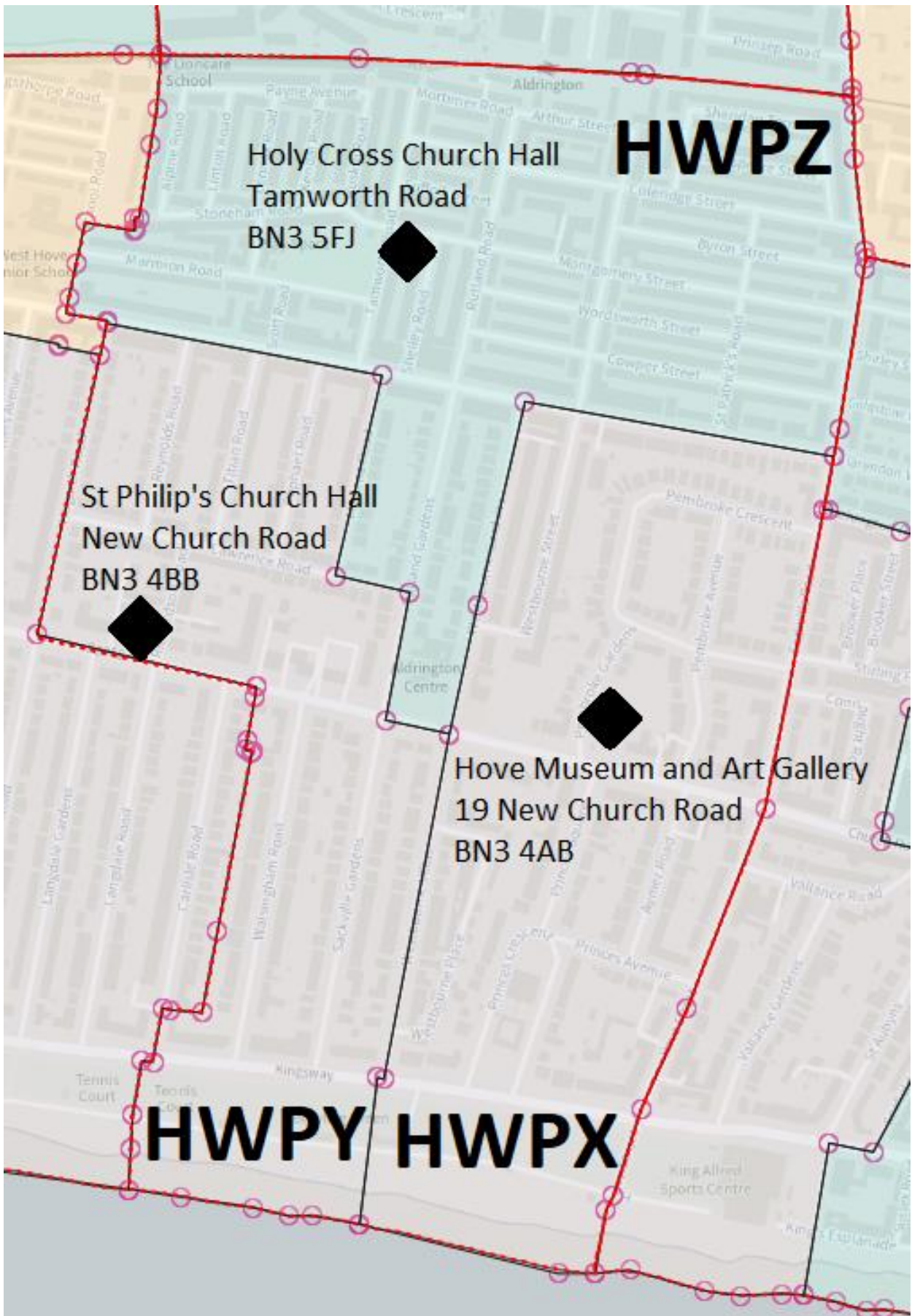
Westbourne & Poets' Corner ward has swapped some areas with Wish ward, with properties around Stoneham Park joining the ward and westerly streets below Portland Road leaving.

The changes in the north of the ward provide an opportunity to remove West Hove Infants School from the scheme therefore reducing the number of schools used. It also allows for all electors north of Portland Road to now share a polling place of Holy Cross Church. The electorate is supplemented by electors in Modena Road, Rutland Gardens and Westbourne Gardens who previously have voted at Holy Cross Church.

Below Portland Road, the electors to the East of the ward will vote in a single polling station at Hove Museum. While those to the west will vote at St Philip's Church – this will be a double polling station shared with Wish ward.

Across the whole ward no elector will have a walk of more than 10 minutes to their polling place.

Constituency	Polling District	Polling District Electorate	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Number of Polling Stations	Furthest Walking Distance (Minutes)
Hove	HWPX	1,855	1,582	Hove Museum and Art Gallery, 19 New Church Road, BN3 4AB	1	9
Hove	HWPY	1,738	1,430	St Philip's Church Hall, New Church Road, BN3 4BB	1	10
Hove	HWPZ	3,799	3,328	Holy Cross Church Hall, Tamworth Road, BN3 5FJ	2	7



Westdene & Hove Park, Brighton Pavilion & Hove

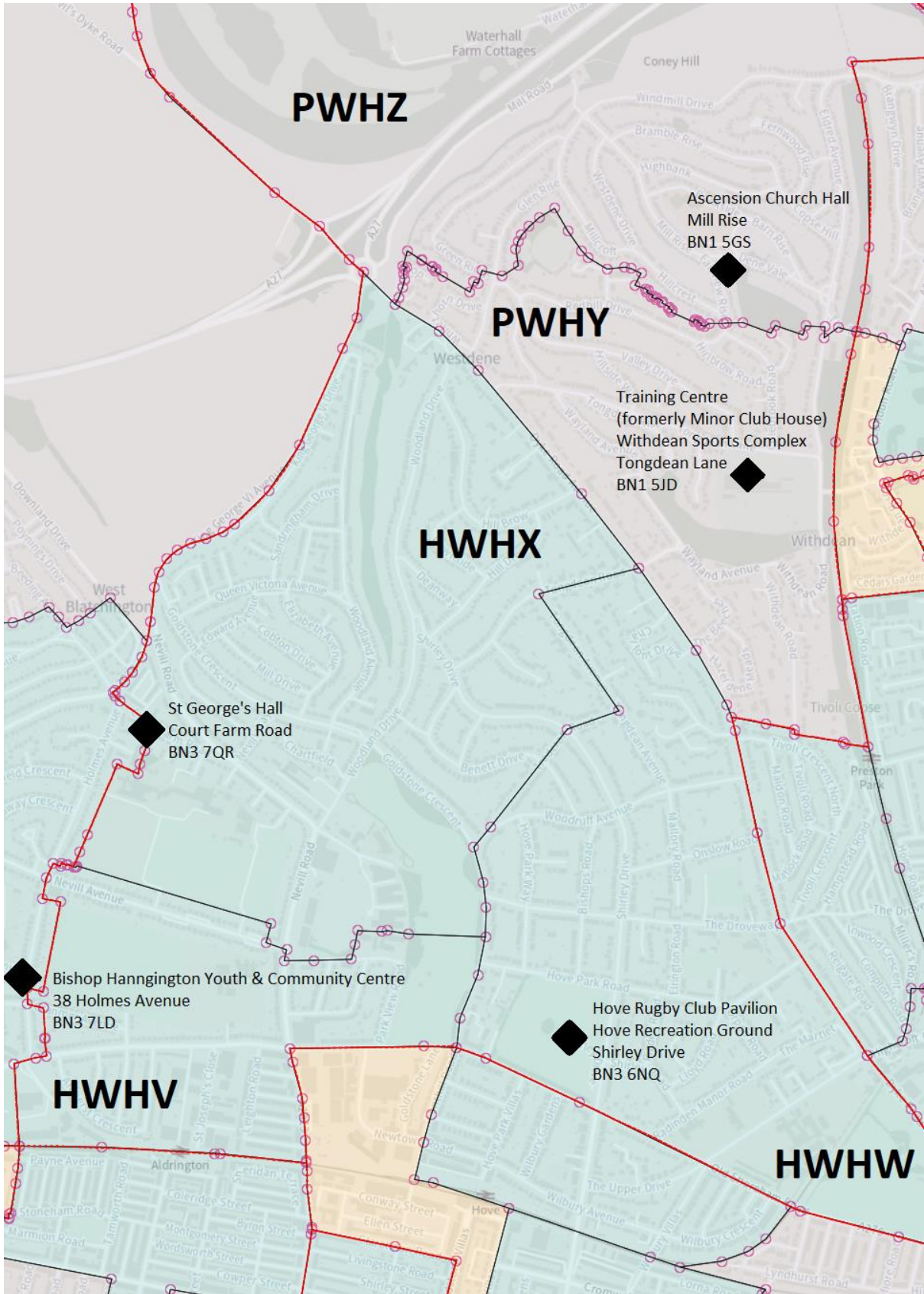
The new Westdene & Hove Park ward covers a very large geographic area. The ward also straddles the Hove and Brighton Pavilion constituencies. This boundary will be respected.

The new HWHX polling district combines two old polling districts that used to vote at St Peter's Church and Brighton & Hove Cricket Pavilion. It is proposed that electors will now vote at St George's Church Hall on Court Farm Road. This venue is accessible, has its own car park and meets our aim of increasing the number of double polling stations. For many electors in this polling district, the polling place remains a significant distance. However, the new venue is an improvement on the previous venues.

Polling districts HWHV and HWHW largely remain unchanged. Electors continue to vote at Bishop Hannington Church Hall and Hove Rugby Club Pavilion respectively.

In Brighton Pavilion, the northern district does not change and continues to vote at the Ascension Church Hall. The southern district will now incorporate roads inherited from an old polling district further down Dyke Road. All electors will vote at Withdean Sports Complex. This is a double station shared with Patcham & Hollingbury ward.

Constituency	Polling District	Polling District Electorate	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Number of Polling Stations	Furthest Walking Distance (Minutes)
Hove	HWHV	2,038	1,630	Bishop Hannington Youth & Community Centre, 38 Holmes Avenue, BN3 7LD	1	16
Hove	HWHW	2,263	1,659	Hove Rugby Club Pavilion, Hove Recreation Ground, Shirley Drive, BN3 6NQ	1	22
Hove	HWHX	3,795	2,804	St George's Hall, Court Farm Road, BN3 7QR	2	28
Pavilion	PWHY	1,651	1,302	Training Centre, (formerly Minor Club House), Withdean Sports Complex, Tongdean Lane, BN1 5JD	1	23
Pavilion	PWHZ	1,900	1,510	Ascension Church Hall, Mill Rise, BN1 5GS	1	15



Whitehawk & Marina, Brighton Kemptown

Whitehawk & Marina ward is a new ward. It consists of Whitehawk, Marina and Roedean polling districts from previous wards.

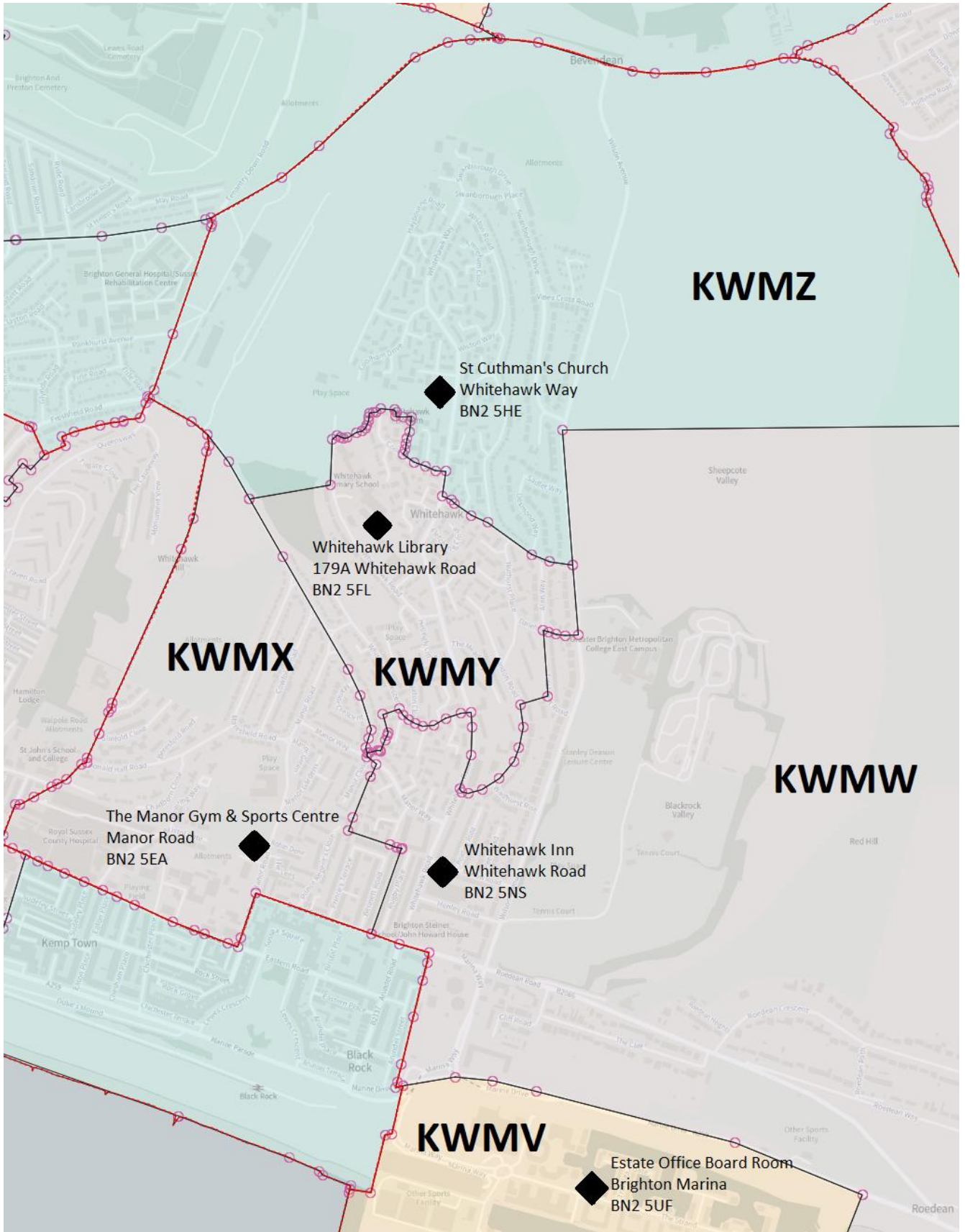
It is proposed to redraw polling districts throughout the ward. This will ensure that there are suitable polling places throughout the area. Electors to the north will vote at St Cuthman's Church. This venue is accessible, on local bus routes and known to the community.

In the central area, electors will vote at Whitehawk Library - again this provides a good polling place for local residents. At previous polls, residents in this area have voted either at Valley Social Centre/St Cuthman's Church or Whitehawk Inn.

Towards the bottom of the hill, the Whitehawk Inn will continue as a polling place, but now serves a revised area. This area includes Roedean. Roedean electors previously voted at Brighton Waldorf School.

It is proposed to no longer use Bristol Estate Community Centre. Electors previously served by this polling station will now vote at The Manor Gym. This will create a new polling district that has an increased electorate and is in line with the aim to optimise electorates.

Constituency	Polling District	Polling District Electorate	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Number of Polling Stations	Furthest Walking Distance (Minutes)
Kemptown	KWMV	1,023	860	Estate Office Board Room, Brighton Marina, BN2 5UF	1	9
Kemptown	KWMW	1,718	1,366	Whitehawk Inn, Whitehawk Road, BN2 5NS	1	21
Kemptown	KWMX	1,874	1,553	The Manor Gym & Sports Centre, Manor Road, BN2 5EA	1	14
Kemptown	KWMY	1,671	1,363	Whitehawk Library, 179A Whitehawk Road, BN2 5FL	1	14
Kemptown	KWMZ	2,023	1,679	St Cuthman's Church, Whitehawk Way, BN2 5HE	1	10



Wish, Hove

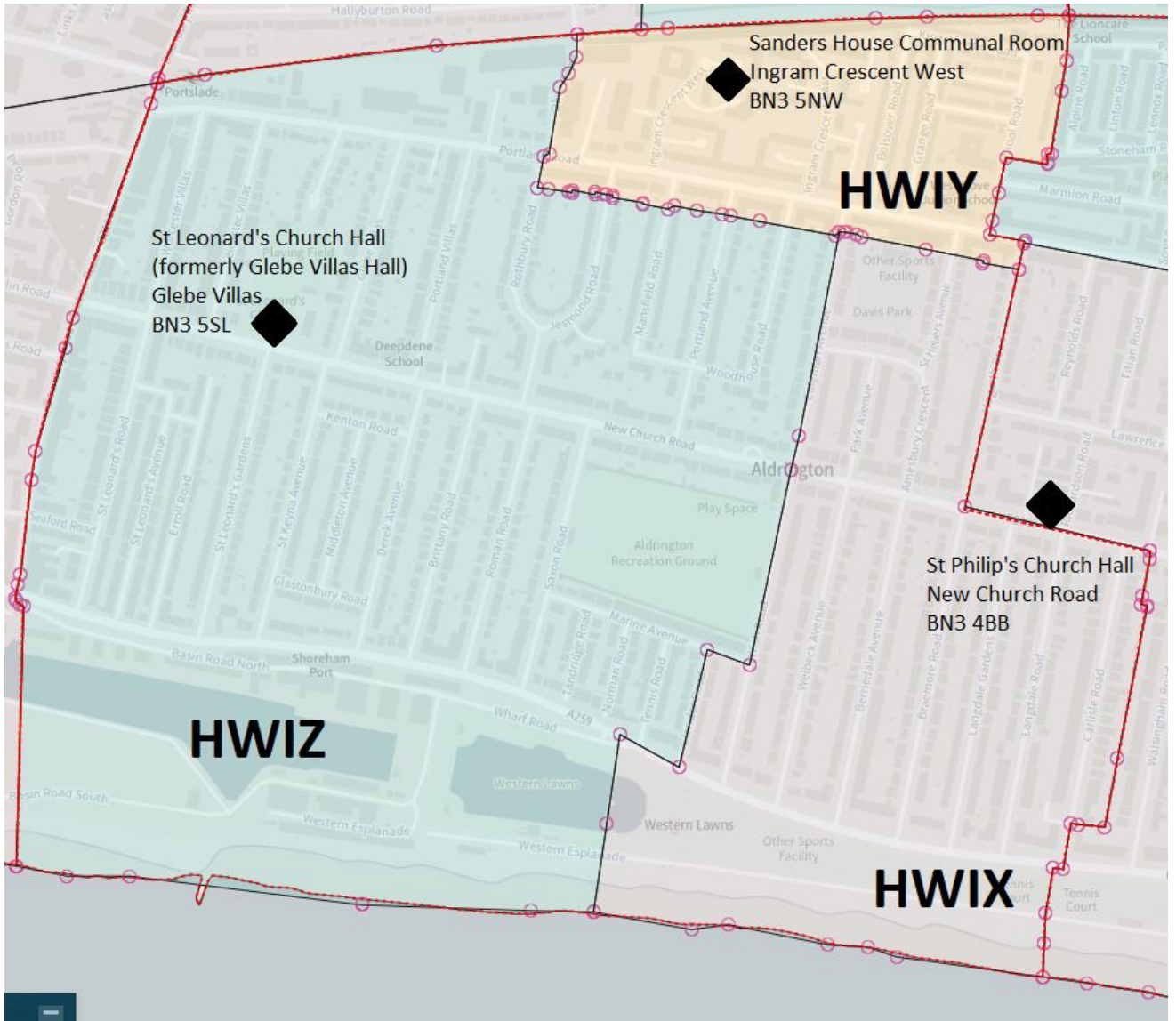
Wish ward's boundary has not changed on its western side. Properties east of School Road, around Stoneham Park, have moved into the adjoining ward. While the ward has taken in streets to its east between the seafront and south of Portland Road.

It is proposed that all electors in the north of the ward vote at Sanders House on the Ingram Crescent estate. The development around School Road will increase the electorate over the coming months. This change has removed West Hove Infants School from the scheme - in line with our project aims.

The remaining electors split into eastern and western polling districts respectively. The eastern polling district will vote in a double polling station at St Leonard's Church Hall. This venue is well known, accessible and on several east-west bus routes.

The western polling district will vote at St Philips Church on New Church Road. For many electors who have joined from the old Westbourne ward this is not a change of polling place

Constituency	Polling District	Polling District Electorate	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Number of Polling Stations	Furthest Walking Distance (Minutes)
Hove	HWIX	1,972	1,568	St Philip's Church Hall, New Church Road, BN3 4BB	1	9
Hove	HWIY	1,261	1,055	Sanders House Communal Room, Ingram Crescent West, BN3 5NW	1	10
Hove	HWIZ	4,105	3,404	St Leonard's Church Hall, (formerly Glebe Villas Hall), Glebe Villas, BN3 5SL	2	12



Woodingdean, Brighton Kemptown

Woodingdean ward's boundaries remain unchanged from the boundary review. Significant changes to the polling district boundaries are proposed. This will remove Rudyard Kipling Primary School from the scheme.

Woodingdean Library is proposed as a new polling place in the north-west of the ward.

The redrawing of the polling districts means that no elector is more than a 15-minute walk from their polling station. Additionally, all four polling places for the ward are now situated near a bus stop which serves their polling district. Bus routes include 2, 22 and 52 serving the area. The step free Chalkland rise entrance of Rudyard Kipling Primary School is not served by a bus route.

Constituency	Polling District	Polling District Electorate	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Number of Polling Stations	Furthest Walking Distance (Minutes)
Kemptown	KWOW	2,001	1,663	St Patrick's Church Hall, Broad Green, BN2 6TB	1	15
Kemptown	KWOX	1,905	1,569	Woodingdean Methodist Church, 117 The Ridgway, BN2 6PA	1	15
Kemptown	KWOY	1,660	1,355	Parish Room, Church of the Holy Cross, Downsway, BN2 6BD	1	15
Kemptown	KWOZ	1,821	1,451	Woodingdean Library, Warren Road, BN2 6BA	1	14

