

NOTICE OF MEETING

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Thursday, 21st December 2023, 6.30 pm - George Meehan House,
294 High Road, N22 8JZ (watch the live meeting [here](#), watch the
recording [here](#))

Councillors: Reg Rice (Chair), Cressida Johnson (Vice-Chair), Dawn Barnes,
Erdal Dogan and Liam Carroll

Quorum: 3

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2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS (IF ANY)

To receive any apologies for absence and substitutions.

3. URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair will consider the admission of any late items of urgent business. (Late items will be considered under the agenda item where they appear. New items will be dealt with at item 7 below).

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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5. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS / PRESENTATIONS / QUESTIONS

To consider any requests received in accordance with Part 4, Section B, paragraph 29 of the Council's constitution

6. POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING SCHEME REVIEW (PAGES 1 - 118)

All local authorities are required to conduct a review of its polling districts and polling places between 1 October 2023 and 31 January 2025. A polling district is a geographical area created by the sub-division of a UK Parliamentary constituency for the purposes of a UK Parliamentary election. A polling place is the building or area in which polling stations will be selected by the (A)RO).

It is essential that Haringey Council completes this 'polling scheme' review work by January 2024 in preparation for a general election which could be called at any time as well as in time for all the preparations for the May 2024 GLA Mayoral and Assembly Elections.

7. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

15 January 2024

8 February 2024

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Report for: General Purposes Committee 21 December 2023

Title: Review of polling districts, polling places and designation of polling scheme 2023/2024

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Ward(s) affected: All

**Report for Key/
Non-Key Decision:** Non-Key Decision

1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 All local authorities are required to conduct a review of its polling districts and polling places between 1 October 2023 and 31 January 2025. A polling district is a geographical area created by the sub-division of a UK Parliamentary constituency for the purposes of a UK Parliamentary election. A polling place is the building or area in which polling stations will be selected by the (A)RO).
- 1.2 It is essential that Haringey Council completes this 'polling scheme' review work by January 2024 in preparation for a general election which could be called at any time as well as in time for all the preparations for the May 2024 GLA Mayoral and Assembly Elections.
- 1.3 The polling district and polling place review has been carried out which builds upon the work of the past two recent reviews:
 - In 2021, the ward boundary review undertaken by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) and the subsequent Haringey Council review of its polling districts and places to reflect this.
 - A further review was carried out in October 2022 to build on feedback from the May 2022 elections and population changes. This was approved by Corporate Committee in February 2023.
- 1.4 This report sets out the recommendations for each polling district and the associated polling place, including where feedback was received and any changes that were made as a result of the consultation phase.
- 1.5 Four proposals are made for changes to the polling scheme approved in February 2023:
 - The boundary between CEN-A and CEN-B in the Crouch End ward is moved to the north to make walking distances to the polling stations in those polling districts more even.

- The boundary between WHL-A and WHL-B in the White Hart Lane ward is moved to the south to make walking distances to the polling places in those polling districts more even.
- The boundary between HRN-A and HRN-D moved to put the whole of Nightingale Lane in HRN-D
- The boundary between STG-A and STG-B moved to allocate the electors in Chettle Court to the polling place Hornsey Vale Community Centre

1.6 The revised boundaries are set out in the draft polling scheme attached to this report.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

N/A

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that the General Purposes Committee:

- 3.1 Approves the polling scheme describing the polling districts and the polling places for the London Borough of Haringey as set out in Appendix 1.
- 3.2 Grants the (Acting) Returning Officer ((A)RO) and the Deputy (Acting) Returning Officers delegated authority to amend the polling scheme. This would be where the names of buildings change and for specific elections, where strictly necessary, this could include changing polling places (in the event an election is called and a building is not available, for example).
- 3.3 Delegates to the Electoral Registration Officer (“ERO”) the authority to approve corrections of any minor errors in allocating properties to polling districts on transferring the maps in Appendix 1 into the electoral registration software.

4. Reasons for decision

- 4.1 **Recommendation 1** – the Council has a statutory duty to sub-divide parliamentary constituencies into polling districts. The Council also has a statutory duty to allocate a polling place for each polling district. Whilst there is no statutory requirement for local government electoral wards to be split into polling districts, to deliver local government elections, wards need to be divided into polling districts, and each must have an allocated polling place. Thus, Recommendation 1 is required to support the delivery of elections. It is also a statutory requirement to consult on the polling scheme.
- 4.2 This review is a statutory requirement and must take place between 1 October 2023 and 31 January 2025. It is, in fact, essential that Haringey Council completes this work by January 2024 so that any necessary changes are in place in time for all the preparations for the impending general election as well as the May 2024 GLA Mayoral and Assembly Elections.

4.3 **Recommendation 2** – this polling scheme is to be used for future elections until further notice. Names of buildings can change, and this will allow the polling scheme to reflect these name changes. Additionally, at the time of any particular election, a designated polling place may not be available. The delegation of this decision to the (A)RO will ensure that polling places can be booked in a timely manner, especially where a snap election is called at short notice, without the need to call an extraordinary meeting of the General Purposes Committee. This will not be used to amend the polling scheme outside of the requirements of an election.

4.4 **Recommendation 3** – The maps produced for this report need to be imported into the Council’s GIS mapping system. When doing this, it may highlight a small number of properties on the edge of a polling district boundary that have been placed into the “wrong” polling district (but still within the correct ward). Additionally, the import into the Council’s GIS mapping system may flag properties that have a polling district boundary cutting through them, splitting a property into two or more polling districts. Recommendation 3 gives the ERO the authority needed to correct these errors.

5. **Alternative options considered**

5.1 The Council could decide to make no changes to the current polling scheme. However, given the consultation process undertaken and the feedback received (which generated helpful suggestions), it would be detrimental to groups of electors not to make changes to the current polling scheme.

6. **Background information**

6.1 The Council has a statutory duty to sub-divide parliamentary constituencies into polling districts and to allocate a polling place for each polling district. These polling districts and polling places are reviewed on a regular basis. All local authorities are required to conduct a review between 1 October 2023 and 31 January 2025.

6.2 The current statutory review builds upon the work of the past two recent reviews:

- In 2021, following the ward boundary review undertaken by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE), the Council reviewed its polling districts and polling places.
- A further review was carried out in October 2022 to build on feedback from the May 2022 elections and population changes. This was approved by Corporate Committee in February 2023.

6.3 Whilst there is no legal requirement to sub-divide local government wards, from a practical perspective, this is necessary to deliver elections. It is therefore sensible to ensure wards use the same sub-divisions as parliamentary constituencies (i.e., polling districts).

6.4 The following terminology is used in Electoral Services:

- **Polling districts:** A polling district is a geographical area created by dividing parliamentary constituencies. For the proposed local elections, they are divisions of the wards in the borough.
- **Polling places:** A polling place is the building or area in which the polling stations will be designated. There will only be one polling place proposed for each polling district.
- **Polling stations:** A polling station is the room or area within the polling place where voting takes place.
- The **polling scheme** is the document that sets out the approved polling places and polling districts in the borough.

6.5 The reviews consider:

- How each ward can be divided as evenly as possible – the Electoral Commission (EC) guidance is that there should be, at most, 2,250 electors per polling station.
 - Voters now need to show ID in a polling station so the ballot paper issuing process is slightly longer. Therefore, the number of electors allocated to each polling station has been reduced in the EC guidance from 2,500 to account for this.
- Where polling will be held, each polling district must have a polling place. A polling place may be divided into more than one polling station.
- The availability of suitable locations for polling as well as natural boundaries or features such as railways or hills which may limit access to that location.
- Building flexibility into the polling scheme, as the actual electorate at any given election will be used to decide on the number of polling stations in a polling place.

6.7 The polling scheme broadly worked well in the May 2022 elections and was improved by the February 2023 review which built on feedback gathered after the election from all those involved (including political parties, candidates, staff and voters).

6.8 The current review commenced with ensuring all polling places were checked against the current electorate to ensure there was capacity for up to 2,250 electors. The focus was on polling district boundaries and polling place locations. Practical and logistical issues regarding the arrangements to make sure that polling places are accessible are being managed as part of the preparations for the May 2024 Mayor of London and London Assembly Elections. This will include how polling places within the scheme are used, signposted and made fully accessible to meet the new accessibility requirements of the Elections Act 2022.

6.9 As with the previous review, the aim was to minimise the use of portable buildings. The reasoning, as set out in the 16 November 2021 report, is as follows:

As portable buildings are not fixed buildings, they have very limited facilities for polling station staff – i.e., chemical toilets, no separate rest space, and no kitchen facilities, far from ideal for what is a very long working day. Furthermore, portacabins also bring with them increased

risk - experience has shown that power supplies regularly fail, there can often be delivery issues/problems getting the temporary building correctly situated, there is an unwillingness for many staff to work in a building with so few facilities and access for those with physical disabilities can be challenging.

- 6.10 Furthermore, the introduction of Voter ID means the process of issuing ballot papers takes longer than previously which will result in longer queues of voters. Portable buildings are less than ideal for this, particularly in inclement weather.
- 6.11 Having looked at the feedback and population data, a set of proposals were prepared.
- 6.12 Equalities principles were embedded in this process. An Equality Impact Assessment to ensure that the Council meets the requirements of equalities legislation was carried out. The changes proposed in the review will result in shorter walking distances for most electors.

Consultation

- 6.13 In advance of the formal consultation phase, ward councillors were sent a pack of information about the polling scheme that was in place. This included maps and electorates. Responses representing six wards were received. Only one change is being proposed as a result of this feedback. This is to move the boundary between Crouch End polling districts CEN-A and CEN-B to make the walking distance to polling stations more even. This feedback was built into the proposals before they were prepared.
- 6.14 The Acting Returning Officer was consulted on the proposals on the 24 October and confirmed he was happy with them.
- 6.15 Public consultation was launched on 25 October 2023 and closed on 15 November 2023. The consultation information was sent to all ward councillors, Haringey elected representatives, people who work in organisations that are experts in accessibility, and political party representatives. Four email responses were received. Information on all the consultation feedback and the responses to them is included in Appendix 3.
- 6.16 As a result of the feedback from the consultation, further potential changes to the polling scheme were identified. It is proposed that the following boundaries are moved:
- between WHL-A and WHL-BH in the White Hart Lane ward is moved south to make the walking distances more even. This has been included in the attached proposals.
 - between HRN-A and HRN-D in Hornsey ward (resulting in the whole of Nightingale Lane being in HRN-D)
 - between STG-A and STG-B in Stroud Green ward (resulting in properties in Chettle Court being allocated to the polling place Hornsey Vale Community Centre)

- 6.17 Once revised polling districts are approved, the Electoral Registration Officer will make any necessary alterations to the electoral register and give notice of having done so.

7. Contribution to the Corporate Delivery Plan 2022-2024 High-Level Strategic outcomes

- 7.1 Electoral Services contribute to the “Resident experience, participation and collaboration” of the Corporate Delivery Plan
- 7.2 It is a statutory requirement to have a polling scheme setting out polling districts and polling places and to consult on this.

8. Carbon and Climate Change

- 8.1 It is a requirement to make polling stations local to the electors so that accessibility requirements can be met. The walking distance measure for the review has been set at 10-15 minutes which allows polling places to be accessible without electors driving.
- 8.2 In more densely populated areas and where the facilities allow, two polling stations can be located at a single polling place which reduces the space requirement.

9. Statutory Officers’ comments

9.1 Finance

The cost of implementing the two proposed boundary changes i.e., writing to affected electors to tell them that their polling station has changed, is not material (<£1,000) and will be accommodated within existing electoral registration budgets.

9.2 Strategic Procurement

Strategic Procurement was consulted in the preparation of this report, notes the report content and that the recommendations do not relate to a procurement decision. Strategic Procurement has no objections to the report recommendations in section 3.

9.3 Head of Legal & Governance

- 9.3.1 The Head of Legal and Governance has been consulted in the preparation of this report.
- 9.3.2 The Representations of People Act (RoPA) 1983 requires the Council to divide each Parliamentary constituency in its area and empowers the Council to divide its area for the purposes of local elections into polling districts and to designate polling places for each district. In each case, the Council is under a duty to keep the polling districts under review.
- 9.3.3 On any review of polling districts and places, the Council must consult pursuant to s18C(6) and Schedule A1 of RoPA 1983. On completion of the review, the Council must give reasons for its decisions in the review.

9.3.4 Pursuant to s18A(5) of RoPA 1983, for any alteration of Parliamentary polling districts, the registration officer must make such adaptation of the electoral register as is required and this will take effect on the date of publication of a notice to this effect.

9.3.5 The Electoral Commission's guidance on polling district and polling places review was followed and an EqlA has been undertaken. In addition, a statutory consultation exercise was conducted, the result of which led officers to make changes as set out in this report.

9.3.6 Under the provisions of Part 3, Section B of the Constitution and Regulation 2 and Schedule 1 of the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000, General Purposes Committee has as one of its Terms of Reference, Elections; all functions relating to elections - except the approval of pilot schemes for local elections which is reserved to Full Council. Accordingly, General Purposes Committee has the power to make a resolution in relation to the recommendations in this report.

9.4 **Equality**

9.4.1 The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share protected characteristics and people who do not.
- Foster good relations between people who share those characteristics and people who do not.

The three parts of the duty apply to the following protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy/maternity, race, religion/faith, sex and sexual orientation. Marriage and civil partnership status applies to the first part of the duty. Although it is not enforced in legislation as a protected characteristic, Haringey Council treats socioeconomic status as a local protected characteristic.

9.4.2 The decision is to approve the polling districts in the 21 wards of Haringey as set out in Appendix 1 and approve delegated authority arrangements.

9.4.3 An Equalities Impact Assessment (EqlA) was undertaken for the review, which built on the EqlA carried out for the 2021 and 2022 reviews to understand the potential impacts of proposals as to polling districts and places on individuals with protected characteristics. The amendments to polling district boundaries will, on the whole, reduce travel distance/time for residents and thereby make them more accessible. Officers developed principles (set out in Appendix 2) as to the extent of polling districts and the siting and characteristics of polling places in the light of that assessment, which have guided and been applied in the current review (see next paragraph).

9.4.4 Individuals who may be impacted by the proposals are those who may find it difficult to physically go to or access a polling station, whether due to age, disability or pregnancy. The EqlA sets out measures that should be taken to

reduce the impact on these groups by making polling stations accessible and also promoting alternative ways of voting such as by post or by proxy. Early information will also be provided to residents regarding accessibility to mitigate any impacts as much as possible. Where possible ward districts were redrawn to promote accessibility for these groups. Ramp access is provided to polling stations where a ramp is needed and not already present. All polling stations are within easy access of public transport. Assessment and understanding of accessibility, as required by the Electoral Commission Guidance on Polling Districts and Polling Places reviews, have been embedded in the review from the beginning of the project. Inspections of all the polling places is being carried out to create a record of the reasonable adjustments required for each venue.

10. Use of Appendices

Appendix 1 –The polling scheme.

Appendix 2 – Working assumptions for the review.

Appendix 3 – Feedback to the consultation.

Appendix 4 – Equalities Impact Assessment.

11. Background papers

11.1 This review was conducted following the Electoral Commission’s guidance: [Reviews of polling districts, polling places and polling stations | Electoral Commission](#)

11.2 Review of polling districts and polling scheme and designation of the polling scheme – Report from 2021:
[Agenda for Corporate Committee on Tuesday, 16th November, 2021, 7.00 pm | Haringey Council](#)

11.3 Review of polling districts and polling scheme and designation of the polling scheme – Report from 2023
[Agenda for Corporate Committee on Thursday, 2nd February, 2023, 7.00 pm | Haringey Council](#)

11.4 The consultation documentation was shared here: [Revisions to Polling Districts and Polling Places | London Borough of Haringey](#)

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Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA)

The Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) form is a template for analysing a policy or proposed decision for its potential effects on individuals with protected characteristics covered by the Equality Act 2010.

The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share protected characteristics and people who do not.
- Foster good relations between people who share those characteristics and people who do not.

The three parts of the duty apply to the following protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy/maternity, race, religion/faith, sex and sexual orientation. Marriage and civil partnership status applies to the first part of the duty.

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1. Responsibility for the Equality Impact Assessment

Name of proposal:	Review of polling districts, polling places and designation of polling scheme 2023/2024
Service Area:	Electoral Services
Officer Completing Assessment:	Lesley Rennie
Equalities Advisor:	Maddie Milner
Cabinet meeting date (if applicable):	General Purposes Committee, 21 December 2023
Director/Assistant Director	Mark Stevens, Assistant Director Direct Services

2. Executive summary

A full review of polling places was carried out in 2021 and was revisited in 2022, to incorporate feedback from the May 2022 elections. All local authorities are required

to conduct a review of its polling districts (the areas within the authorities' administrative boundaries where voting can take place), and polling places (the buildings within those areas where electors can vote) between 1 October 2023 and 31 January 2025. It is essential that Haringey Council completes this 'polling scheme' review work by January 2024 so that any necessary changes are in place in time for the preparations for the May 2024 GLA Mayoral and Assembly Elections.

Four amendments to the boundaries of the polling districts are proposed to make the walking distances to polling places more even:

- The boundary between CEN-A and CEN-B in the Crouch End ward is moved to the north to make walking distances to the polling stations in those polling districts more even.
- The boundary between WHL-A and WHL-B in the White Hart Lane ward is moved to the south to make walking distances to the polling places in those polling districts more even.
- The boundary between HRN-A and HRN-D moved to put the whole of Nightingale Lane in HRN-D
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Communications will be sent to the electors who will be subject to these changes. All electors will be sent a poll card with a map of the station. Polling station maps and routes will be available online on polling day. Communications about voter ID and postal and proxy voting will also be shared widely in the lead up to elections.

3. Consultation and engagement

3a. How will consultation and/or engagement inform your assessment of the impact of the proposal on protected groups of residents, service users and/or staff? Detail how your approach will facilitate the inclusion of protected groups likely to be impacted by the decision.

Consultation is required for the review by statute. The Electoral Commission Guidance states that, as well as political stakeholders and the electorate as a whole, we must in particular:

- seek representations from those who have particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability. Such persons must have an opportunity to make representations and to comment on the representations made by the (Acting) Returning Officer(s).

3b. Outline the key findings of your consultation / engagement activities once completed, particularly in terms of how this relates to groups that share the protected characteristics

A list of representative groups was contacted during the consultation process. A public notice of the review was displayed at a Council building and on the website inviting feedback. All elected representatives were also invited to comment.

Nine responses were received to the consultation. A full summary of the issues raised, and the responses given, are included in an appendix to the report and will be published on the Council's website after the conclusion of the review. The summary position is:

- three responses commented favourably on retaining the current arrangements.
- two responses set out proposals for new portable buildings to be put in place – for all these, the existing arrangements were found to be within the guidelines set for the review with one exception where an amendment to the boundaries was proposed as a result (White Hart Lane ward)
- two responses commented on the clarity of the proposals. Further clarification was provided.
- one response proposed changing back an amendment that had been made in the last polling district and polling place review. This was not taken forward at this point to minimise voter confusion
- one response suggested a change to the boundary, and this was taken forward in the proposals (Crouch End ward)

The two proposed changes were developed for consideration by the General Purposes Committee, resulting from the consultation feedback.

4. Data and Impact Analysis

Note: officers may want to complement their analysis with data from the State of the Borough and ward profiles, found here: <https://www.haringey.gov.uk/local-democracy/about-council/state-of-the-borough>.

Please consider how the proposed change will affect people with protected characteristics.

4a. Age

Data

Borough Profile¹

- 54,422: 0-17 (21%)
- 71,660: 18-34 (27%)
- 63,930: 35-49 (24%)
- 46,516: 50-64 (18%)
- 27,706: 65+ (10%)

Target Population Profile

¹ Census, 2021 – [Population and household estimates, England and Wales - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://www.ons.gov.uk/population-and-household-estimates)

This data is not available as not all electors have their date of birth on the electoral register.

ONS age data ²of the population as a whole (as opposed to the electorate) was used as a proxy to understand the age profiles of the two wards where changes were being proposed. It was also looked at in relation to the ward where changes were proposed and the walking distance needed to be considered.

² [Build a custom area profile - Census 2021, ONS](#)

Area	Percentage of population age 65+
Haringey	10.4
Crouch End	13.0
South Tottenham	7.8
White Hart Lane	10.8
England	18.4

The 65+ age population in Haringey is lower than the national average.

In terms of a broader picture of the impact of the review, it is a fact that all electors must be 18 and over. For all age groups, the issue of voting is more one of general infirmity in terms of ability to get to and from polling stations – and, in that respect, all age groups are considered equitably in trying to both standardise and minimise walking distances. The two proposed amendments seek to address the distance needed to be covered to reach a polling station.

Voting age is eighteen, with registration permitted from age sixteen. Eligibility to register is also restricted by nationality which is set by statute for each election. Some older people may be less used to technology. If their polling station has changed because of the recent reviews, they may be less familiar with online methods of finding the venue. Changes have only been proposed where they were needed to try to minimise voter confusion.

Paper poll cards with maps of the polling station location will be provided to all electors and a full communications plan is being put in place to communicate this message. Information on the changes has been included in print and digital media to meet the different requirements of all age groups, such as:

- the Haringey People magazine,
- posters on notice boards
- letters posted directly to electors about elections and to their households such as canvass forms
- emails where we hold email addresses for electors
- digital adverts and posters,
- on social media (posted messages and targeted advertising).

Under the Elections Act 2022, there is a new duty to ensure polling places are accessible to disabled people. The Electoral Commission (EC) has produced guidance to implement it. This guidance is being used along with the EC checklist for venues to ensure that details about venues and any reasonable adjustments required are fully recorded. This includes checks to make sure that doors can be opened by older people and that the doors can either be easily opened or be propped open.

Polling districts are decided based on the residence of the elector so those of all age groups do not need to travel far from their familiar locality.

Issues of physical accessibility have also been considered and may impact on different age groups.

Some schools may need to close if they are used as a polling station. If an alternative venue is not available, then efforts to reduce the impact of this are made. This includes using spaces on school sites that can be kept separate so that the school can remain open. Advanced warning of dates will be given where possible.

Amendments were requested of in two wards, Crouch End and White Hart Lane. The percentage of the population that is aged 65+ is higher than the Haringey average in both these wards. The walking distances from the boundaries to the polling places were found to be imbalanced. This imbalance would have had a larger impact on the older people of these wards, due to the slightly higher percentage of older people. The walking distance impact is being reduced by proposing changes to the boundaries to make the walking distances more even and this will also mitigate the impact on the older people in that ward.

One of the responses to the consultation expressed concern about the walking distance in one of the districts in the South Tottenham ward and how this could impact on older and/or disabled people.

A uniform approach is taken in determining the walking times to and from all polling places. The time to walk from the furthest point to Crowland Primary School is evaluated as eleven minutes which is within the limits set for the review. Whilst some electors may take less time than this, the time taken to walk that maximum distance for more elderly electors could be longer, although it is worth noting that the population in this ward aged 65+ is lower than the borough average. However, in considering equalities impacts, we need to balance the walking distance to a fixed building with the impact of using a portable building. Through its more recent reviews, the Council has moved away from the use of portacabins as much as possible unless there are absolutely no viable alternative options. The use of portable buildings is being minimised due to the limited facilities and the access challenges for both staff and electors. This impact is also being mitigated by the availability of postal and proxy votes.

Potential Impacts

There will potentially be negative impacts on age due to the location of polling places. The main impact on an older elector will be the distance from their home to the polling place, influenced by their normal level of physical activity and, thereby, their general mobility and the extent to which they might ordinarily take a walk of ten minutes or longer.

Mitigations include:

- ensuring that information on the locations of polling places is available in a range of digital and paper formats to ensure that electors go to the correct location first time.
- a walking distance limit of 10-15 minutes was set for polling places to make them as close to as many people as possible.
- Alternative voting options are available and advertised such as voting by post or proxy for those who are not able to attend their local polling station.

4b. Disability

Data

Borough Profile

- Disabled under Equality Act – 13.7%³
 - Day to day activities limited a lot – 6.1%
 - Day to day activities limited a little – 7.5%
- 7.5% of residents people diagnosed with depression⁴
- 1.7% of residents diagnosed with a severe mental illness⁵
- 0.4% of people in Haringey have a learning disability⁶

Target Population Profile

This data is not recorded in the electoral register.

ONS disability data ⁷of the population as a whole (as opposed to the electorate) was used as a proxy to understand the profiles of the two wards where changes were being proposed. It was also looked at in relation to the ward where changes were proposed, and the walking distance needed to be considered.

	Percentage of population disabled under the Equality Act
Haringey	13.7
Crouch End	13
South Tottenham	11.7
White Hart Lane	16.1
England	17.3

The percentage of the Haringey population who are disabled is lower than the national average.

Most of the buildings are in daily use as public spaces, but some are more refined than others. The number of buildings that we need to use on polling day means that we will need to use some spaces that are not yet entirely accessible. The review of all polling places means that we fully understand the requirements of each venue and how to make them as accessible as possible.

Under the Elections Act 2022, there is a new duty to ensure polling places are accessible to disabled people. The Electoral Commission (EC) have produced

³ Census, 2021 – [Disability, England and Wales - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://ons.gov.uk/people-and-population/disability)

⁴ NHS Quality Outcomes Framework – [Prevalence of diagnosed depression among GP registered population age 18+](https://www.nhs.uk/quality-improvement/quality-outcomes-framework/prevalence-of-diagnosed-depression-among-gp-registered-population-age-18/)

⁵ NHS Quality Outcomes Framework – [Prevalence of diagnosed mental health diagnosis among GP registered population age 18+](https://www.nhs.uk/quality-improvement/quality-outcomes-framework/prevalence-of-diagnosed-mental-health-diagnosis-among-gp-registered-population-age-18/)

⁶ PHE Learning disability profiles – <https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/learning-disabilities#page/0/gid/1938132702/pat/6/par/E12000007/ati/102/are/E09000014>

⁷ [Build a custom area profile - Census 2021, ONS](https://ons.gov.uk/people-and-population/disability/build-a-custom-area-profile)

guidance to implement it. This guidance is being used alongside the EC checklist for venues to ensure that details about venues and any reasonable adjustments required are fully recorded.

The Electoral Commission sheet requires us to account for a number of physical accessibility criteria, which may impact all electors but disproportionately affect those with a disability.

These include:

- Ramp access including on the building approach – where there is not existing ramp access, this will be put in place by the Election Team for polling day.
- Width of doors – this is to ensure that larger size motorised wheelchairs can be accommodated. In the main, venues have doors that are wide enough for such access although, for the two possible exceptions to this, alternatives to having suitable width doors were sought but not found. Full data is being gathered on the details of access to each polling place so that, where this may be an issue, this can be communicated. In those rare circumstances, signage will be put in place at the venues to ensure that electors are not disenfranchised. This will inform electors in motorised wheelchairs that we are aware of the issue and, to mitigate the impact, we will bring the required polling materials (ballot paper/ballot box) to them, while maintaining the secrecy of the ballot
- Transport access – all the polling stations are within easy access of public transport; some have accessible parking and others have nearby on-street parking.
- Doormats being level with the floor and floor surface – it is inevitable that some floor surfaces will become slippery in wet weather. Awareness of this risk on a wet day will be highlighted in training and materials will be provided to ensure the hazard is minimised.
- Although not the subject of this review, it is worth noting that accessible materials are available to assist electors in voting if required.

One impact on disabled people that can be addressed by this review is adjusting the boundaries to make the distances from the furthest points in the district to the polling places as even as possible. Amendments were requested in two wards - Crouch End and White Hart Lane. The percentage of the population that is disabled is higher than the Haringey average in one of these wards (WHL) and is very close to the average in the other (CEN). The walking distances from the boundaries to the polling places were found to be imbalanced. This imbalance would have had a larger impact on the disabled people of these wards, due to the slightly higher percentage of disabled people. The walking distance impact is being reduced by proposing changes to the boundaries to make the walking distances more even and this will also mitigate the impact on the disabled people in that ward.

One of the responses to the consultation expressed concern about the walking distance in the one of the districts in the South Tottenham ward and how this could impact on older and/or disabled people.

A uniform approach is taken in determining the walking times to and from all polling places. The time to walk from the furthest point to Crowland Primary School is

evaluated as eleven minutes which is within the limits set for the review. Whilst some electors may take less time than this, the time taken to walk that maximum distance for more elderly electors could be longer, although it is worth noting that the population in this ward aged 65+ is lower than the borough average. However, in considering equalities impacts, we need to balance the walking distance to a fixed building with the impact of using a portable building. Through its more recent reviews, the Council has moved away from the use of portacabins as much as possible unless there are absolutely no viable alternative options. The use of portable buildings is being minimised due to the limited facilities and the access challenges for both staff and electors. This impact is also being mitigated by the availability of postal and proxy votes.

Potential Impacts

There will be potential negative impacts on disabled people due to the location of polling places. The main impact on a disabled elector will be the distance from their home to the polling place and being able to find the correct location/entrance.

Mitigations include:

- ensuring that information on the locations of polling places is available in a range of digital and paper formats to ensure that electors go to the correct location first time.
- a walking distance limit of 10-15 minutes was set for polling places to make them as close to as many people as possible.
- Alternative voting options are available and advertised such as voting by post or proxy for those who are not able to attend their local polling station.
- Support is provided at polling places to allow people to vote independently.

4c. Gender Reassignment

Data

Borough Profile⁸

- Gender Identity different from sex registered at birth but no specific identity given – 0.5%
- Trans woman – 0.1%
- Trans man - 0.1%

Target Population Profile

Gender reassignment data is not recorded on the electoral register, but the proposed changes will not disproportionately impact residents with a gender different to that assigned at birth, so the potential impacts will be neutral.

4d. Marriage and Civil Partnership

⁸ Census, 2021 – [Gender identity, England and Wales - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandlife/birthsdeathsandmarriages/genderidentity)

Note: Only the first part of the equality duty (“*Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act*”) applies to this protected characteristic.

Data

Borough Profile ⁹

- Divorced or formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved: (9.9%)
- Married or registered civil partnership: (35.8%)
- Separated (but still legally married or still legally in a same-sex civil partnership): (2.9%%)
- Single (never married or never registered a same-sex civil partnership): (45.3%)
- Widowed or surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership: (6.1%)

Target Population Profile

Marriage and Civil Partnership data is not recorded on the electoral register, but there will not be disproportionate impact to people based on marriage or civil partnership status, so the potential impacts will be neutral.

4e. Pregnancy and Maternity

Note¹⁰:

- Pregnancy is the condition of being pregnant or expecting a baby.
- Maternity refers to the period after the birth and is linked to maternity leave in the employment context. In the non-work context, protection against maternity discrimination is for 26 weeks after giving birth, and this includes treating a woman unfavourably because she is breastfeeding.

Data

Borough Profile ¹¹

Live Births in Haringey 2021: 3,376

Target Population Profile

Pregnancy and maternity status are not recorded on the electoral register. Arrangements to mitigate any barriers that may result from this protected characteristic have been considered for all venues. Seating will be provided for those who need it, and children are allowed into polling places with their parents.

4f. Race

⁹ Census, 2021 – [Marriage and civil partnership status in England and Wales - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/relationshipsandmarriage/articles/marriageandcivilpartnershipstatusinenglandandwales/2021)

¹⁰ Equality and Human Rights Commission, 2022 – [Pregnancy and maternity discrimination](https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/2022-03-22-pregnancy-and-maternity-discrimination).

¹¹ Births by Borough (ONS)

In the Equality Act 2010, race can mean ethnic or national origins, which may or may not be the same as a person's current nationality.¹²

Data

Borough Profile ¹³

Arab: 1.0%

- Any other ethnic group: 8.7%

Asian: 8.7%

- Bangladeshi: 1.8%
- Chinese: 1.5%
- Indian: 2.2%
- Pakistani: 0.8%
- Other Asian: 2.4%

Black: 17.6%

- African: 9.4%
- Caribbean: 6.2%
- Other Black: 2.0%

Mixed: 7.0%

- White and Asian: 1.5%
- White and Black African: 1.0%
- White and Black Caribbean: 2.0%
- Other Mixed: 2.5%

White: 57.0% in total

- English/Welsh/Scottish/Norther Irish/British: 31.9%
- Irish: 2.2%
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller: 0.1%
- Roma: 0.8%
- Other White: 22.1%

Target Population Profile

Race and ethnicity data are not recorded on the electoral register, but there will not be disproportionate impact based on race, so the potential impacts will be neutral.

4g. Religion or belief

¹² [Race discrimination | Equality and Human Rights Commission \(equalityhumanrights.com\)](https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/anti-discrimination-law/race-discrimination)

¹³ Census 2021 - [Ethnic group, England and Wales - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/ethnicity/bulletins/census2021)

Data

Borough Profile ¹⁴

- Christian: 39%
- Buddhist: 0.9%
- Hindu: 1.3%
- Jewish: 3.6%
- Muslim: 12.6%
- No religion: 31.6%
- Other religion: 2.3%
- Religion not stated: 8.0%
- Sikh: 0.3%

Target Population Profile

Religion and belief are not recorded on the electoral register. Some of the venues are faith-based buildings. These are being used as community spaces, not for the purposes of practising a religion so there will be a neutral impact.

4h. Sex

Data

Borough profile ¹⁵

- Females: (51.8%)
- Males: (48.2%)

Target Population Profile

Sex is not recorded on the electoral register, but residents will not be disproportionately impact based on sex, so the potential impacts will be neutral.

4i. Sexual Orientation

Data

Borough profile ¹⁶

- Straight or heterosexual: 83.4%
- Gay or Lesbian: 2.7%
- Bisexual: 2.1%
- All other sexual orientations: 0.8%
- Not answered: 11.0%

Target Population Profile

¹⁴ Census, 2021 – [Religion, England and Wales - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://www.ons.gov.uk)

¹⁵ Census 2021 – [Gender identity: age and sex, England and Wales - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://www.ons.gov.uk)

¹⁶ Census, 2021 – [Sexual orientation, England and Wales - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://www.ons.gov.uk)

Sexual orientation is not recorded on the electoral register, but residents will not be disproportionately impacted based on sexual orientation, so the potential impacts will be neutral.

4j. Socioeconomic Status

Data

Borough profile

Income

- 6.9% of the population of Haringey were claiming unemployment benefit as of April 2023¹⁷
- 19.6% of residents were claiming Universal Credit as of March 2023¹⁸
- 29.3% of jobs in Haringey are paid below the London Living Wage¹⁹

Educational Attainment

- Haringey ranks 25th out of 32 in London for GCSE attainment (% of pupils achieving strong 9-5 pass in English and Maths)²⁰
- 3.7% of Haringey's working age population had no qualifications as of 2021²¹
- 5.0% were qualified to level one only²²

Area Deprivation

Haringey is the 4th most deprived in London as measured by the IMD score 2019. The most deprived LSOAs (Lower Super Output Areas, or small neighbourhood areas) are more heavily concentrated in the east of the borough, where more than half of the LSOAs fall into the 20% most deprived in the country.²³

Target Population Profile

Socioeconomic status is not recorded on the electoral register, but residents will not be disproportionately impacted based on socioeconomic status, so the potential impacts will be neutral.

5. Key Impacts Summary

5a. Outline the key findings of your data analysis.

The visits to the proposed new polling places, and consultation about the proposals, concluded that the venues that we plan to use either meet the

¹⁷ ONS – [ONS Claimant Count](#)

¹⁸ DWP, StatXplore – [Universal Credit statistics, 29 April 2013 to 9 March 2023 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

¹⁹ ONS – [Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings \(ASHE\) - Estimates of the number and proportion of employee jobs with hourly pay below the living wage, by work geography, local authority and parliamentary constituency, UK, April 2017 and April 2018 - Office for National Statistics](#)

²⁰ DfE – [GCSE attainment and progress 8 scores](#)

²¹ LG Inform – [Data and reports | LG Inform \(local.gov.uk\)](#)

²² LG Inform – [Data and reports | LG Inform \(local.gov.uk\)](#)

²³ IMD 2019 – [English indices of deprivation 2019 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

requirements of all electors or that reasonable adjustments can be made to make the venues accessible.

5b. Intersectionality

- Many proposals will predominantly impact individuals who have more than one protected characteristic, thereby transforming the impact of the decision.
- This section is about applying a systemic analysis to the impact of the decision and ensuring protected characteristics are not considered in isolation from the individuals who embody them.
- Please consider if there is an impact on one or more of the protected groups? Who are the groups and what is the impact?

The focus of delivery of the polling scheme is to make voting as accessible as possible to everyone who is eligible. Much of the considerations in this report are about physical access so this will address the requirements where those intersect e.g. age and disability. These will be addressed by either using accessible venues, making venues accessible or, through the associated communications plan, promoting alternative ways of voting e.g. postal or proxy. The accessibility requirements of the Elections Act 2022 also include the accessibility of the electoral process at all stages. An important aspect of this will be to share information on polling places and the facilities at each as part of the engagement plan.

5c. Data Gaps

Based on your data are there any relevant groups who have not yet been consulted or engaged? Please explain how you will address this

The electoral register is a statutory database and does not hold data on many of the characteristics. The guidance requires that the proposals for the polling districts and polling places are sent to local experts in disability. This was sent to the available contacts for representative groups. No responses were received from these groups. As part of the wider work that Electoral Services is doing on implementing and communicating the Elections Act 2022, other activities are being developed with a whole range of community groups to ensure that the information is cascaded, and feedback is gathered.

6. Overall impact of the policy for the Public Sector Equality Duty

Summarise the key implications of the decision for people with protected characteristics.

In your answer, please consider the following three questions:

- Could the proposal result in any direct/indirect discrimination for any group that shares the relevant protected characteristics?
- Will the proposal help to advance equality of opportunity between groups who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not?

- Will the proposal help to foster good relations between groups who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not?

As noted in the relevant sections above, there will be both direct and indirect impacts on disabled and/or older electors, but the mitigations set out will be implemented - such as ensuring information about polling places is readily available and that reasonable adjustments are identified and made.

Electors have the choice to go to a polling station or to use an absent vote (either by post or proxy). This allows people a range of opportunities for participating in the electoral process. The review has aimed to ensure an even spread of accessible polling places across the borough where these are available.

The work on this review built on the previous reviews and their respective EqIAs.

The requirements for polling places have been established to make the venues accessible for all in terms of distance and location and inspections of all venues are being planned. Management of the polling stations to ensure that they provide a welcoming environment on election day is a separate issue from accessibility. Planning for this will be put in place using Electoral Commission guidance on the accessibility elements of the Elections Act 2022.

7. Amendments and mitigations

7a. What changes, if any, do you plan to make to your proposal because of the Equality Impact Assessment?

No major change to the proposal: this EqIA demonstrates the proposal is robust and there is no potential for discrimination or significantly adverse impact. All opportunities to promote equality have been taken. Mitigation has been identified for all the inequalities and negative impacts.

7b. What specific actions do you plan to take to remove or mitigate any actual or potential negative impact and to further the aims of the Equality Duty?

Action:

The key limitation that is faced in developing a polling scheme is identifying a suitable set of fully accessible buildings that are conveniently located. Alternative options have been sought wherever this has been an issue. Where it has not been possible to make changes, this will be mitigated using information. Early information on polling station locations and their accessibility provisions will assist electors in making informed choices about how to vote. Communication about alternative voting methods and how to utilise them (postal or proxy) will allow people to vote without attending a polling station.

Lead officer: **Lesley Rennie**

Timescale: Ongoing as part of preparations for elections and as part of the electoral registration and absent vote application processes

Please outline any areas you have identified where negative impacts will happen because of the proposal, but it is not possible to mitigate them.

Please provide a complete and honest justification on why it is not possible to mitigate the:

N/A

7. Ongoing monitoring

Feedback is sought after each election on the suitability of the polling scheme and the size of the electorate allocated to each polling place as well as the location and facilities there. This information is gathered from a variety of sources (polling station staff, political party representatives and public feedback). This polling scheme review was triggered by feedback from this type of information gathering.

Date of EqlA monitoring review:

The Polling Stations will be reviewed following the 2 May 2024 Mayor and Greater London Assembly Elections, which are the next planned elections.

8. Authorisation

EqlA approved by **Mark Stevens, Assistant Director Direct Services**

Date **6th December 2023**

9. Publication

Please ensure the completed EqlA is published in accordance with the Council's policy.

Please contact the Policy & Strategy Team for any feedback on the EqlA process.

Haringey Council Polling Scheme

**Corporate Committee
16 November 2021**

**As amended by the
Corporate Committee
2 February 2023**

**As Amended by the General
Purposes Committee 21 December
2023**

Agreed/ amended	Ward	Parliamentary Constituency	Future Parliamentary Constituency	Polling District Code	Polling Place
Agreed 16 November 2021	Alexandra Park	Hornsey & Wood Green	Hornsey and Friern Barnet	APK-A	Freehold Community Centre, Alexandra Road, Muswell Hill, London, N10 2EY
Agreed 16 November 2021	Alexandra Park	Hornsey & Wood Green	Hornsey and Friern Barnet	APK-B	Alexandra Park Library, Alexandra Park Road, London, N22 7UJ
Agreed 16 November 2021	Alexandra Park	Hornsey & Wood Green	Hornsey and Friern Barnet	APK-C	Polling district APK-C (to allow a portable building to be sited as appropriate at the time of the election)
Agreed 16 November 2021	Bounds Green	Hornsey & Wood Green	Southgate and Wood Green	BGR-A	Bounds Green Junior School Bounds Green Road, London, N11 2QG
Agreed 16 November 2021	Bounds Green	Hornsey & Wood Green	Southgate and Wood Green	BGR-B	Walt Green Co, 99 Myddleton Road, London, N22 8NE
Agreed 16 November 2021	Bounds Green	Hornsey & Wood Green	Southgate and Wood Green	BGR-C	Newbury House, Partridge Way, London, N22 8DU
Agreed 16 November 2021	Bruce Castle	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	BRC-A	Devonshire Hill Primary School, Weir Hall Road, London, N17 8LB
Agreed 16 November 2021	Bruce Castle	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	BRC-B	The Irish Centre (current name - to be renamed), Pretoria Road, London, N17 8DX
Agreed 16 November 2021	Bruce Castle	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	BRC-C	Lancasterian Primary School, Kings Road, London, N17 8NN
Agreed 16 November 2021	Bruce Castle	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	BRC-D	The Scout Hall, All Hallows, All Hallows Road, London, N17 7AD
Amended 21 December 2023	Crouch End	Hornsey & Wood Green	Hornsey and Friern Barnet	CEN-A	Abide Church, 145 Park Road, London, N8 8JN

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Amended 21 December 2023	Crouch End	Hornsey & Wood Green	Hornsey and Friern Barnet	CEN-B	Christ Church Crouch End, Crouch End Hill, London, N8 8AX
Agreed 16 November 2021	Crouch End	Hornsey & Wood Green	Hornsey and Friern Barnet	CEN-C	Hornsey Library, Haringey Park, London, N8 9JA
Agreed 16 November 2021	Fortis Green	Hornsey & Wood Green	Hornsey and Friern Barnet	FGR-A	Coldfall Primary School, Coldfall Avenue, London, N10 1HS
Agreed 16 November 2021	Fortis Green	Hornsey & Wood Green	Hornsey and Friern Barnet	FGR-B	Fortismere School, Tetherdown, Muswell Hill, London, N10 1NE
Agreed 16 November 2021	Fortis Green	Hornsey & Wood Green	Hornsey and Friern Barnet	FGR-C	Muswell Hill Methodist Church, 28 Pages Lane, London, N10 1PP
Agreed 16 November 2021	Fortis Green	Hornsey & Wood Green	Hornsey and Friern Barnet	FGR-D	St James C of E Primary School, Woodside Avenue, London, N10 3JA
Agreed 16 November 2021	Harringay	Tottenham	Hornsey and Friern Barnet	HAR-A	Willoughby Methodist Hall, Hampden Road, London, N8 0HU
Agreed 16 November 2021	Harringay	Tottenham	Hornsey and Friern Barnet	HAR-B	The Falkland Centre, Entrance on Frobisher Road, North Harringay Primary School, Falkland Road, London, N8 0NU
Agreed 16 November 2021	Harringay	Tottenham	Hornsey and Friern Barnet	HAR-C	South Harringay Junior School, Mattison Road, London, N4 1BD
Agreed 16 November 2021	Harringay	Tottenham	Hornsey and Friern Barnet	HAR-D	St Paul's Church Centre, Cavendish Road, London, N4 1RW
Agreed 16 November 2021	Hermitage & Gardens	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	HEG-A	Polling district HEG-A (to allow a portable building to be sited as appropriate at the time of the election)

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Agreed 16 November 2021	Hermitage & Gardens	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	HEG-B	Tiverton Primary School, Pulford Road, London, N15 6SP
Agreed 16 November 2021	Hermitage & Gardens	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	HEG-C	Polling district HEG-C (to allow a portable building to be sited as appropriate at the time of the election)
Agreed 16 November 2021	Highgate	Hornsey & Wood Green	Hampstead and Highgate	HGH-A	Highgate Primary Family Centre, Storey Road, North Hill, London, N6 4ED
Agreed 16 November 2021	Highgate	Hornsey & Wood Green	Hampstead and Highgate	HGH-B	St Michael's CE Primary School, North Road, London, N6 4BG
Amended 2 February 2023	Highgate	Hornsey & Wood Green	Hampstead and Highgate	HGH-C	Highgate Library, 1 Shepherd's Hill, N6 5QJ
Agreed 16 November 2021	Highgate	Hornsey & Wood Green	Hampstead and Highgate	HGH-D	Highgate International Church, 272 Archway Road, London, N6 5AU
Amended 2 February 2023	Hornsey	Hornsey & Wood Green	Hornsey and Friern Barnet	HRN-A	Moravian Church Priory Road, London, N8 7HR
Amended 2 February 2023	Hornsey	Hornsey & Wood Green	Hornsey and Friern Barnet	HRN-B	Kurdish Advice Centre, 1 Eastfield Road, London N8 7AD
Agreed 16 November 2021	Hornsey	Hornsey & Wood Green	Hornsey and Friern Barnet	HRN-C	St. Mary's CE Primary School, Church Lane, London, N8 7BU
Amended 2 February 2023	Hornsey	Hornsey & Wood Green	Hornsey and Friern Barnet	HRN-D	Middle Lane Methodist Church, 2E Lightfoot Rd, London N8 7JN
Agreed 16 November 2021	Hornsey	Hornsey & Wood Green	Hornsey and Friern Barnet	HRN-E	Hornsey School for Girls, Inderwick Road, London, N8 9JF
Agreed 16 November 2021	Muswell Hill	Hornsey & Wood Green	Hornsey and Friern Barnet	MUH-A	The Birchwood Hall, 171 Fortis Green Road, London, N10 3BG

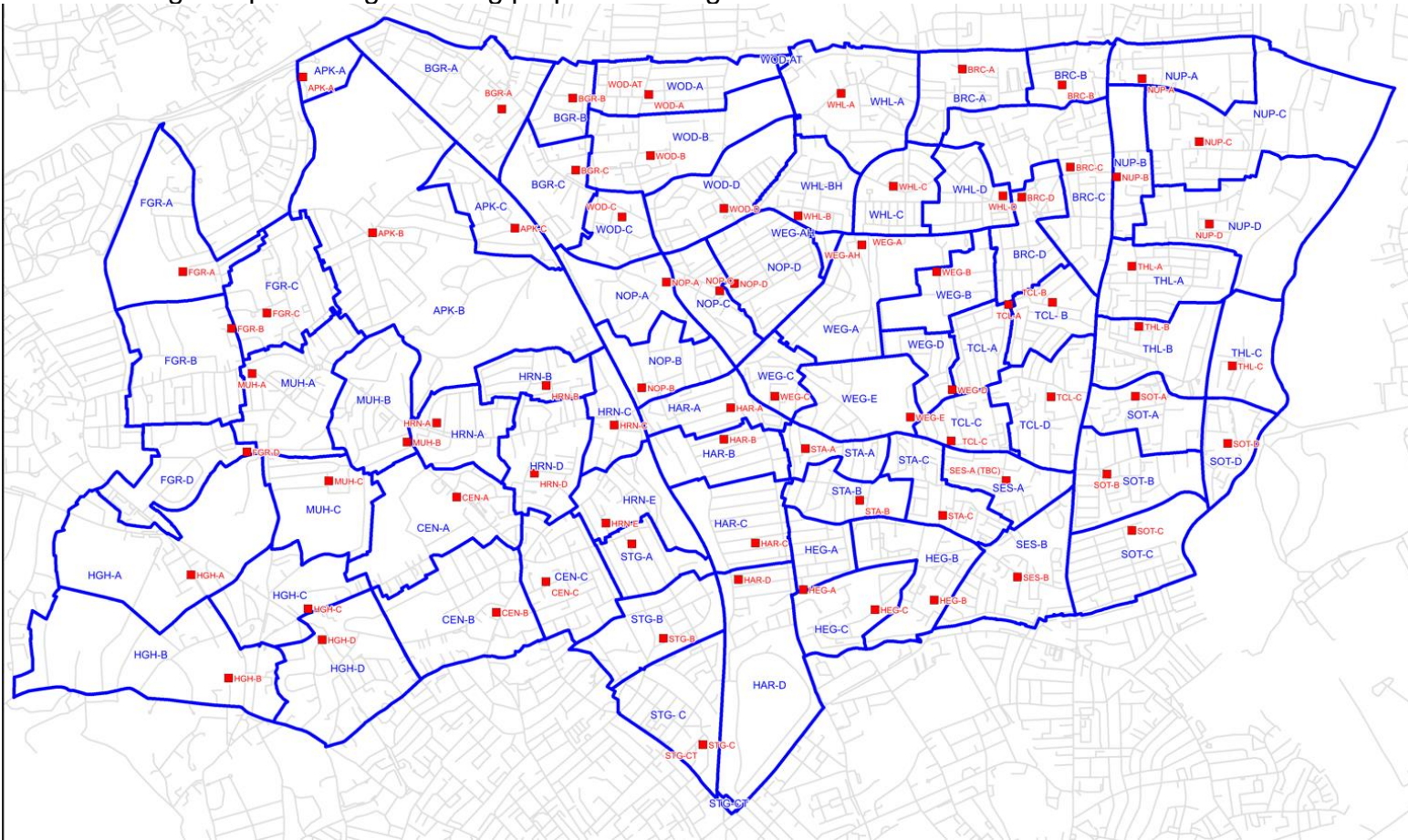
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Agreed 16 November 2021	Muswell Hill	Hornsey & Wood Green	Hornsey and Friern Barnet	MUH-B	Hornsey Parish Church, St Mary with St George, Cranley Gardens, London, N10 3AH
Agreed 16 November 2021	Muswell Hill	Hornsey & Wood Green	Hornsey and Friern Barnet	MUH-C	Polling district MUH-C (to allow a portable building to be sited as appropriate at the time of the election)
Amended 2 February 2023	Noel Park	Hornsey & Wood Green	Southgate and Wood Green	NOP-A	Wood Green Central Library, High Road, London, N22 6XD
Amended 2 February 2023	Noel Park	Hornsey & Wood Green	Southgate and Wood Green	NOP-B	London Alevi Cultural Centre and Cemevi , 19 Clarendon Road, Hornsey N8 0DD, London
Agreed 16 November 2021	Noel Park	Hornsey & Wood Green	Southgate and Wood Green	NOP-C	St Mark's Church, Ashley Crescent/Gladstone Ave, Noel Park, Wood Green N22 6LJ
Agreed 16 November 2021	Noel Park	Hornsey & Wood Green	Southgate and Wood Green	NOP-D	Noel Park Primary School, Gladstone Avenue, London, N22 6LH
Agreed 16 November 2021	Northumberland Park	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	NUP-A	Calvary Church, Northumberland Park, London, N17 0TB
Agreed 16 November 2021	Northumberland Park	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	NUP-B	The Old Bell Brewery, 676a High Road, London, N17 0AE
Agreed 16 November 2021	Northumberland Park	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	NUP-C	Neighbourhood Resource Centre, 177 Park Lane, London, N17 0HJ
Agreed 16 November 2021	Northumberland Park	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	NUP-D	Harris Primary Academy, Halefield Road, London, N17 9XT
Amended 2 February 2023	Seven Sisters	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	SES-A	Polling district SES-A (to allow a portable building to be sited as appropriate at the time of the election)

Agreed/ amended	Ward	Parliamentary Constituency	Future Parliamentary Constituency	Polling District Code	Polling Place
Agreed 16 November 2021	Seven Sisters	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	SES-B	Triangle Community Centre, 91- 93 St Ann's Road, London, N15 6NU
Agreed 16 November 2021	South Tottenham	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	SOT-A	Welbourne Children Centre, Stainby Road, London, N15 4EA
Agreed 16 November 2021	South Tottenham	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	SOT-B	Earlsmead Primary School, Wakefield Road entrance, London, N15 4PW
Agreed 16 November 2021	South Tottenham	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	SOT-C	Crowland Primary School, Crowland Road, London, N15 6UX
Agreed 16 November 2021	South Tottenham	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	SOT-D	Ferry Lane Primary School, Jarrow Road, Ferry Lane Estate, London, N17 9PS
Agreed 16 November 2021	St Ann's	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	STA-A	St John Vianney, Stanley Road, London, N15 3HD
Agreed 16 November 2021	St Ann's	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	STA-B	Chestnuts Primary School, Etherley Road, London, N15 3AS
Agreed 16 November 2021	St Ann's	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	STA-C	St Ann's Church Hall, Avenue Road, London, N15 5JH
Amended 21 December 2023	Stroud Green	Hornsey & Wood Green	Hornsey and Friern Barnet	STG-A	Hornsey Vale Community Centre, 60 Mayfield Road, N8 9LP
Amended 21 December 2023	Stroud Green	Hornsey & Wood Green	Hornsey and Friern Barnet	STG-B	Holy Trinity Church Hall, Stapleton Hall Road, London, N4 4RH
Agreed 16 November 2021	Stroud Green	Hornsey & Wood Green	Hornsey and Friern Barnet	STG-C	Stroud Green School, Corner of Woodstock Road and Perth Road, London, N4 3EX

Agreed/ amended	Ward	Parliamentary Constituency	Future Parliamentary Constituency	Polling District Code	Polling Place
Agreed 16 November 2021	Stroud Green	Tottenham	Hornsey and Friern Barnet	STG-CT	Stroud Green School, Corner of Woodstock Road and Perth Road, London, N4 3EX
Agreed 16 November 2021	Tottenham Central	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	TCL-A	Miller Memorial Hall, The Avenue, London, N17 6TG
Agreed 16 November 2021	Tottenham Central	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	TCL-B	Bruce Grove Primary School, Sperling Road, London, N17 6UH
Amended 2 February 2023	Tottenham Central	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	TCL-C	Dorset Hall, Dorset Road, London, N15 5AF
Amended 2 February 2023	Tottenham Central	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	TCL-D	Tottenham Green Leisure Centre and Marcus Garvey Library site, 1 Philip Lane, London, N15 4JA
Agreed 16 November 2021	Tottenham Hale	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	THL-A	Mulberry Primary School, Parkhurst Road, London, N17 9RB
Agreed 16 November 2021	Tottenham Hale	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	THL-B	Mitchley Road Halls, Mitchley Road, London, N17 9HG
Agreed 16 November 2021	Tottenham Hale	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	THL-C	The Engine Room, Eagle Heights, Lebus Street, London, N17 9FU
Amended 2 February 2023	West Green	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	WEG-A	St Benet Fink Hall, Walpole Road, London, N17 6BH
Agreed 16 November 2021	West Green	Hornsey & Wood Green	Tottenham (NEW)	WEG-AH	St Benet Fink Hall, Walpole Road, London, N17 6BH
Agreed 16 November 2021	West Green	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	WEG-B	Broadwater Farm Community Centre, Adams Road, London, N17 6HE
Amended 2 February 2023	West Green	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	WEG-C	Milton Road Community Centre, Between Willow Walk & Milton Road, London, N15 3DT

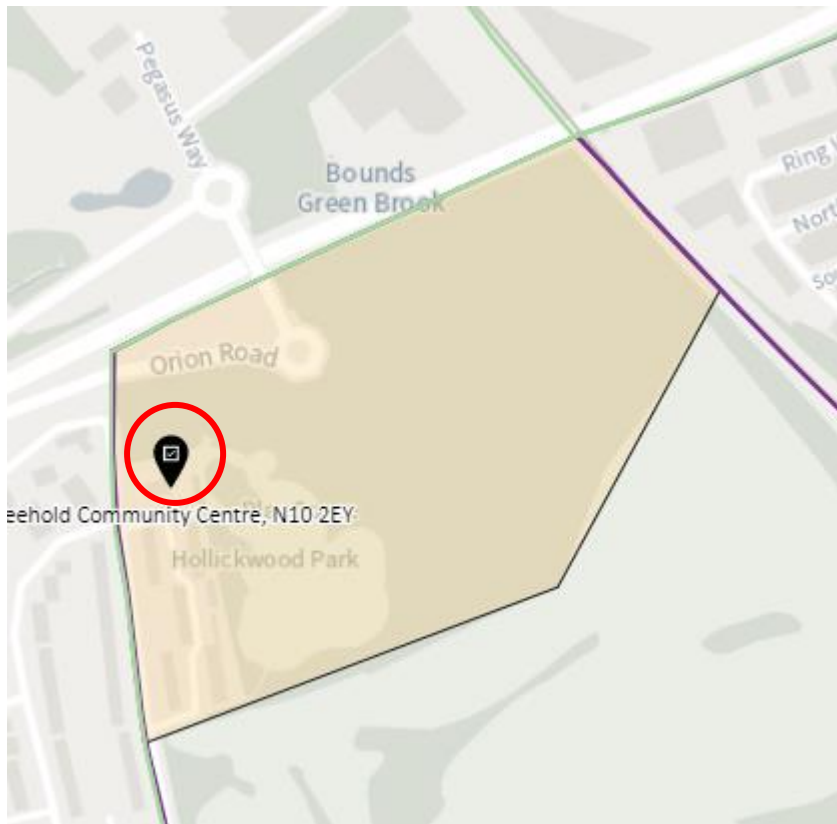
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Amended 2 February 2023	West Green	Tottenham	Tottenham (NEW)	WEG-E	Harris Primary Academy, Philip Lane, London, N15 4AB
Agreed 16 November 2021	White Hart Lane	Tottenham	Southgate and Wood Green	WHL-A	Coles Park, White Hart Lane, London, N17 7JP
Amended 21 December 2023	White Hart Lane	Hornsey & Wood Green	Southgate and Wood Green	WHL-BH	Eldon Road Baptist Church, Eldon Road, London, N22 5DT
Amended 21 December 2023	White Hart Lane	Tottenham	Southgate and Wood Green	WHL-C	Trinity Church, 8 Gospatrick Road, London, N17 7EE
Agreed 16 November 2021	White Hart Lane	Tottenham	Southgate and Wood Green	WHL-D	Risley Avenue Primary School, The Roundway, London, N17 7AB
Agreed 16 November 2021	Woodside	Hornsey & Wood Green	Southgate and Wood Green	WOD-A	New Testament Church of God, Arcadian Gardens, High Road, London, N22 8JR
Agreed 16 November 2021	Woodside	Tottenham	Southgate and Wood Green	WOD-AT	New Testament Church of God, Arcadian Gardens, High Road, London, N22 8JR
Agreed 16 November 2021	Woodside	Hornsey & Wood Green	Southgate and Wood Green	WOD-B	Cypriot Community Centre, Earlam Grove, London, N22 5HJ
Agreed 16 November 2021	Woodside	Hornsey & Wood Green	Southgate and Wood Green	WOD-C	St Michaels Church Hall, 37 Bounds Green Road, London, N22 8SD
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Whole borough map showing including proposed changes

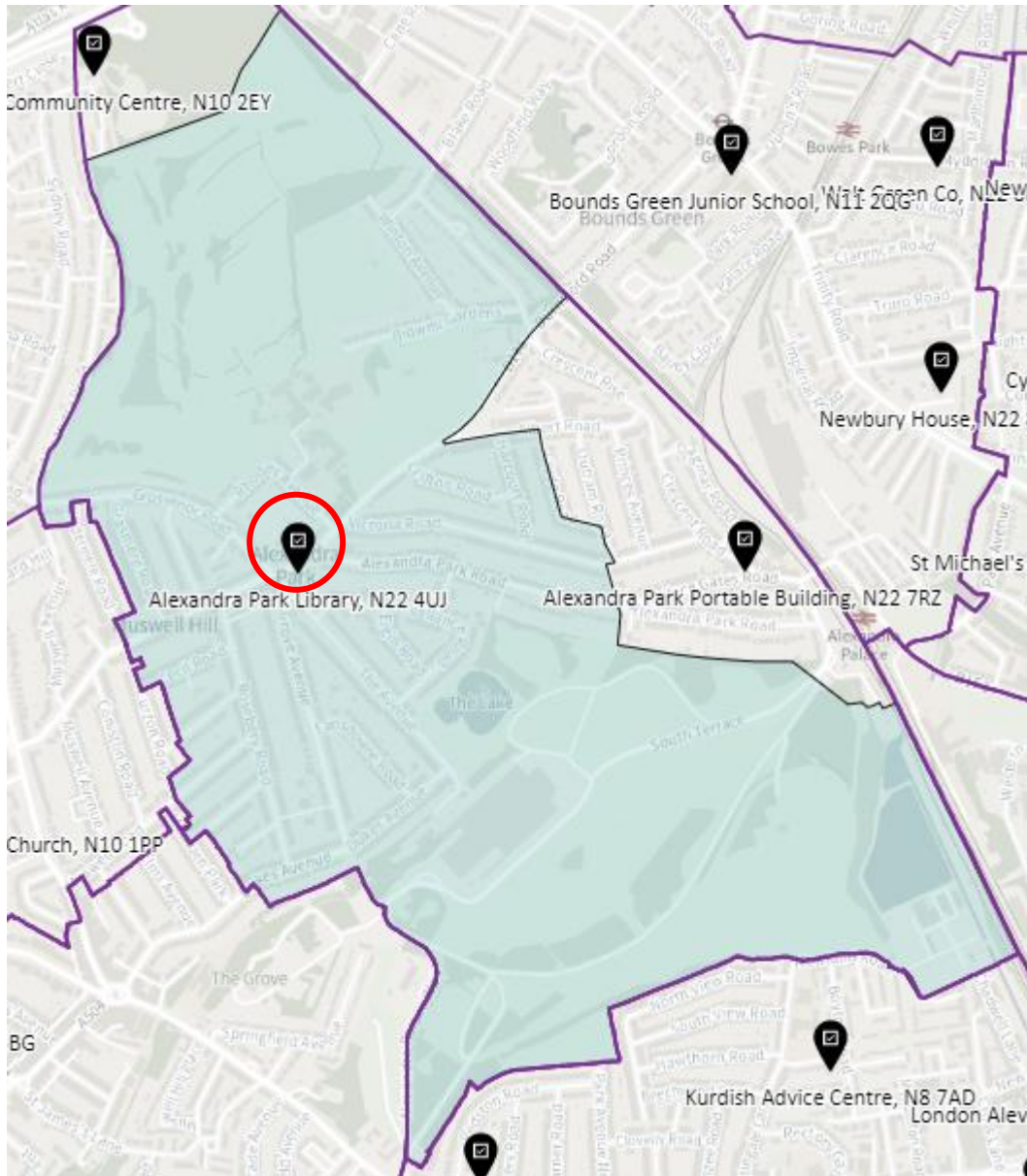


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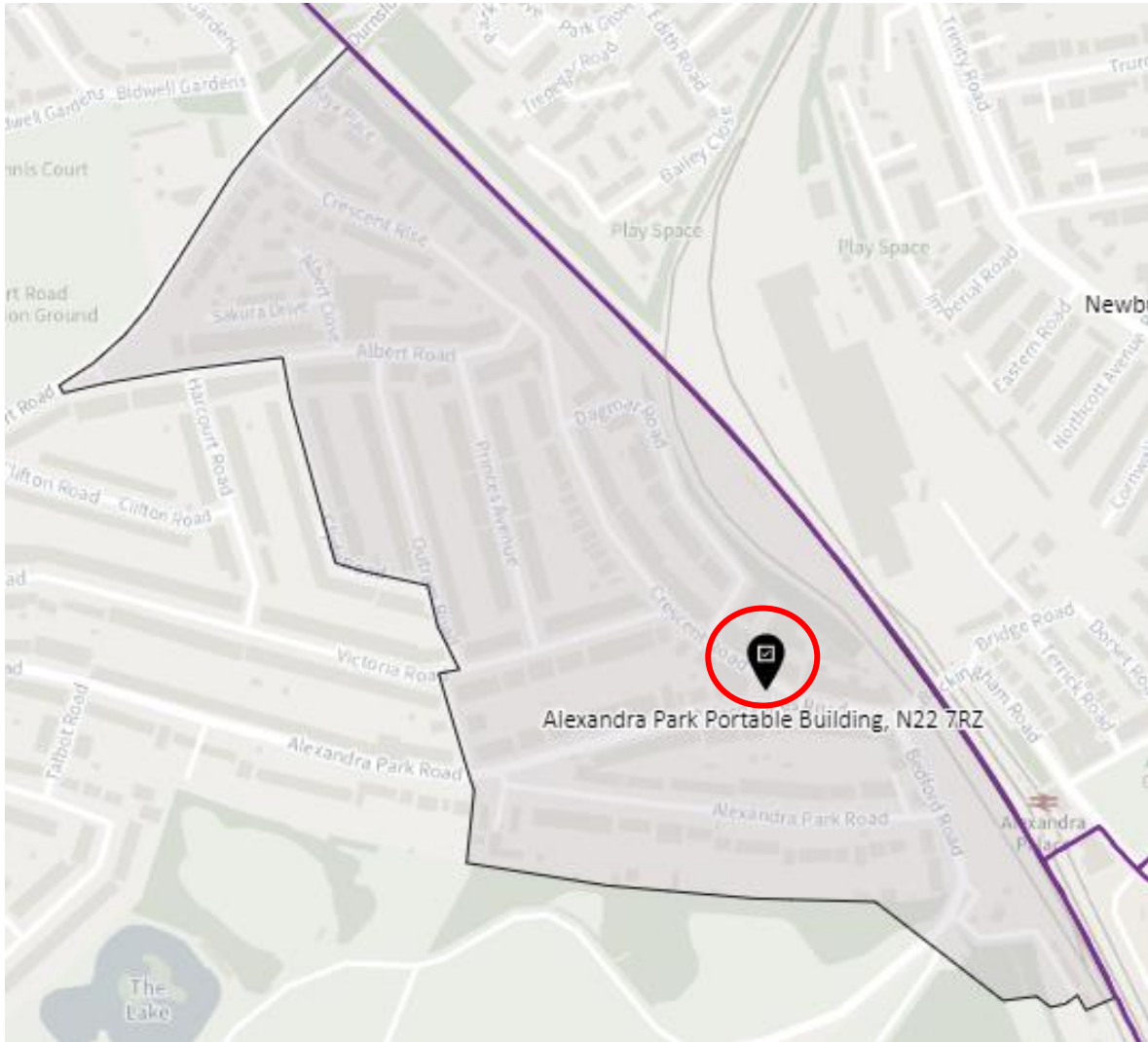
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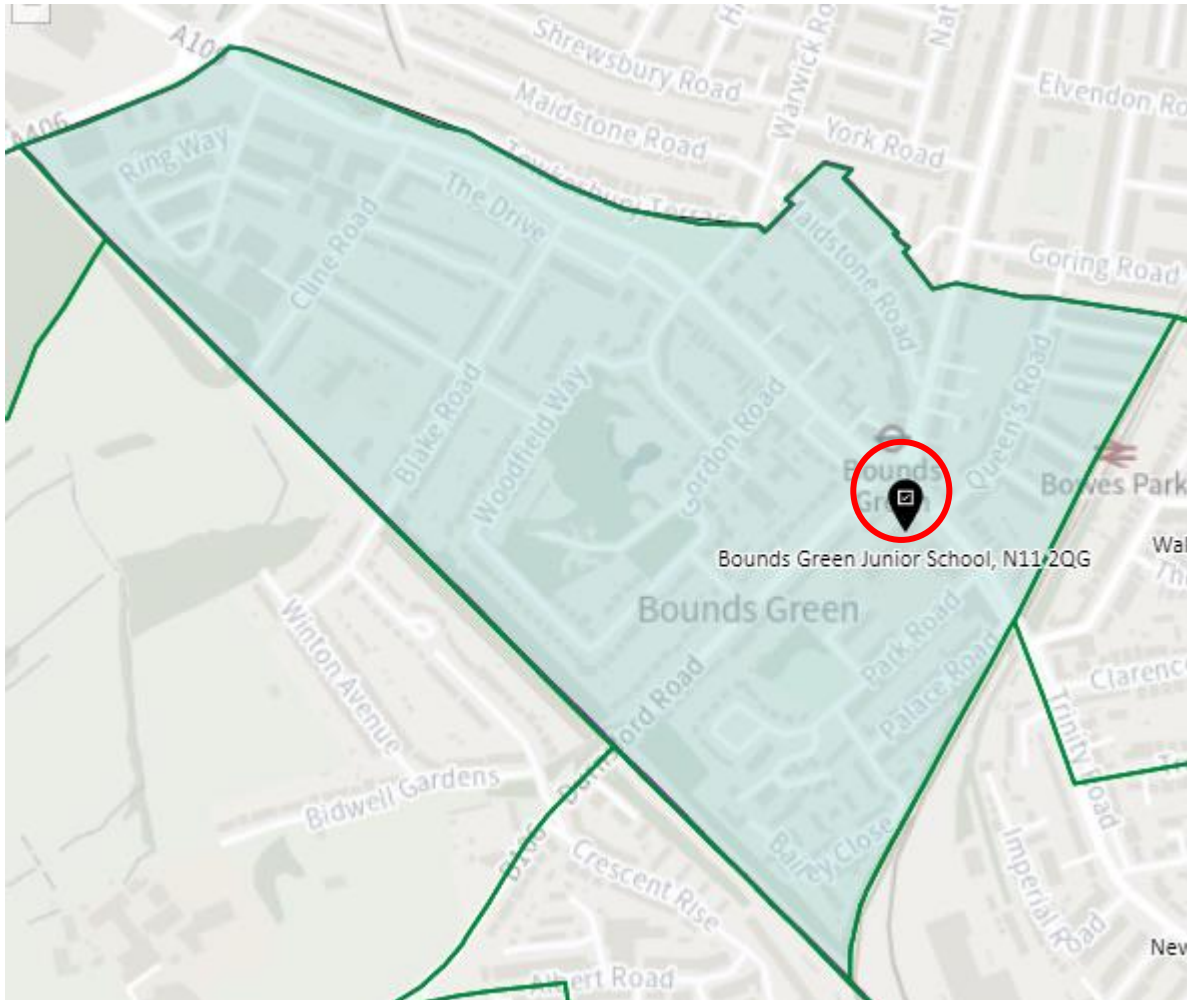


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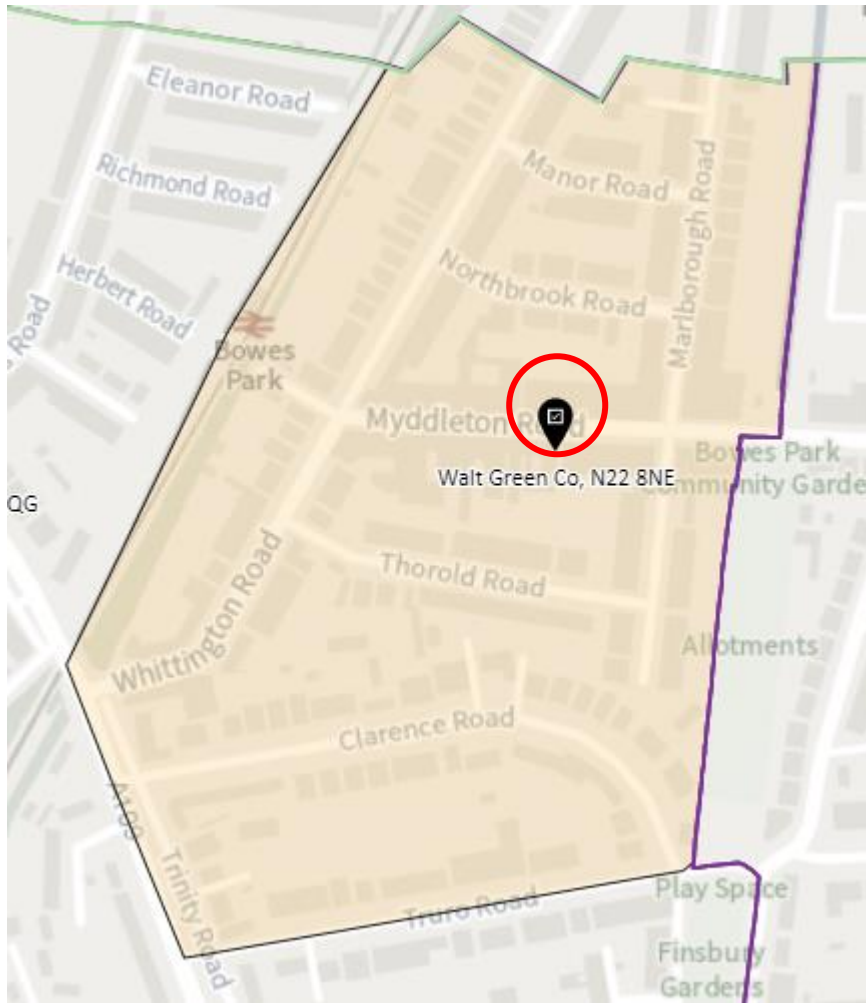


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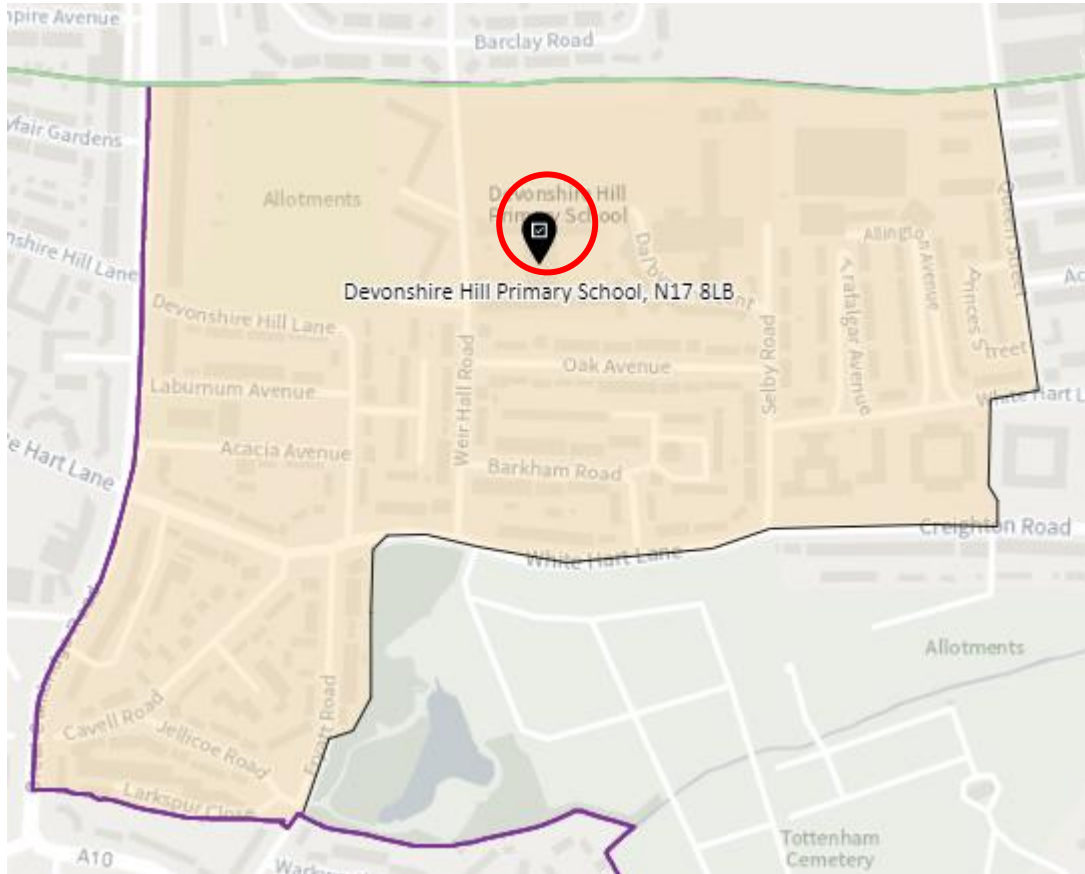


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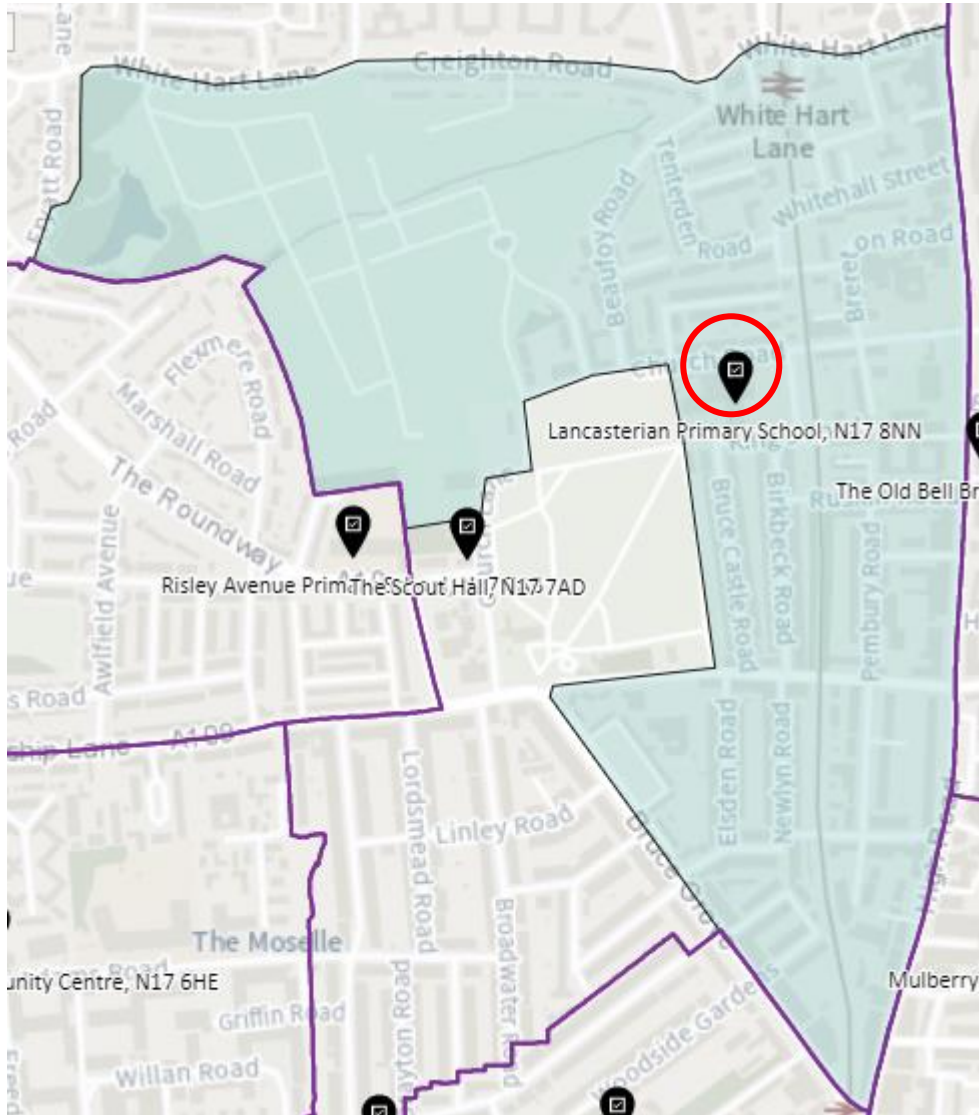
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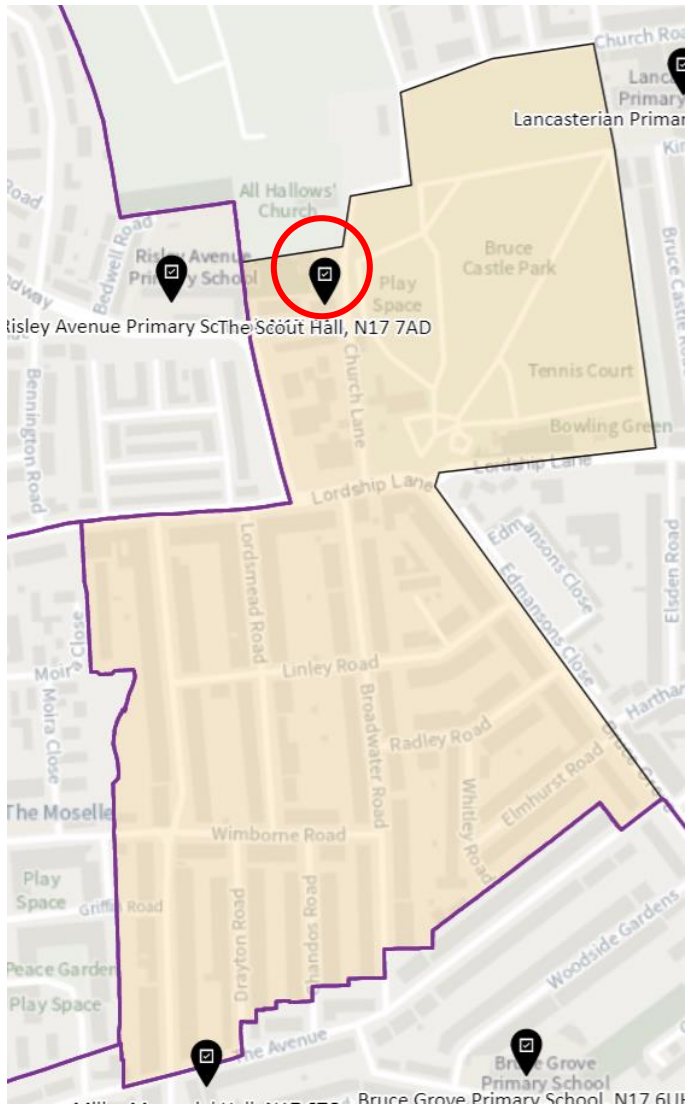
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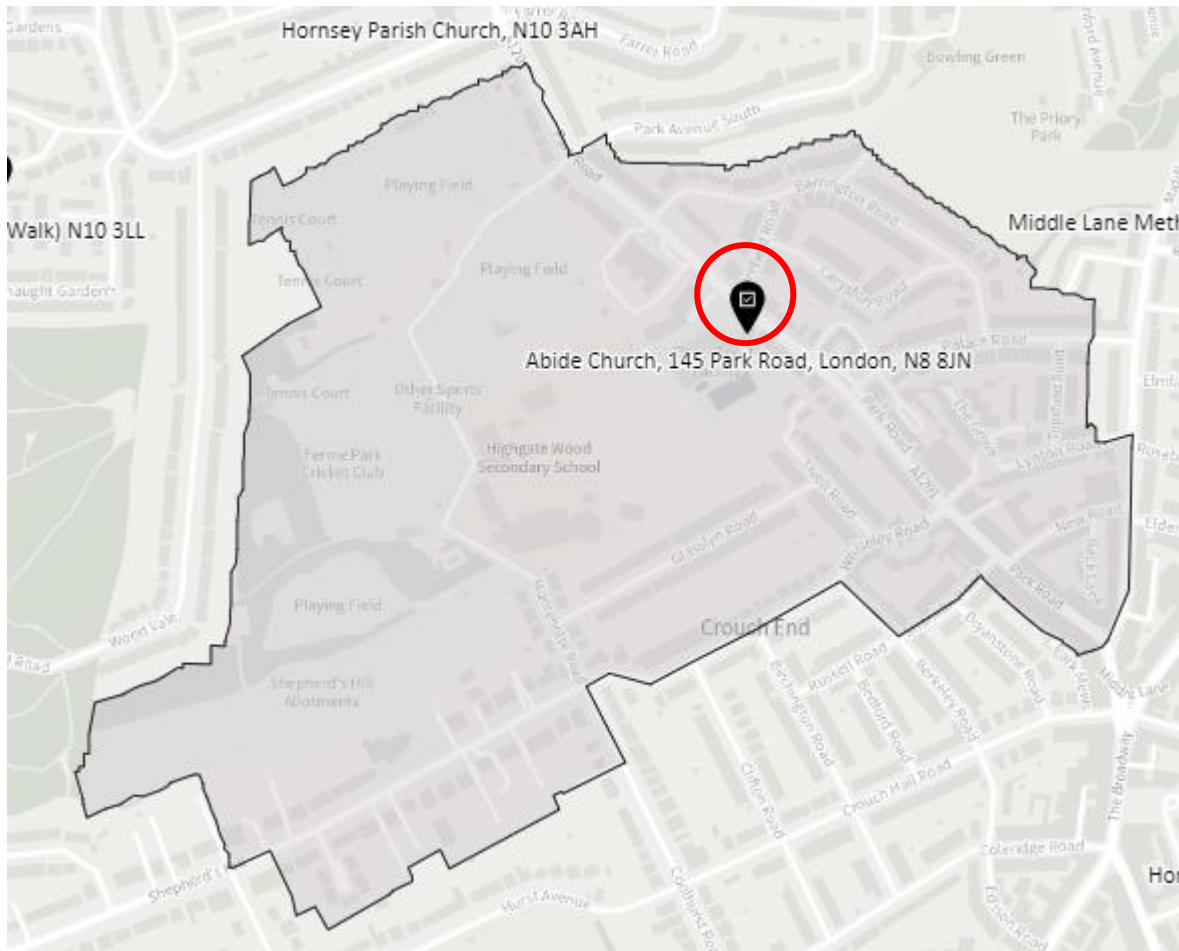


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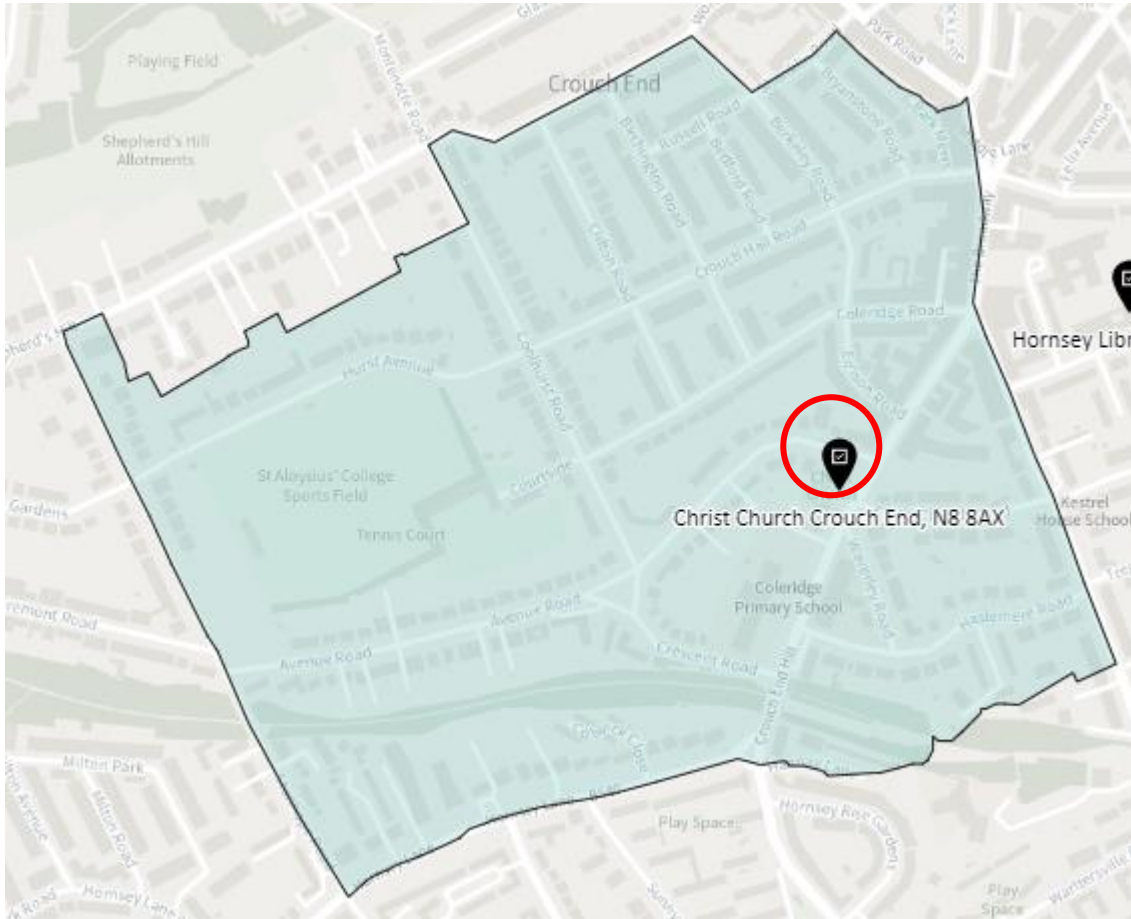


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District: CEN-B (amended)

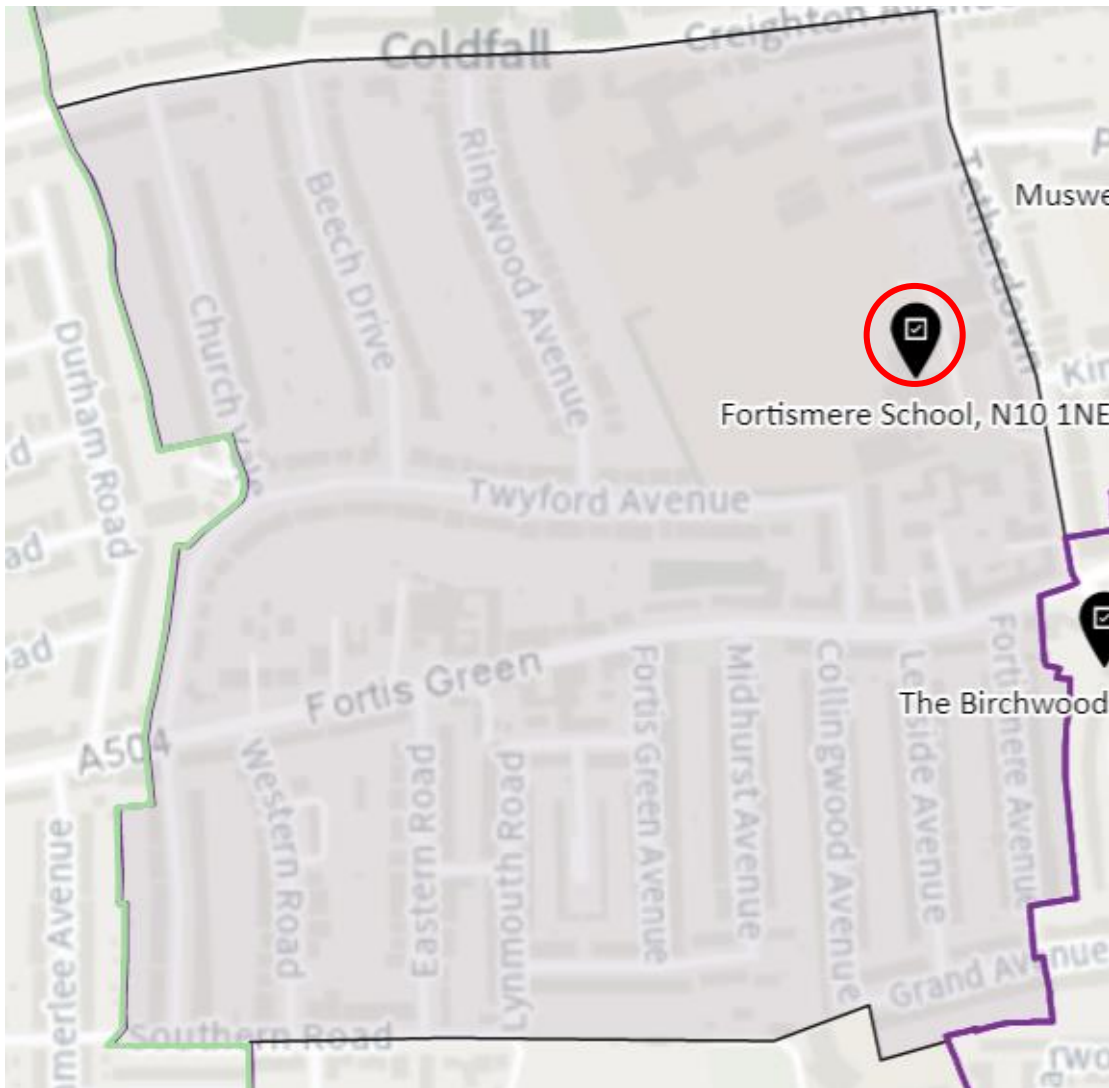


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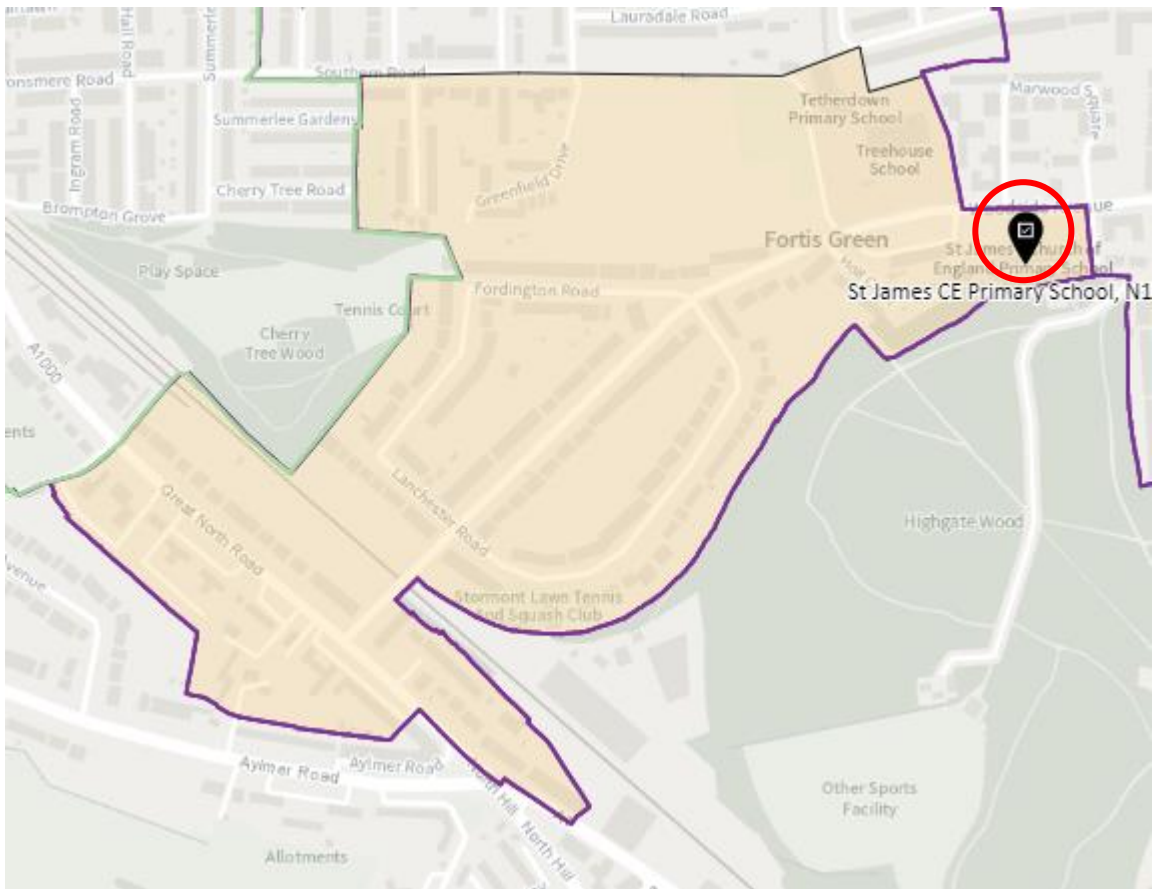
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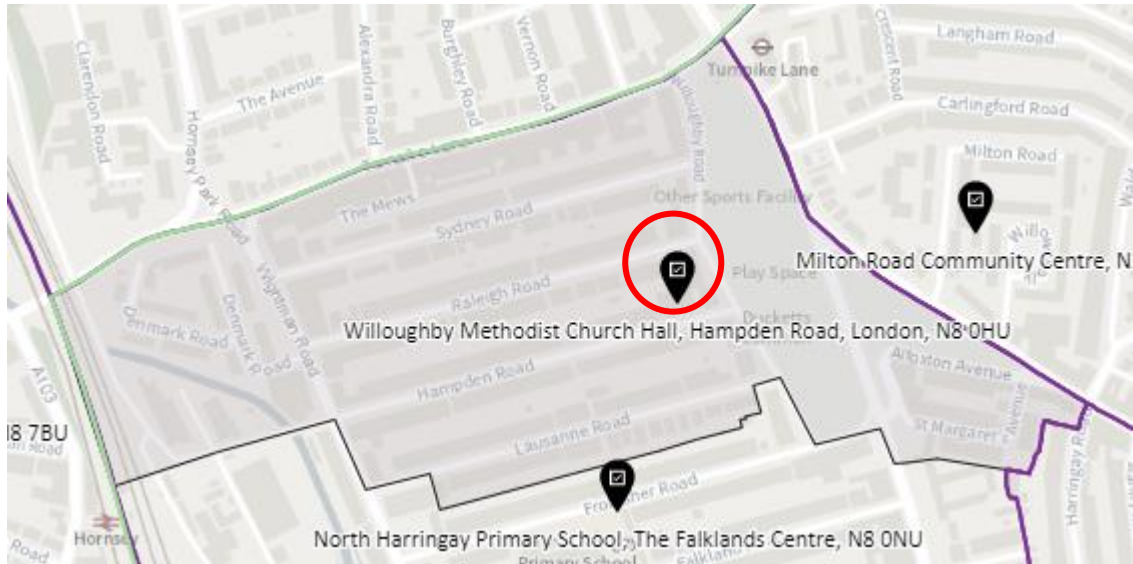


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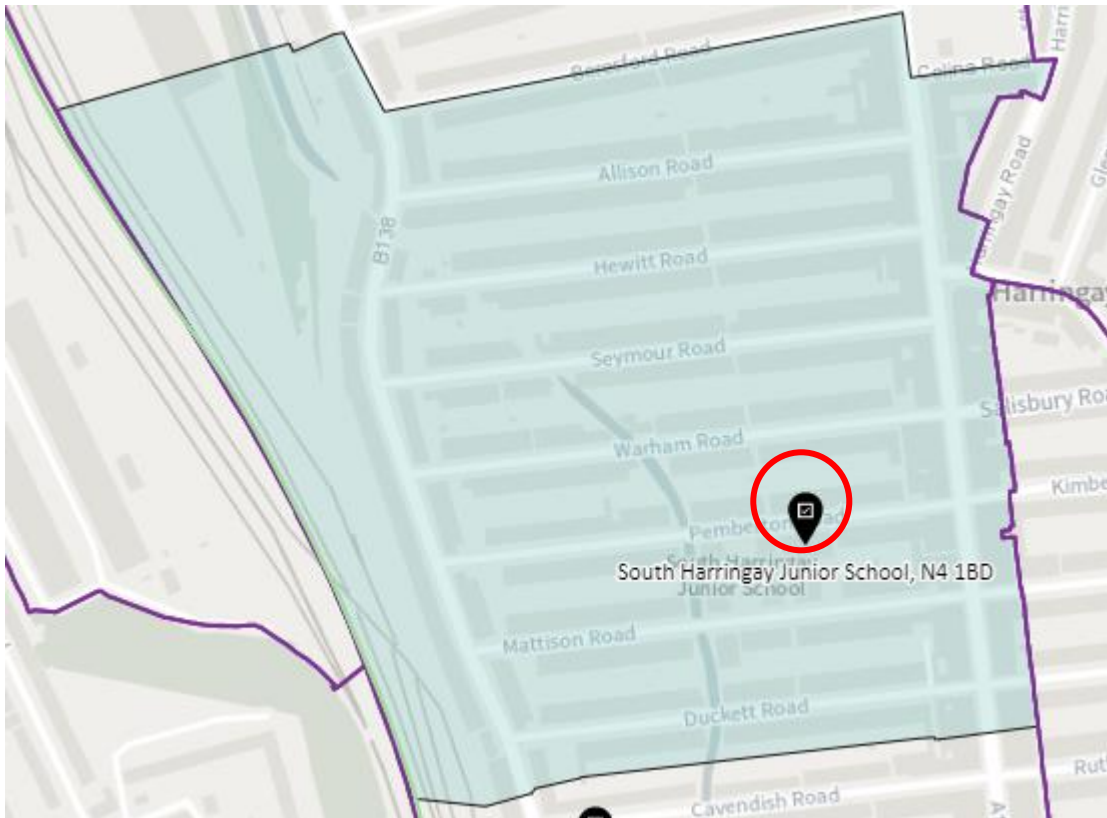
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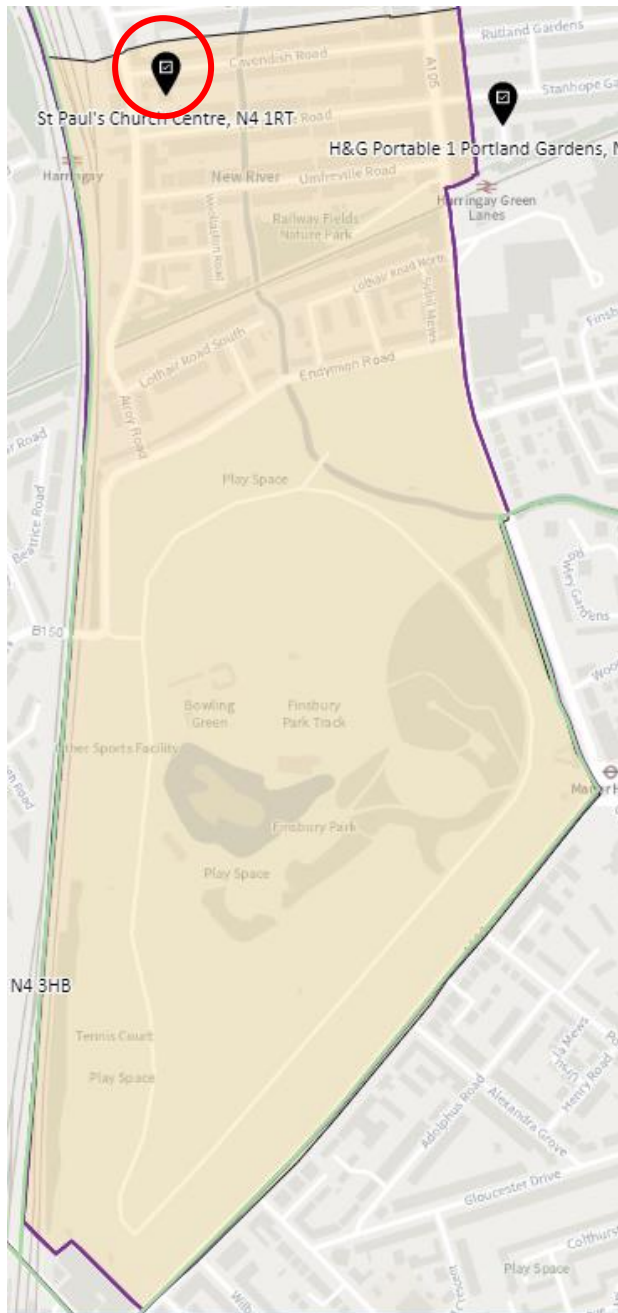
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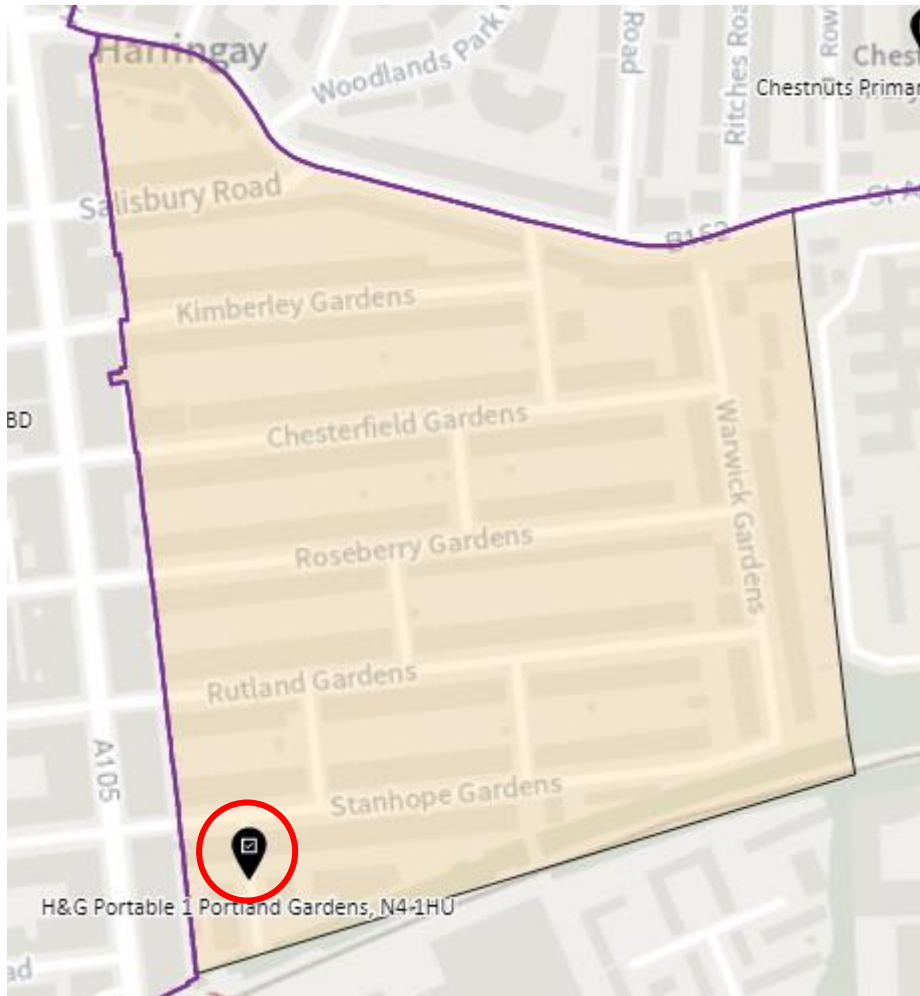


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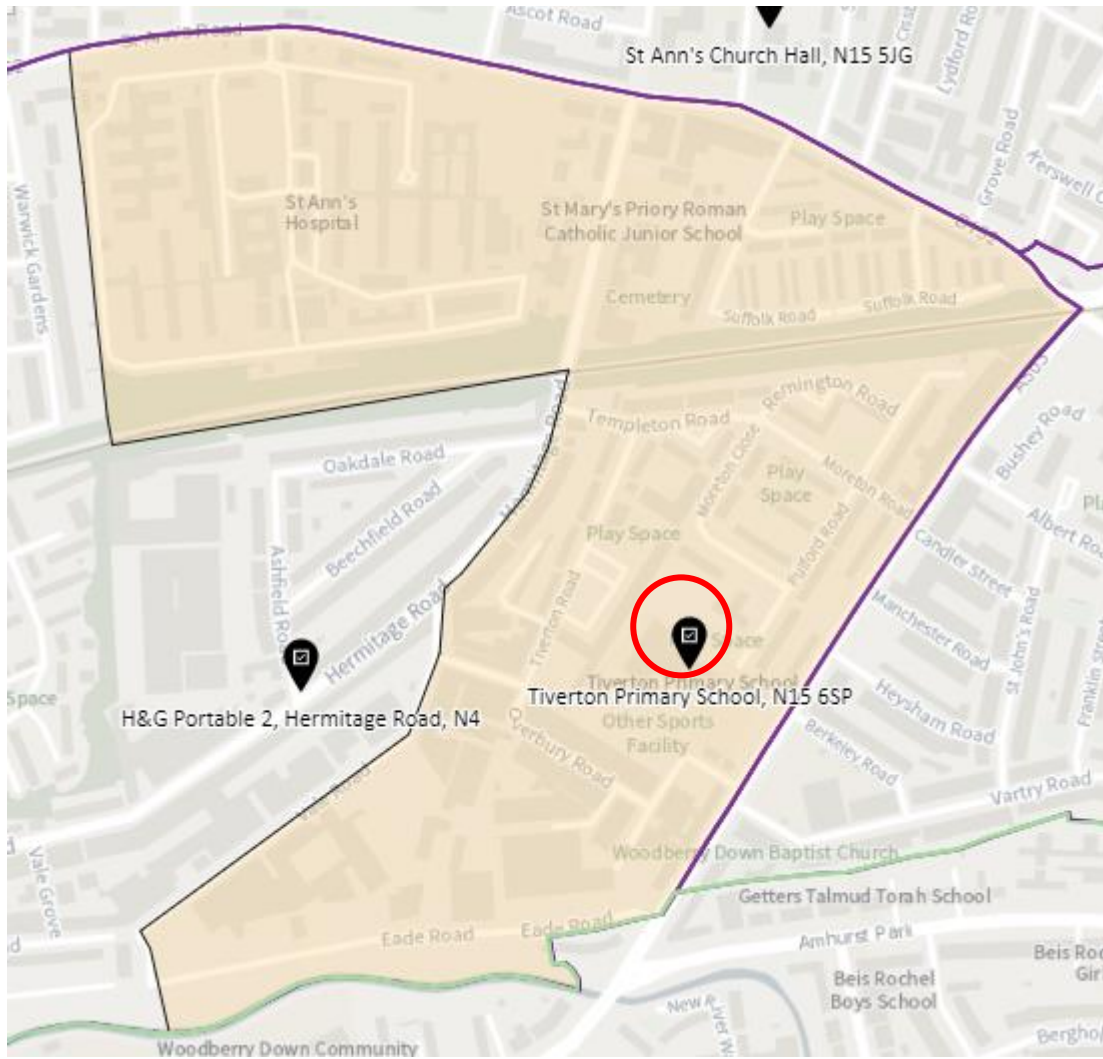


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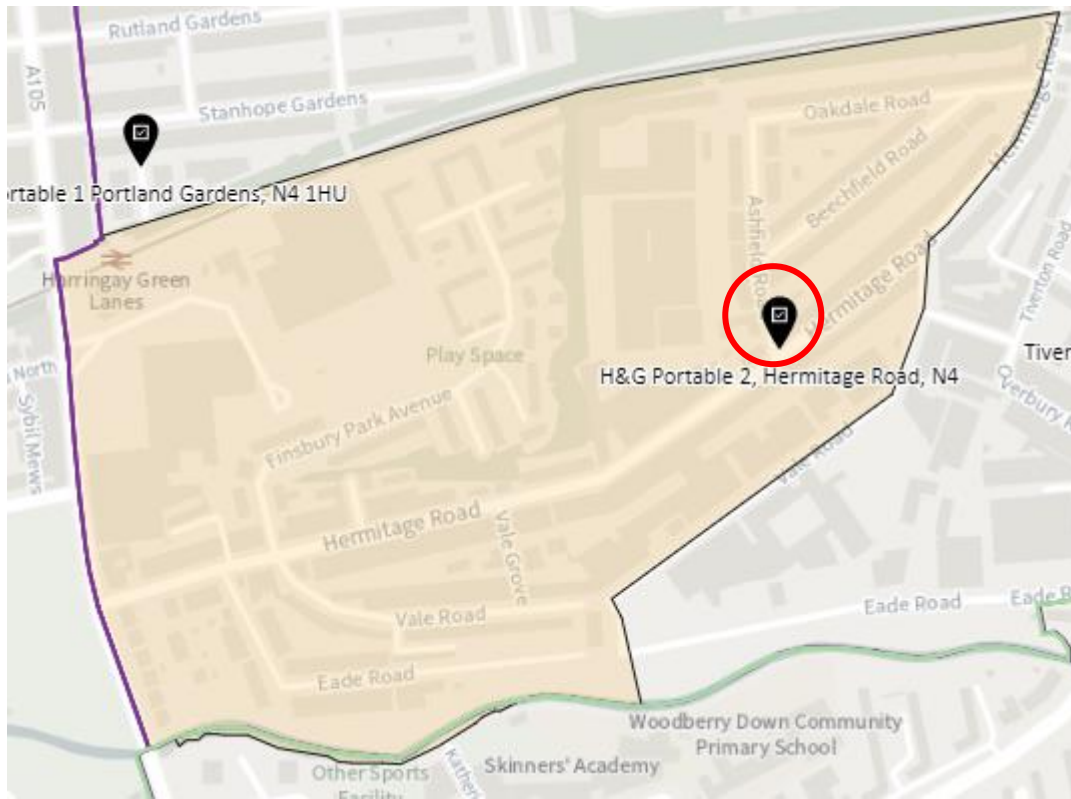
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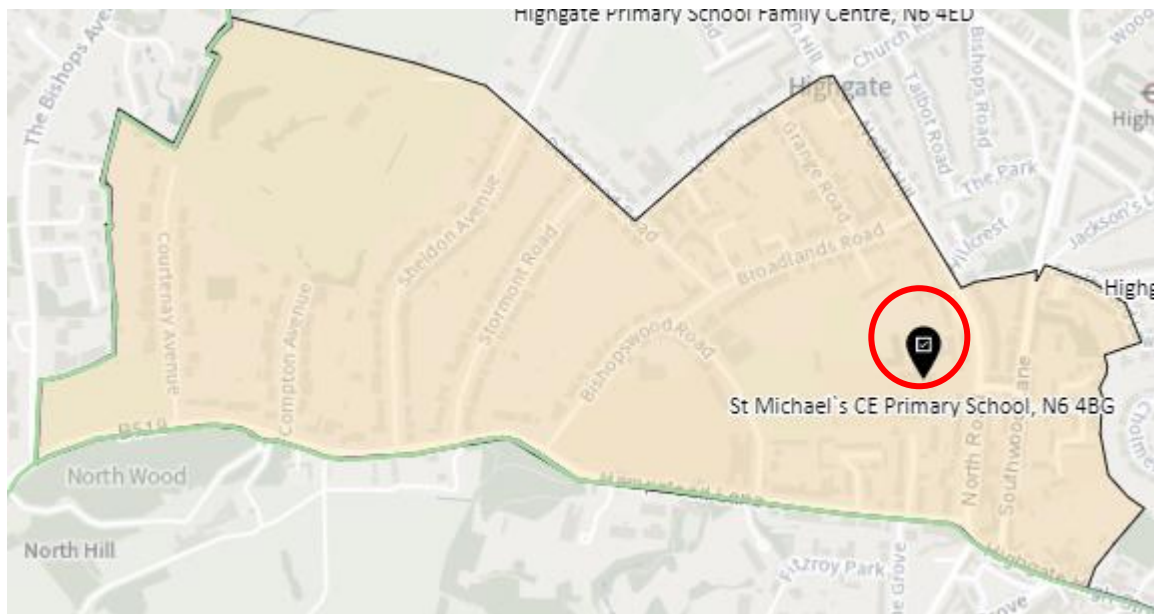


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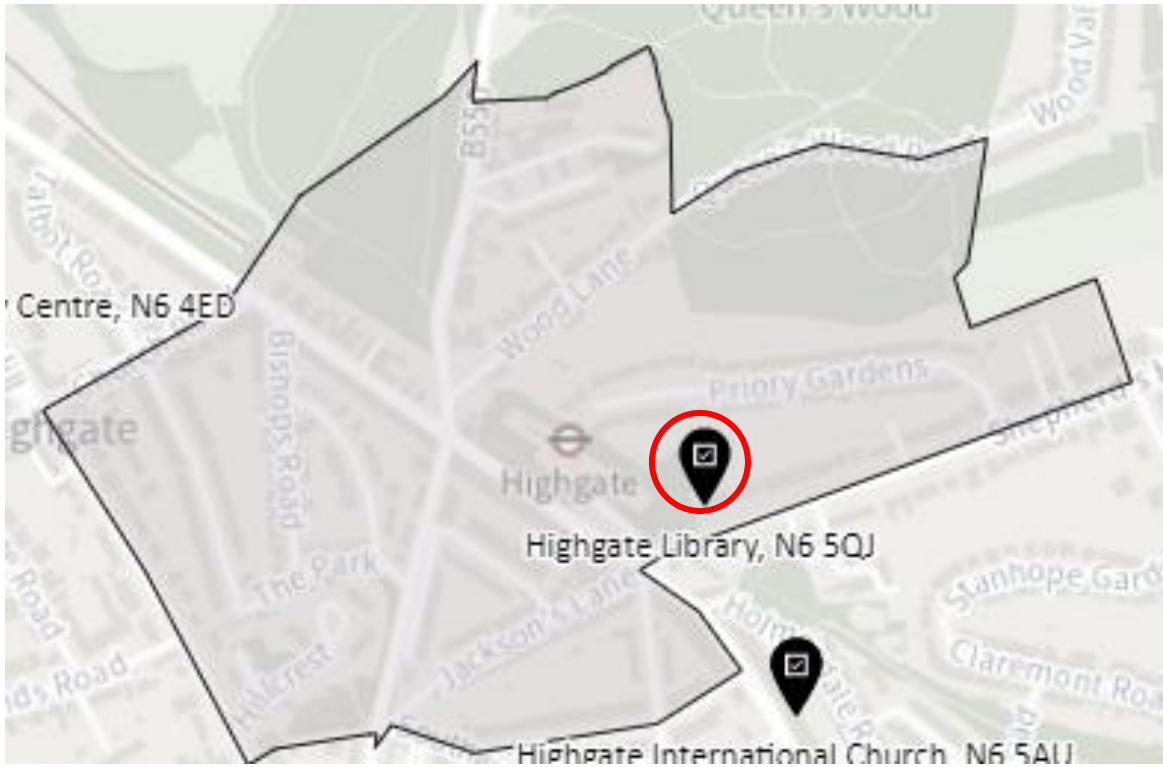
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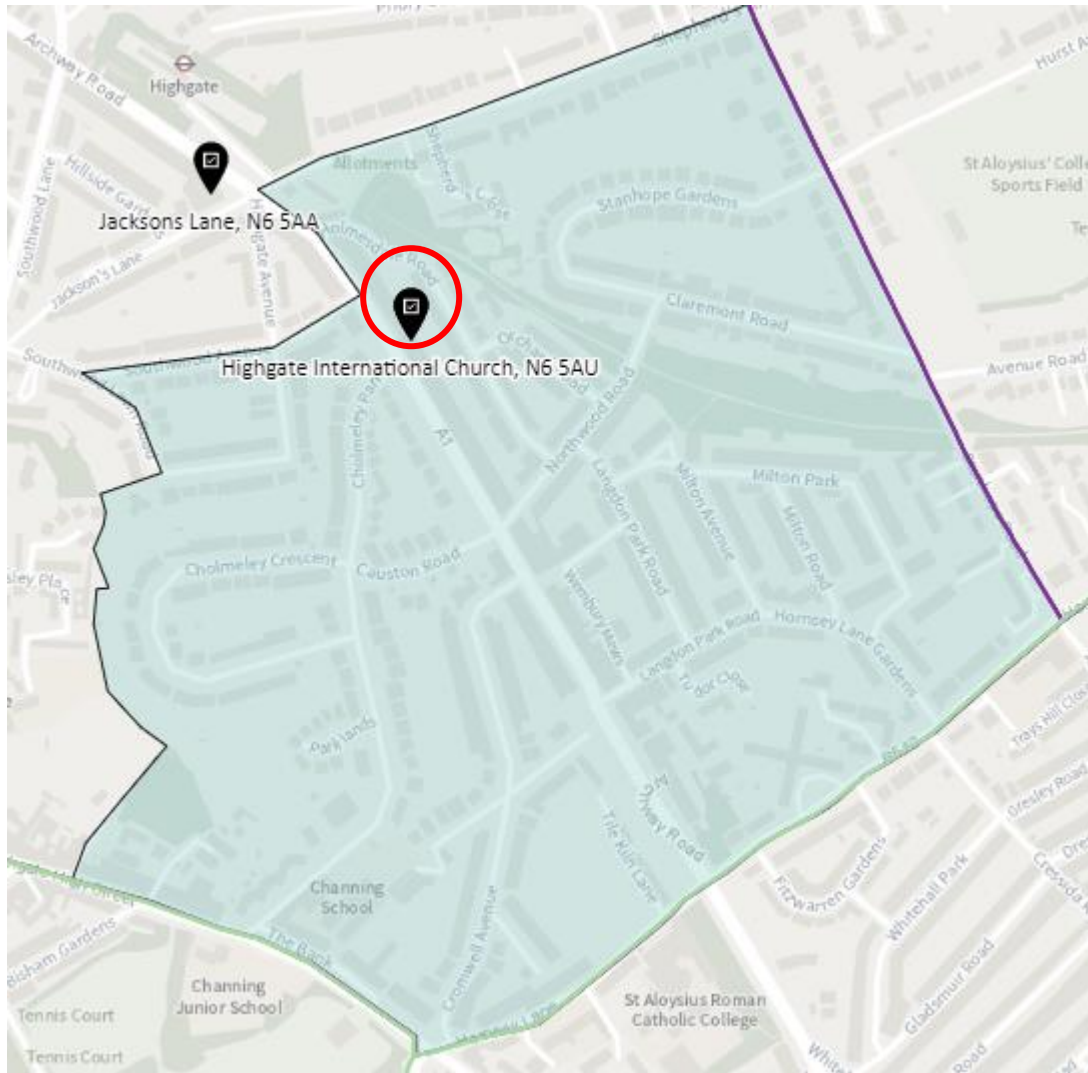
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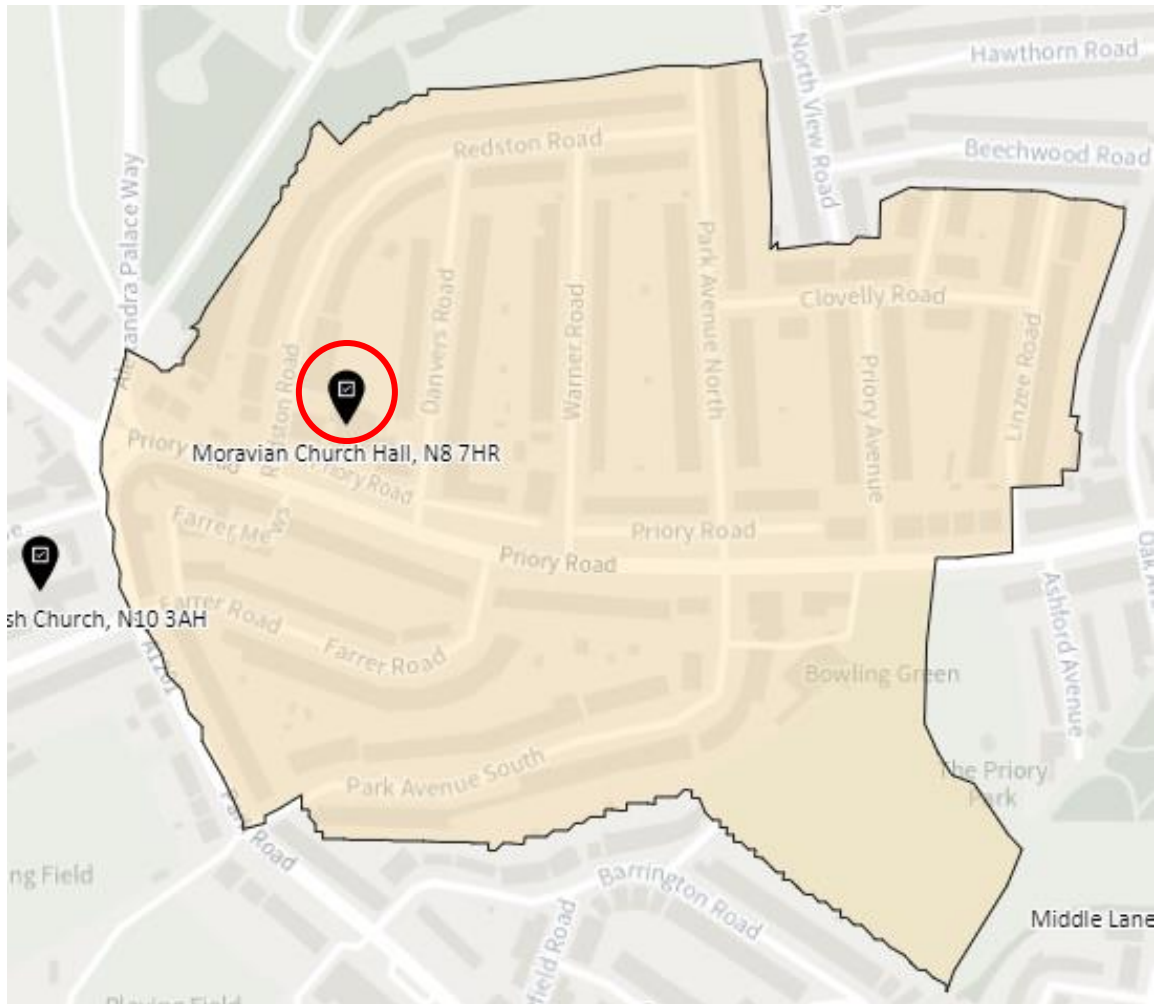


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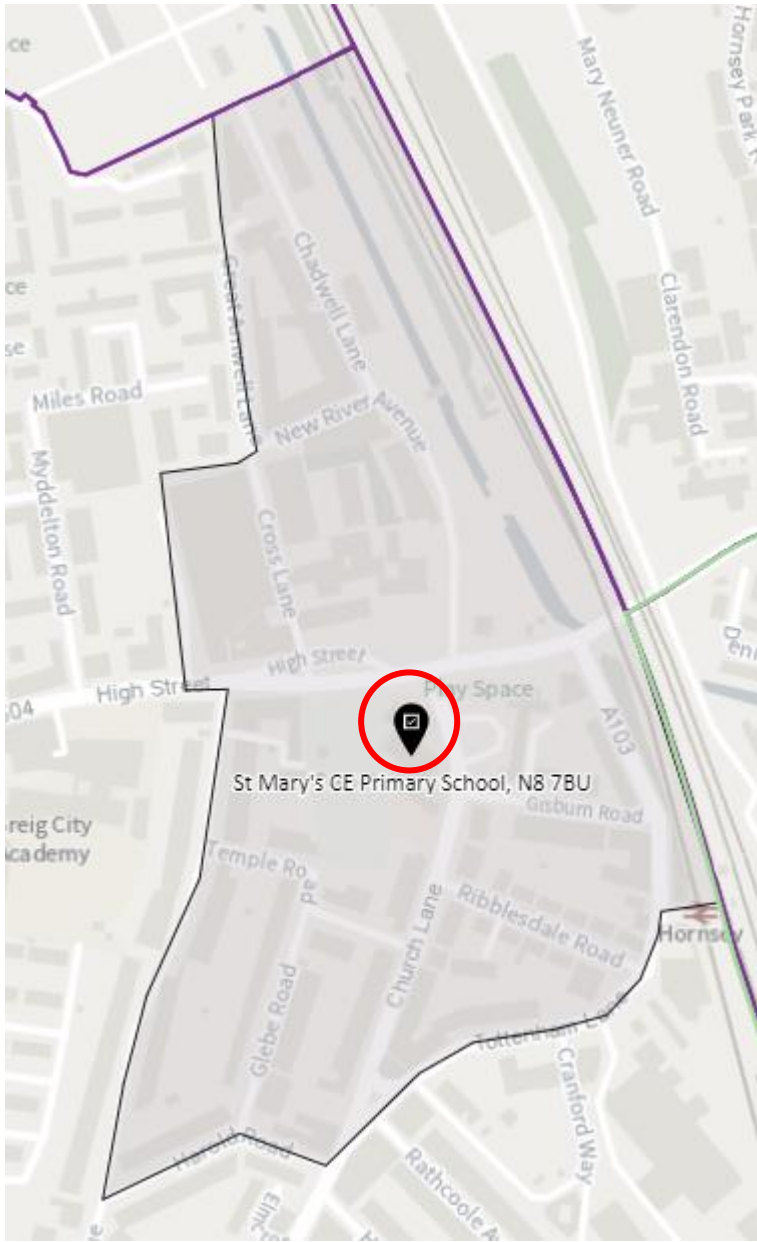


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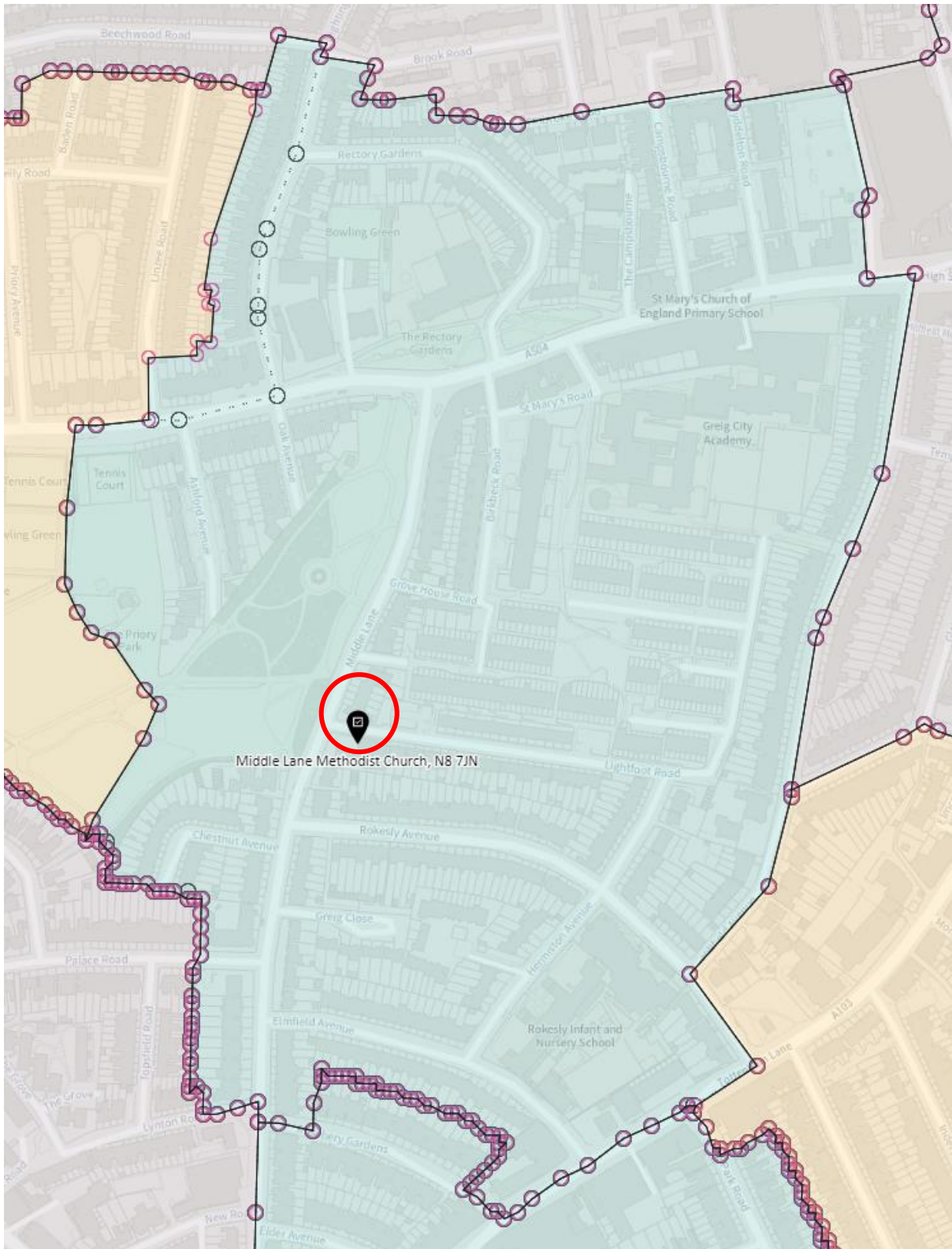
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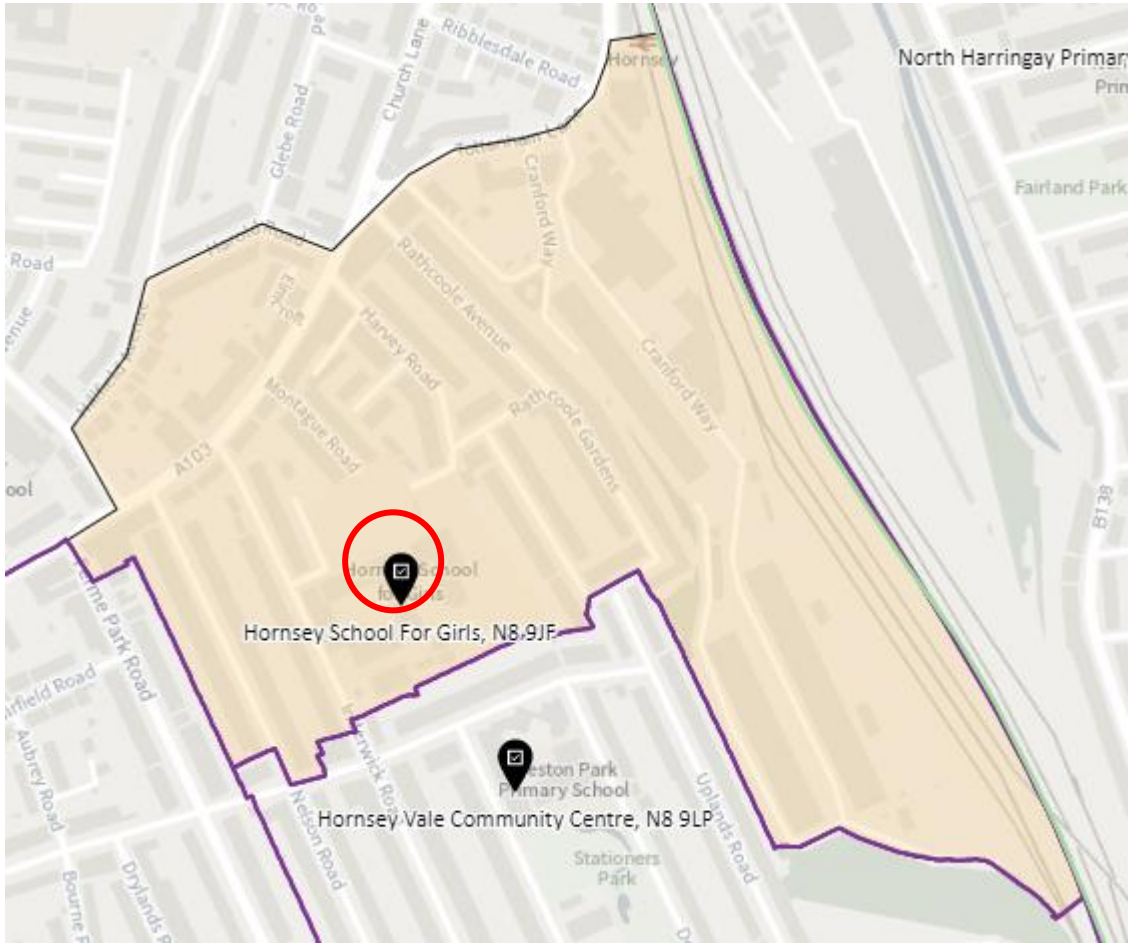
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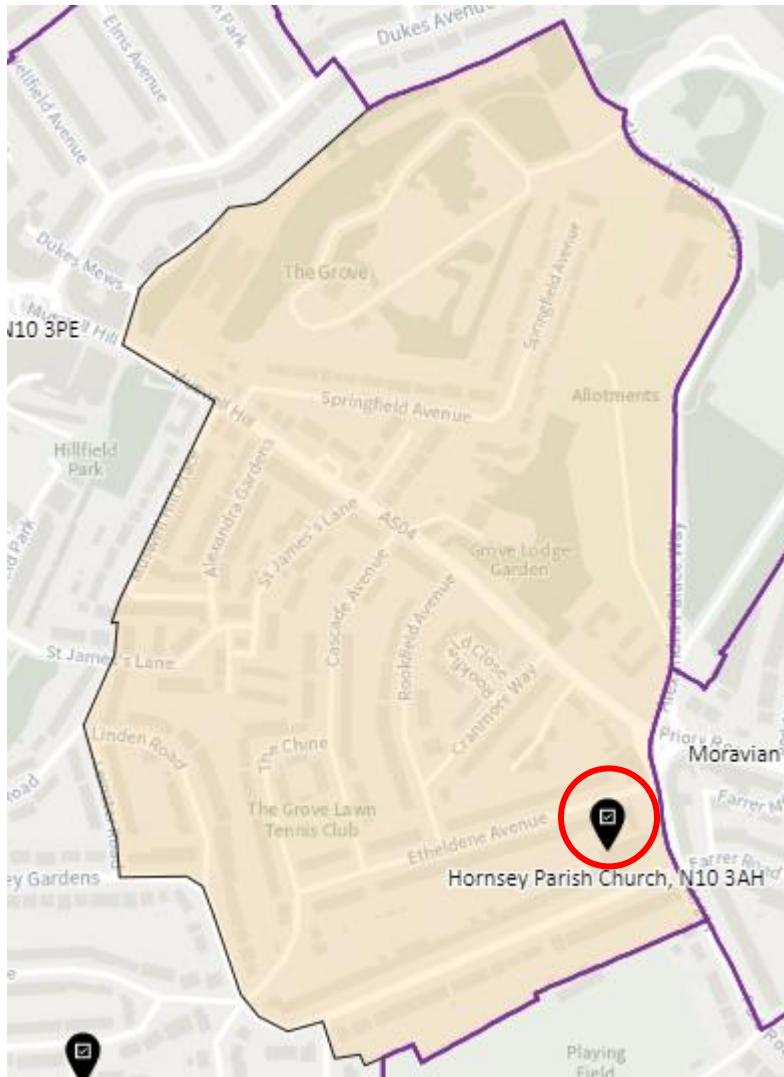
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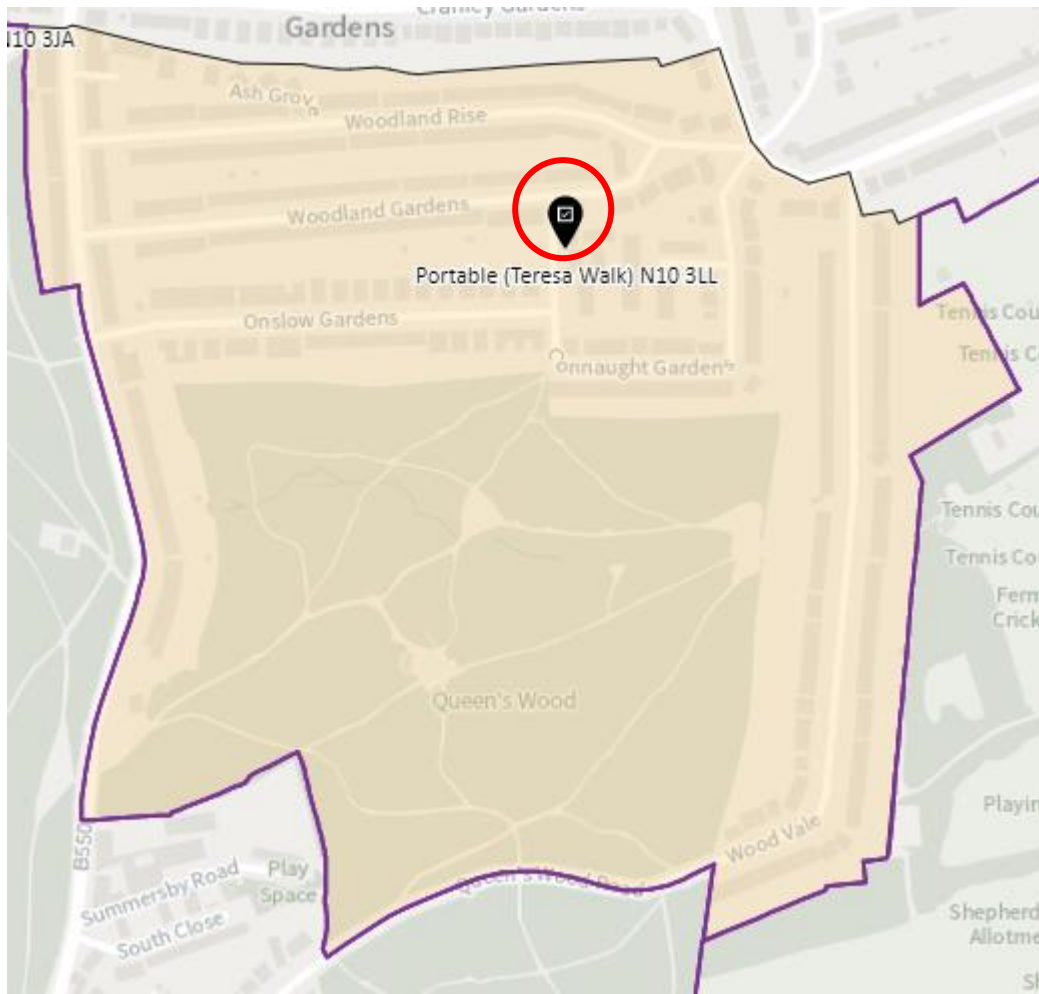
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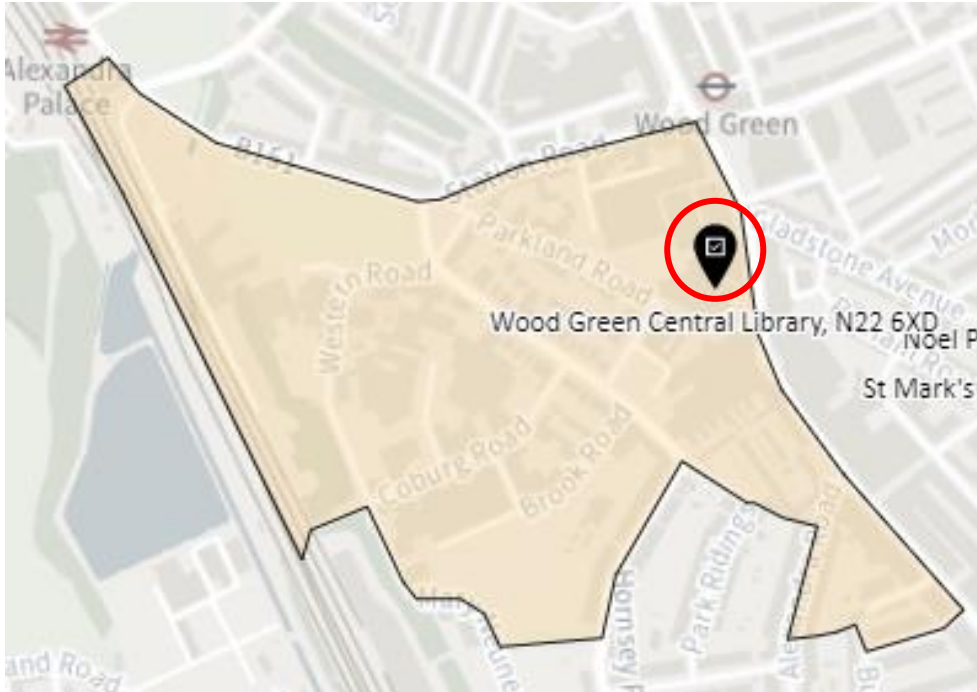


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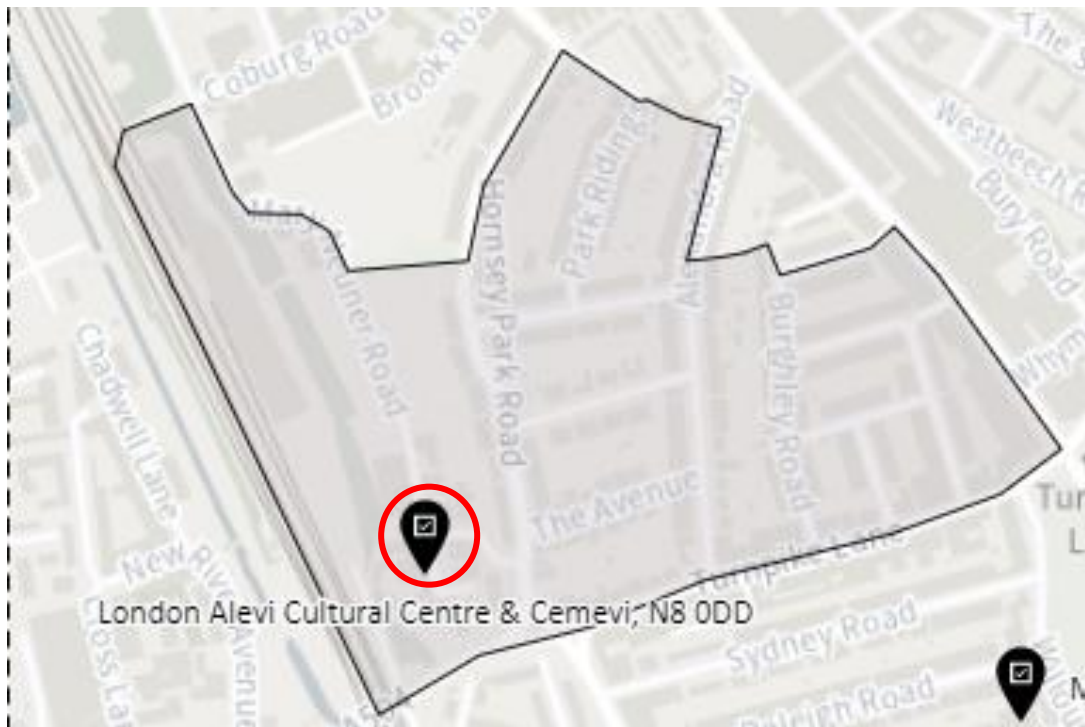


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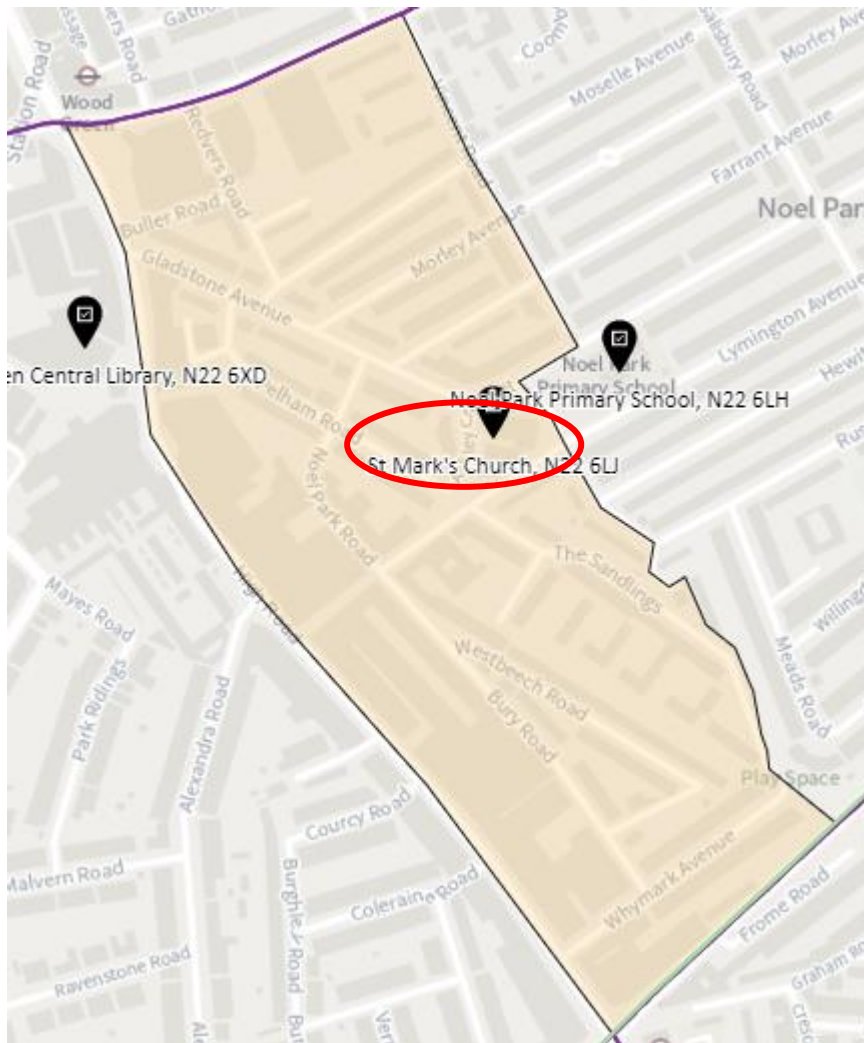
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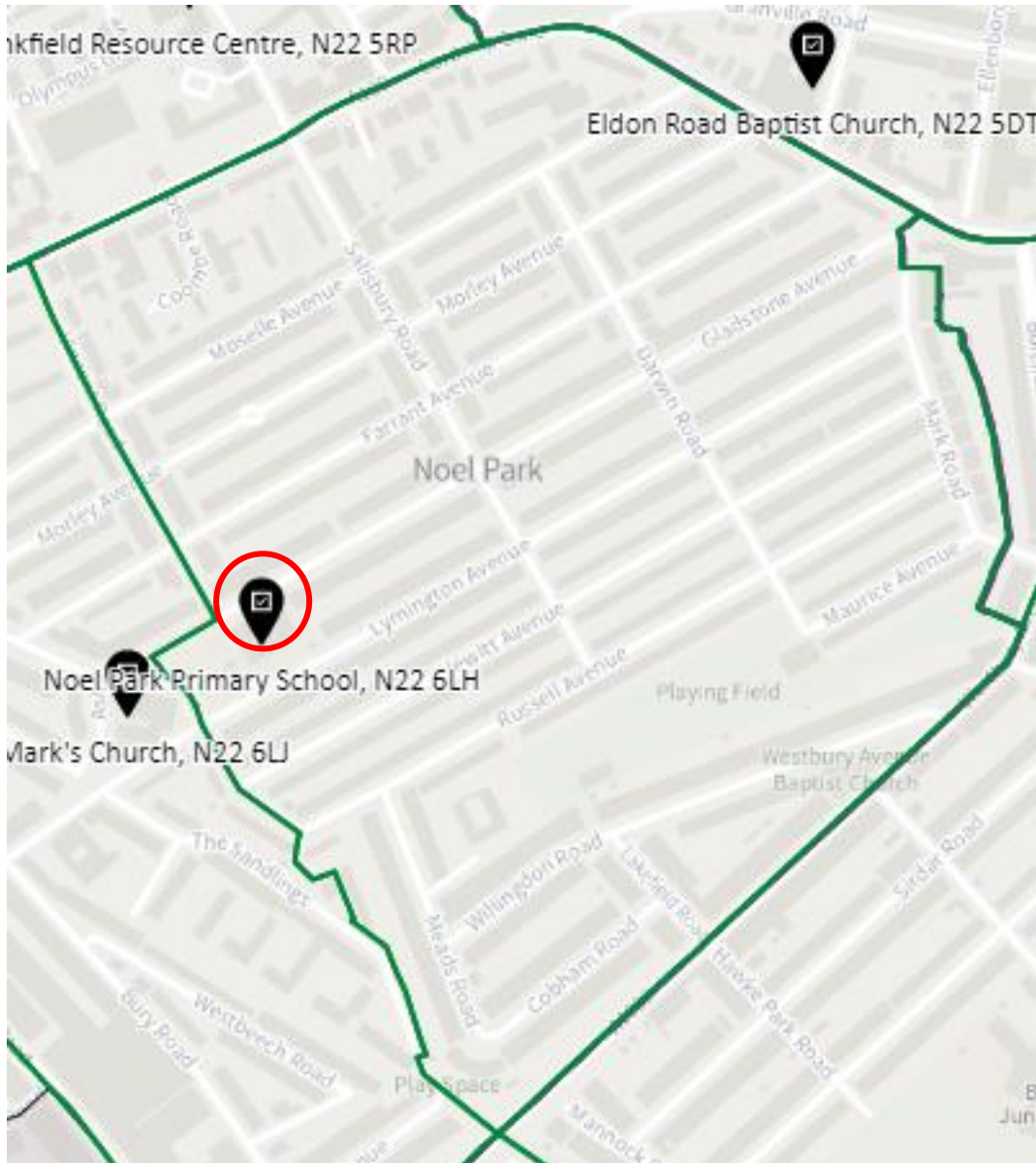
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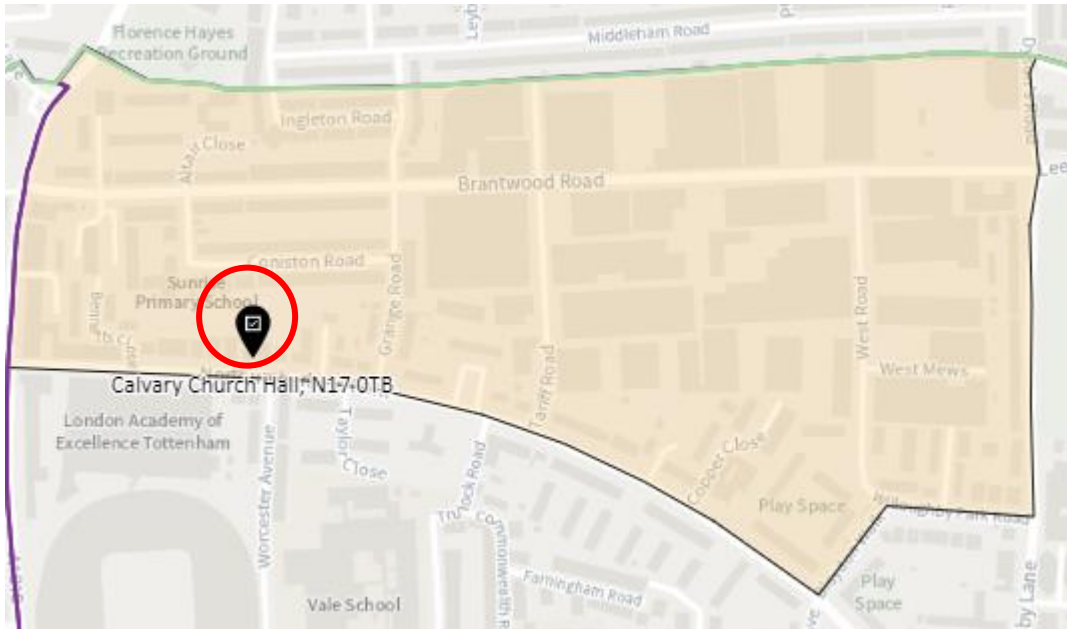


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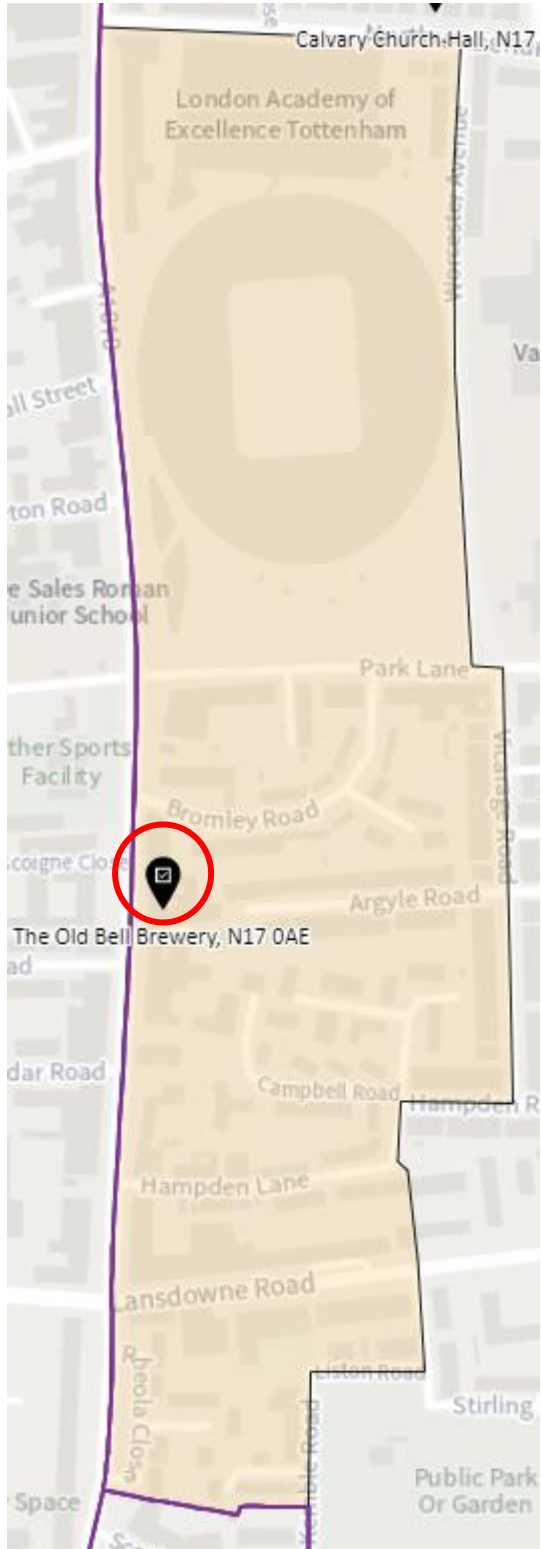


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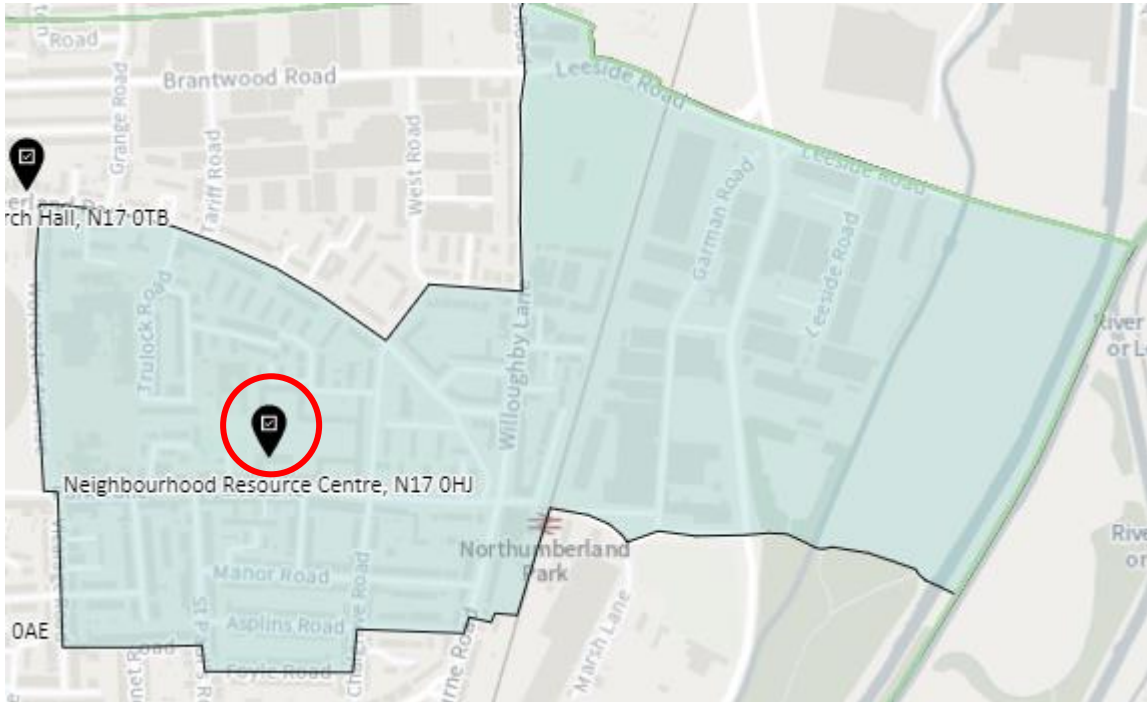
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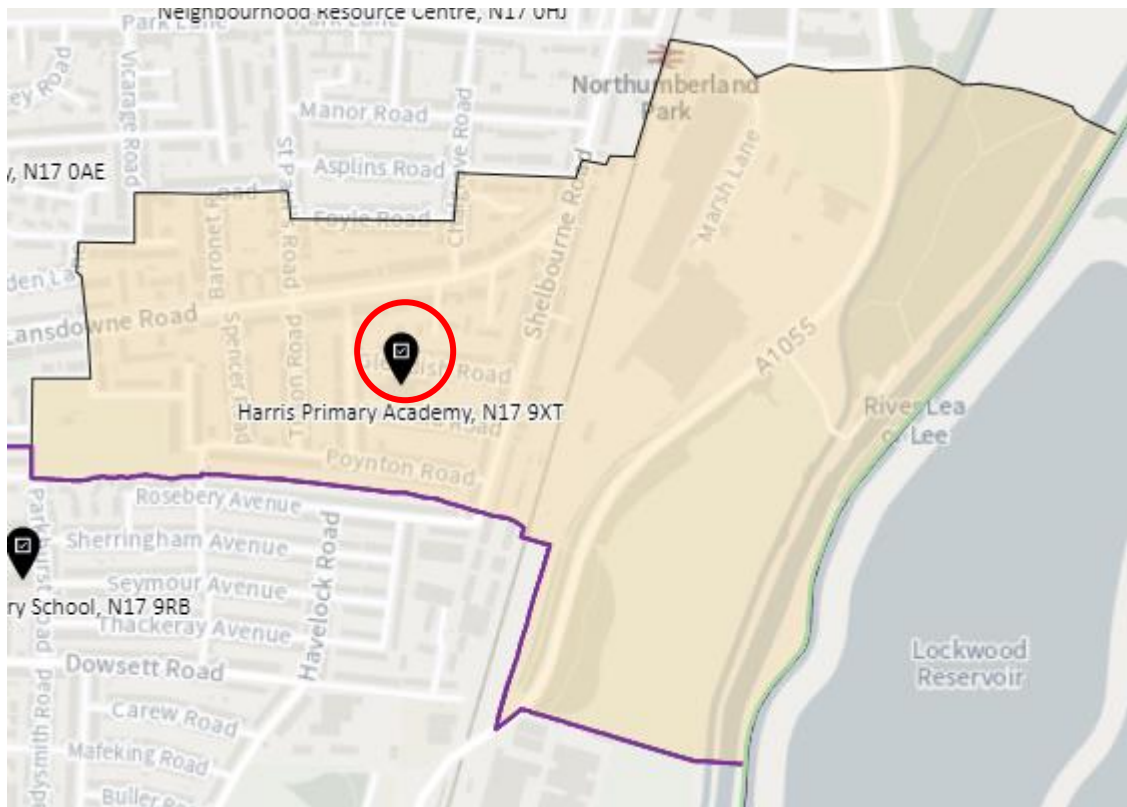
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District: NUP-D



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District: SES-B

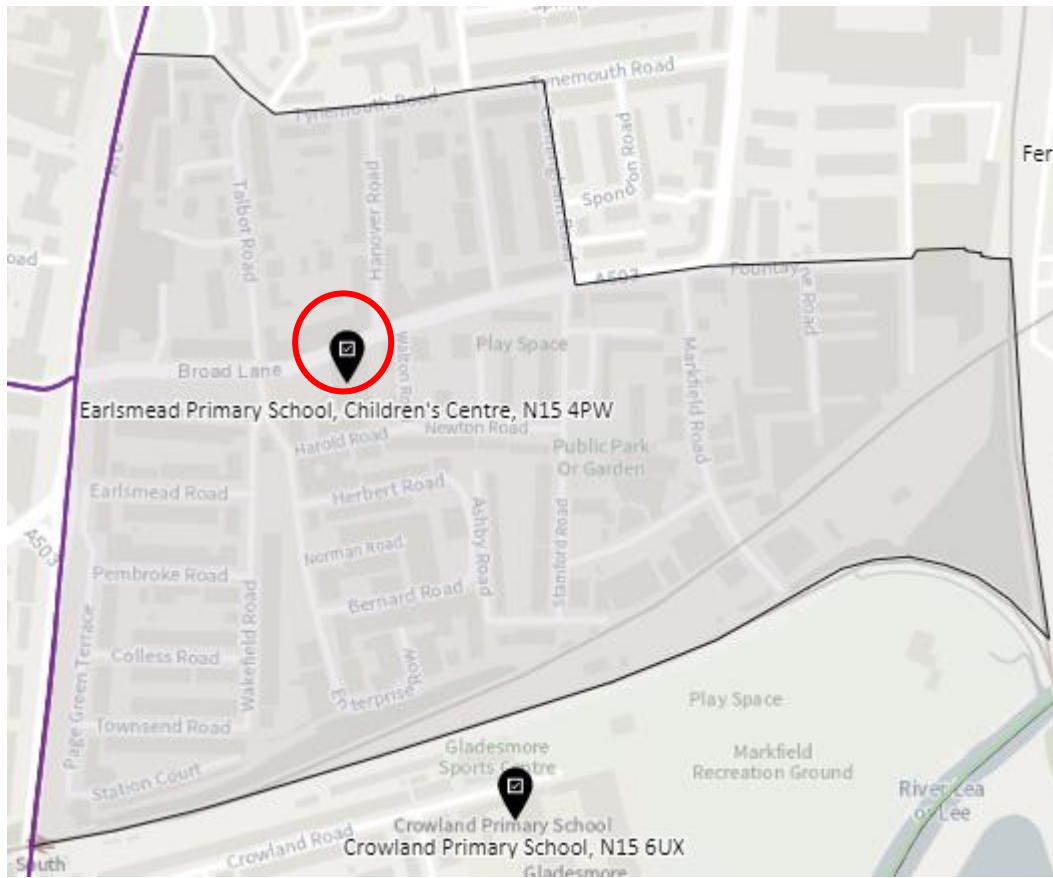


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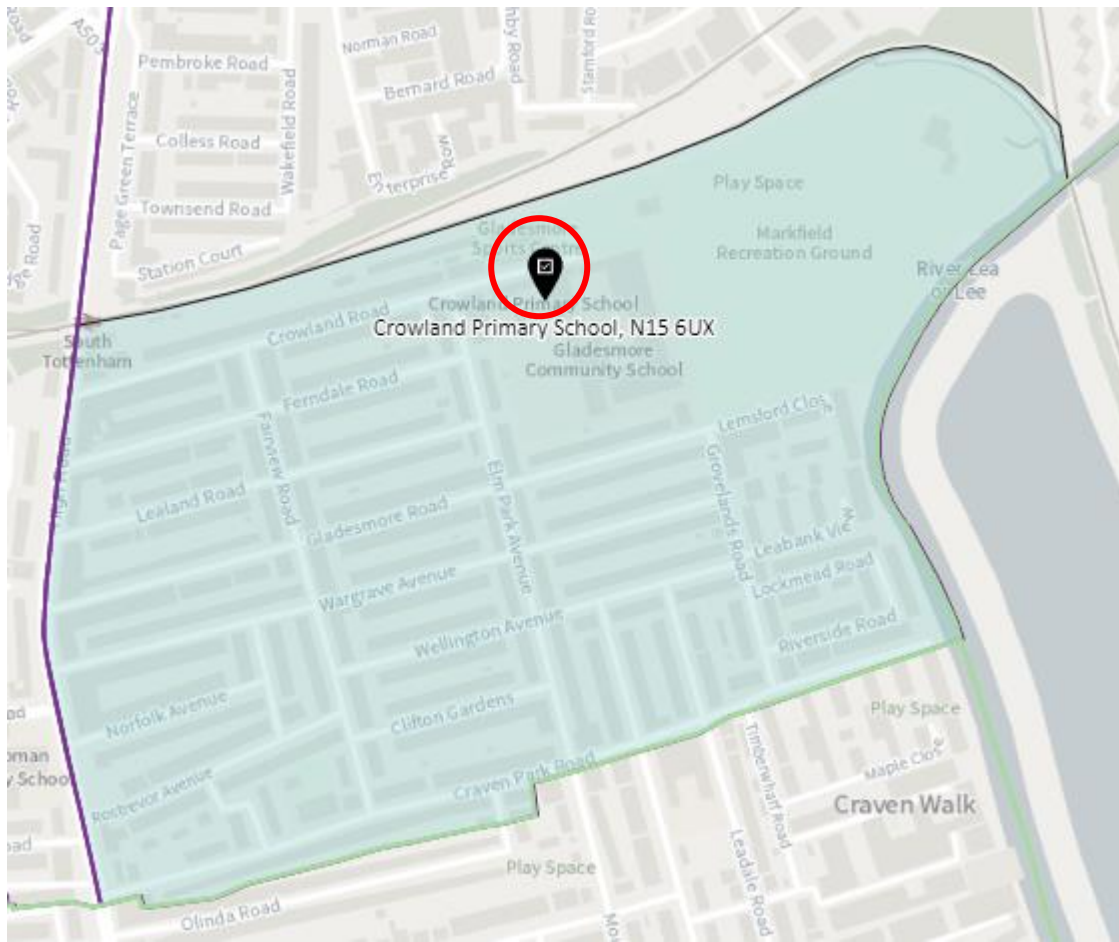
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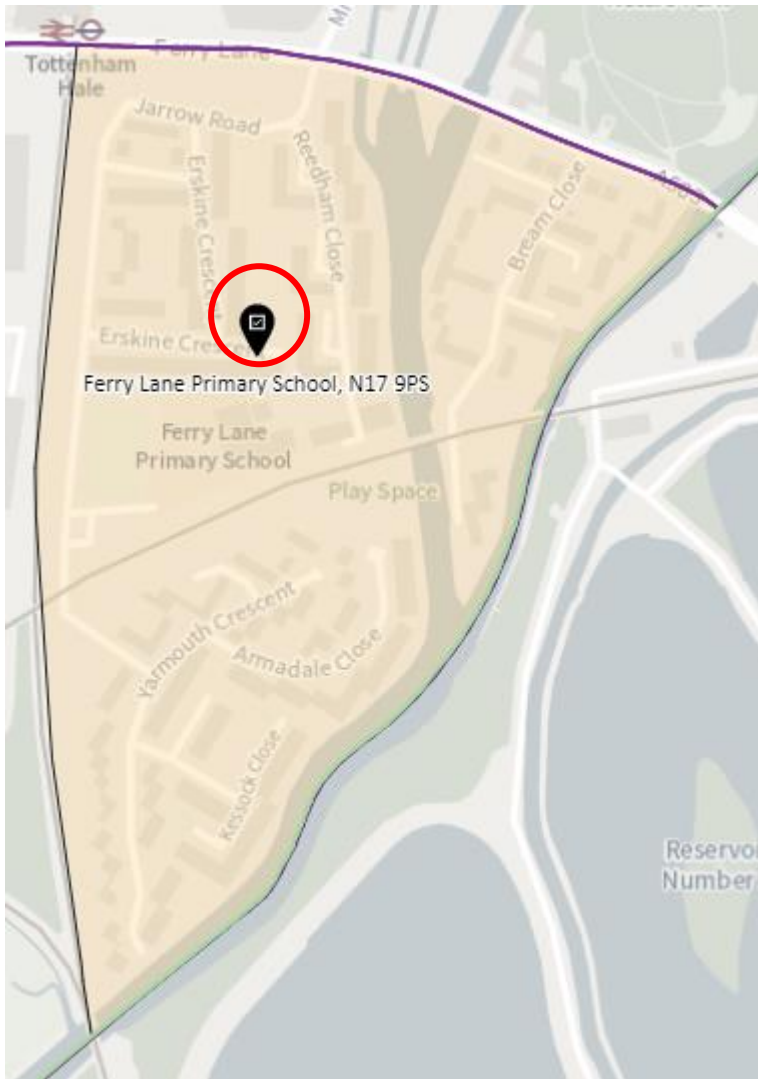
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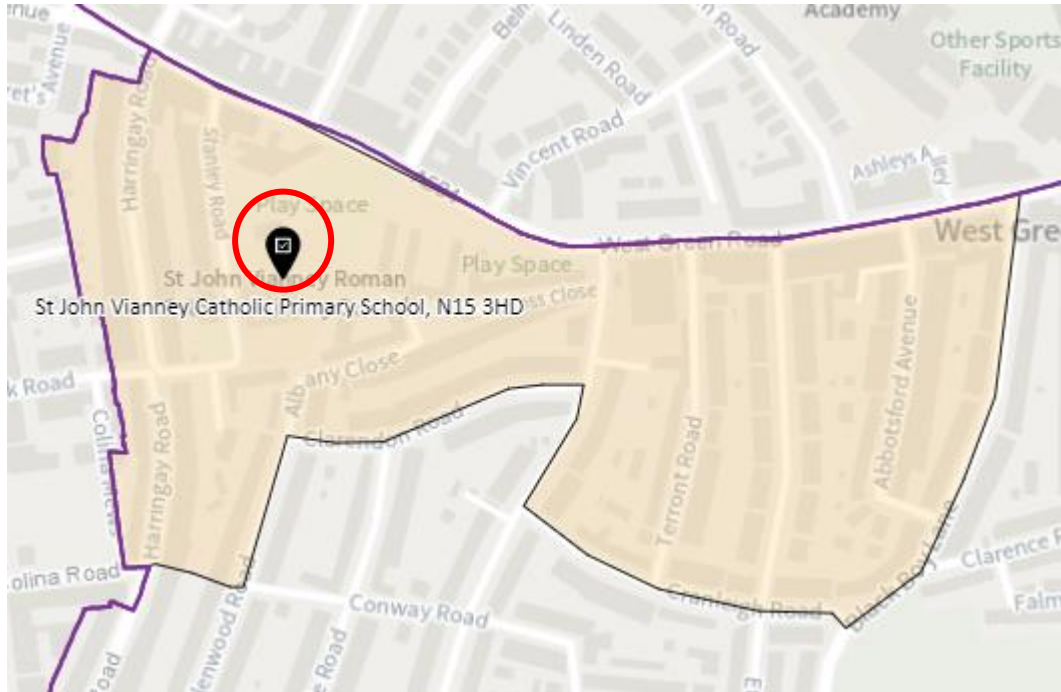


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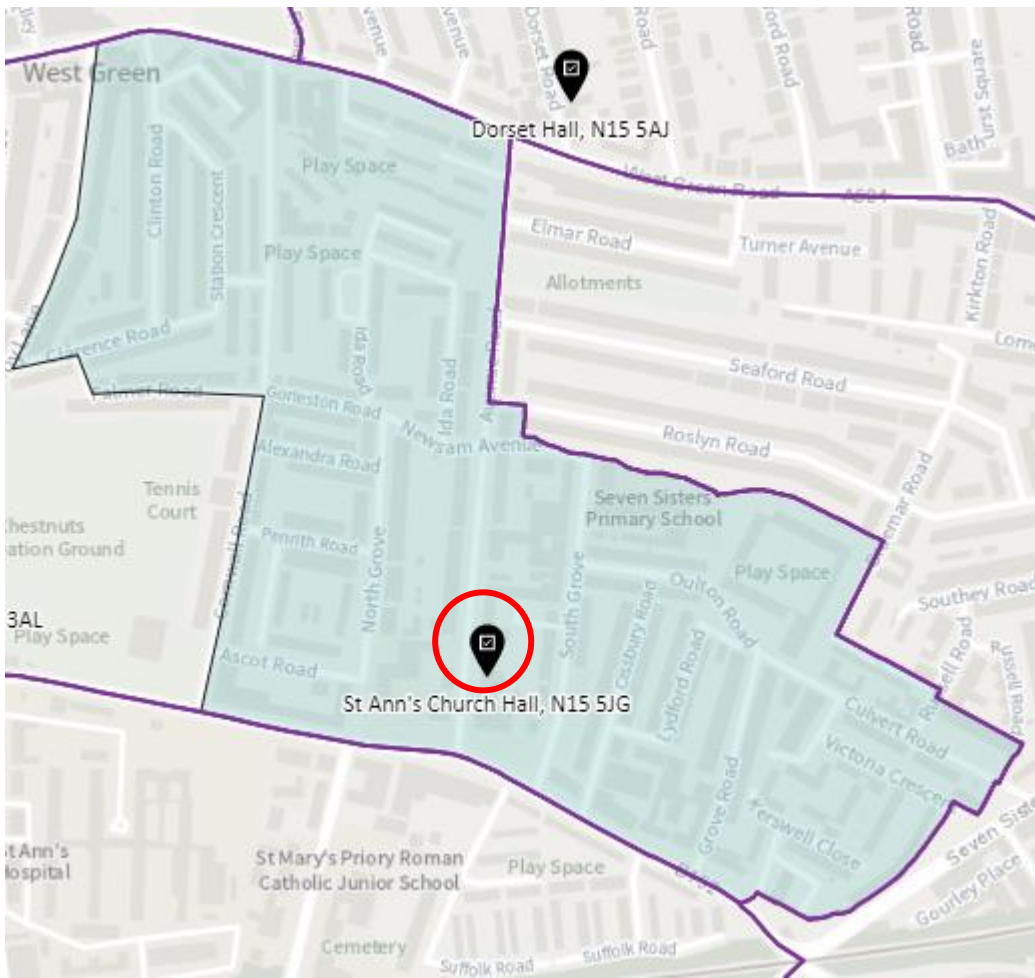
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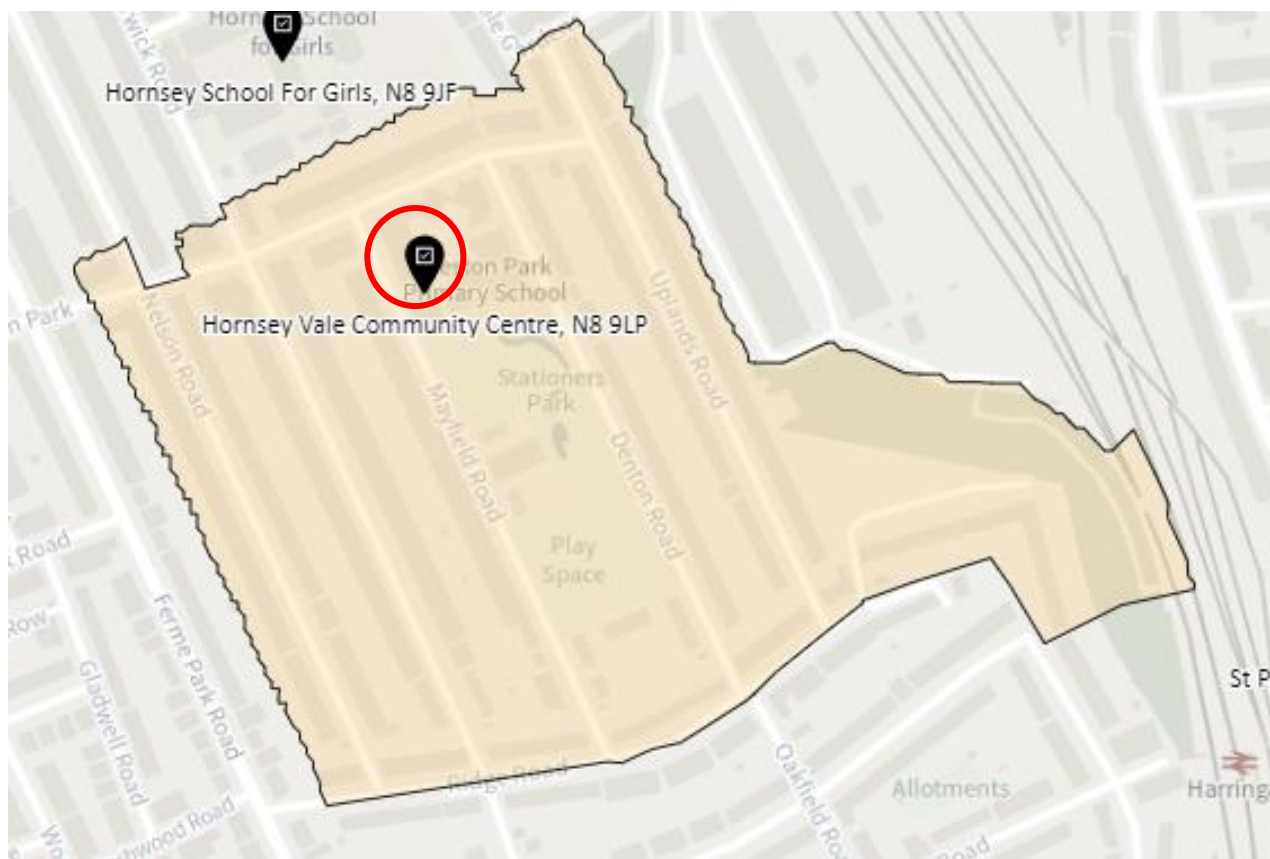


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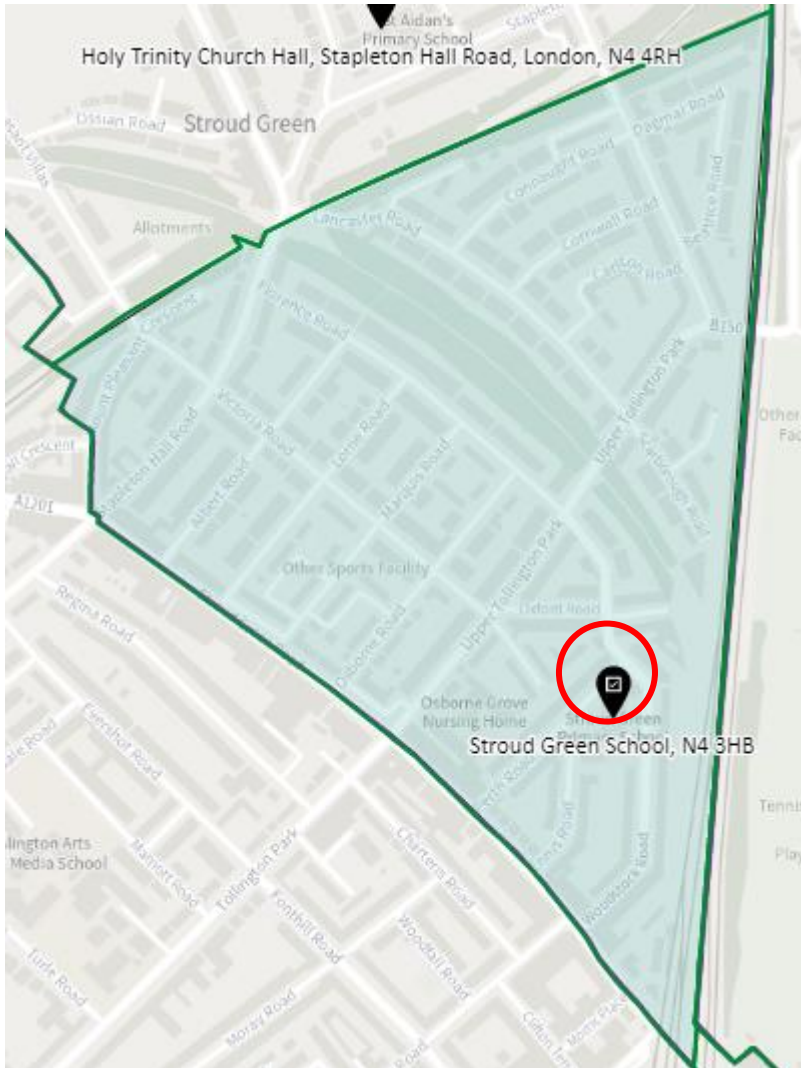


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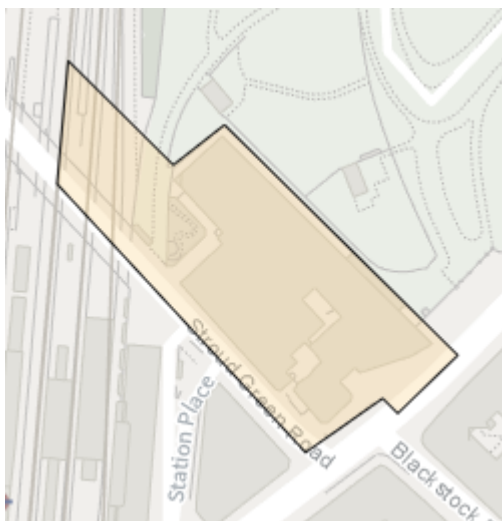
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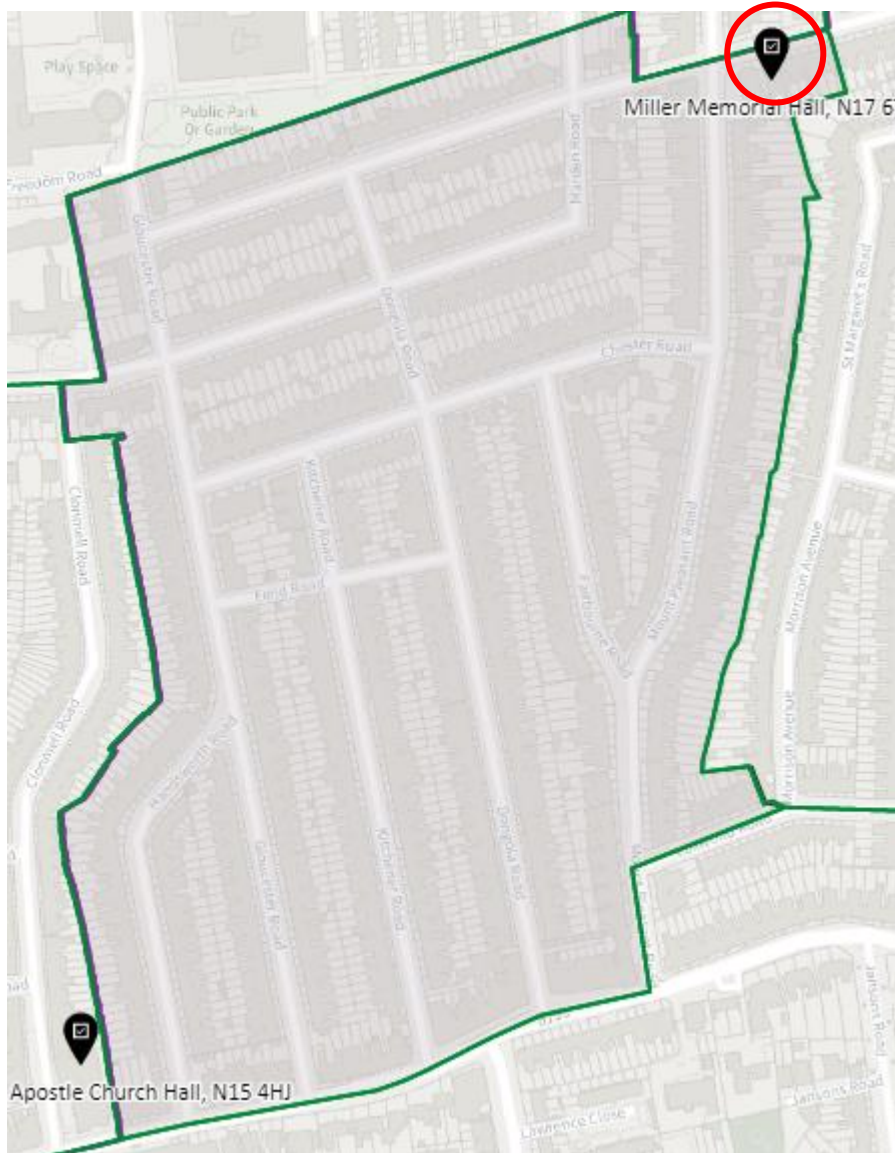


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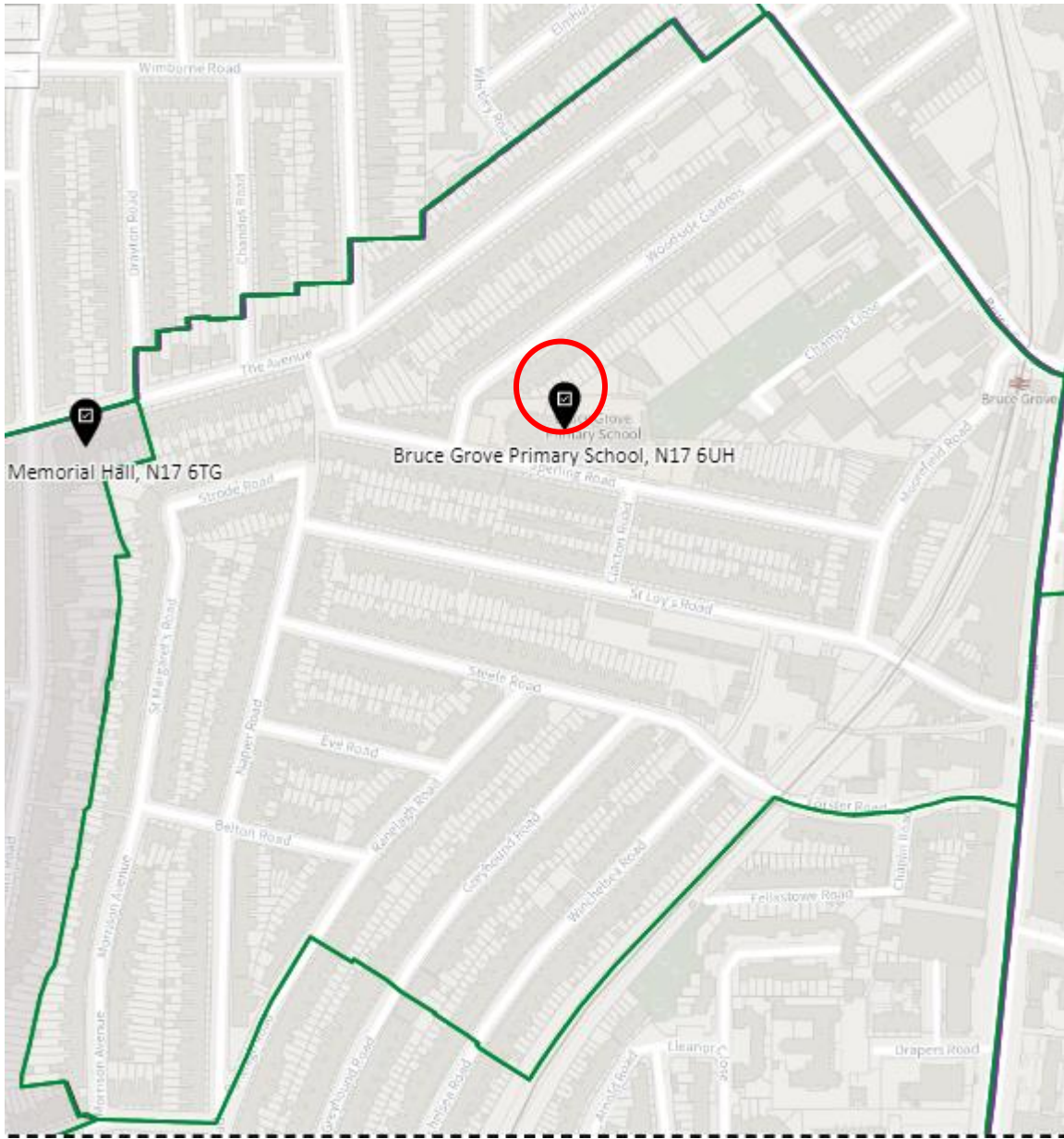


17. Ward: Tottenham Central

District: TCL-A



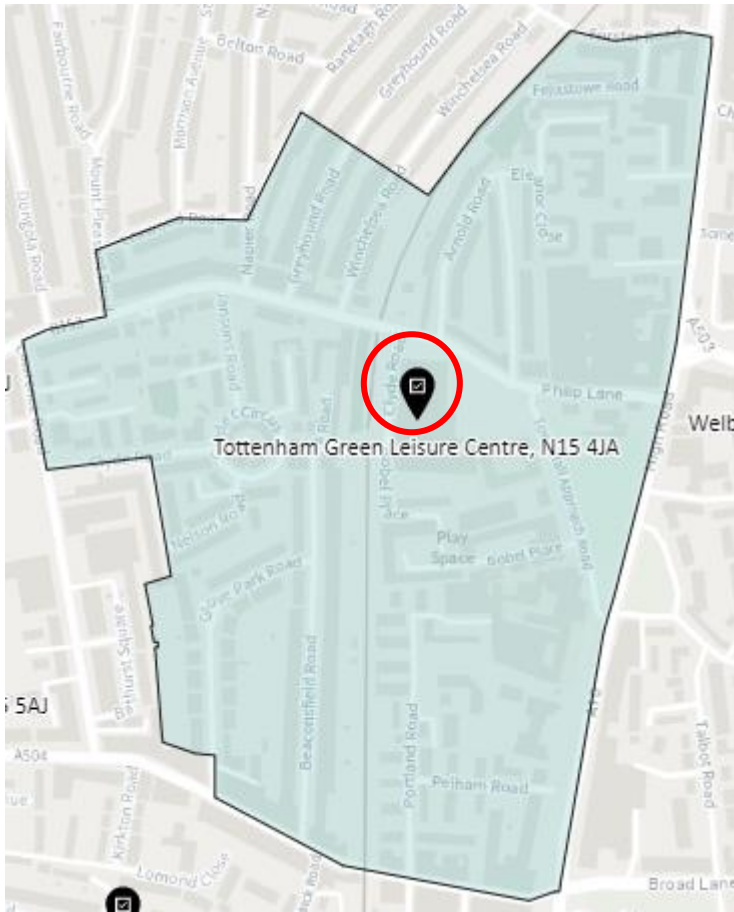
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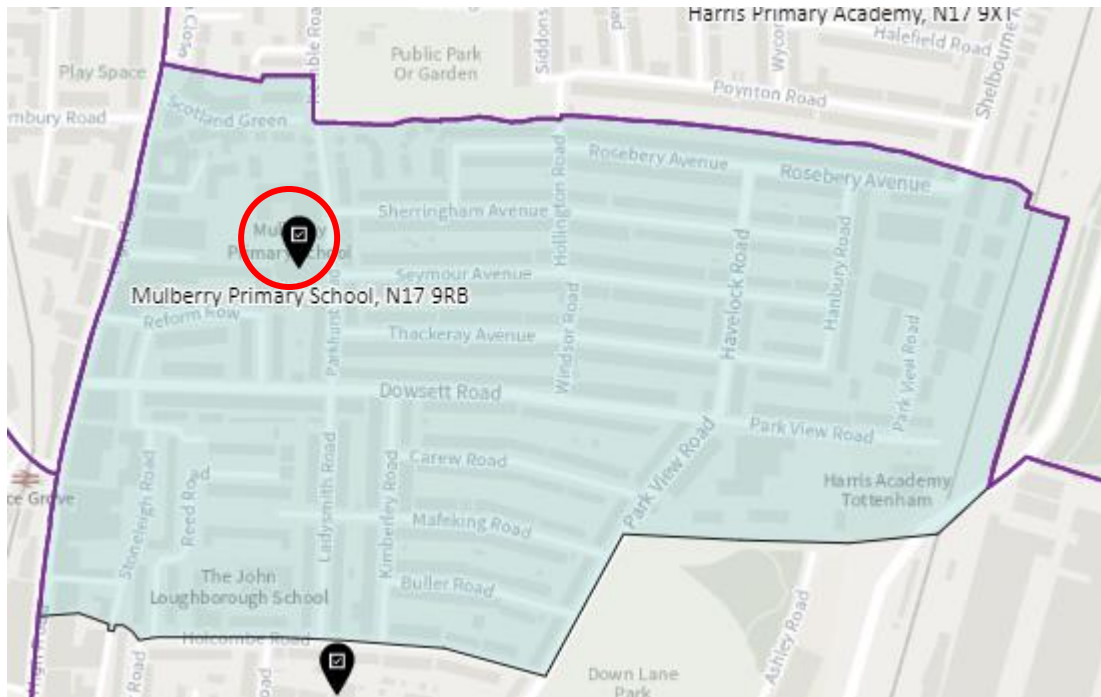


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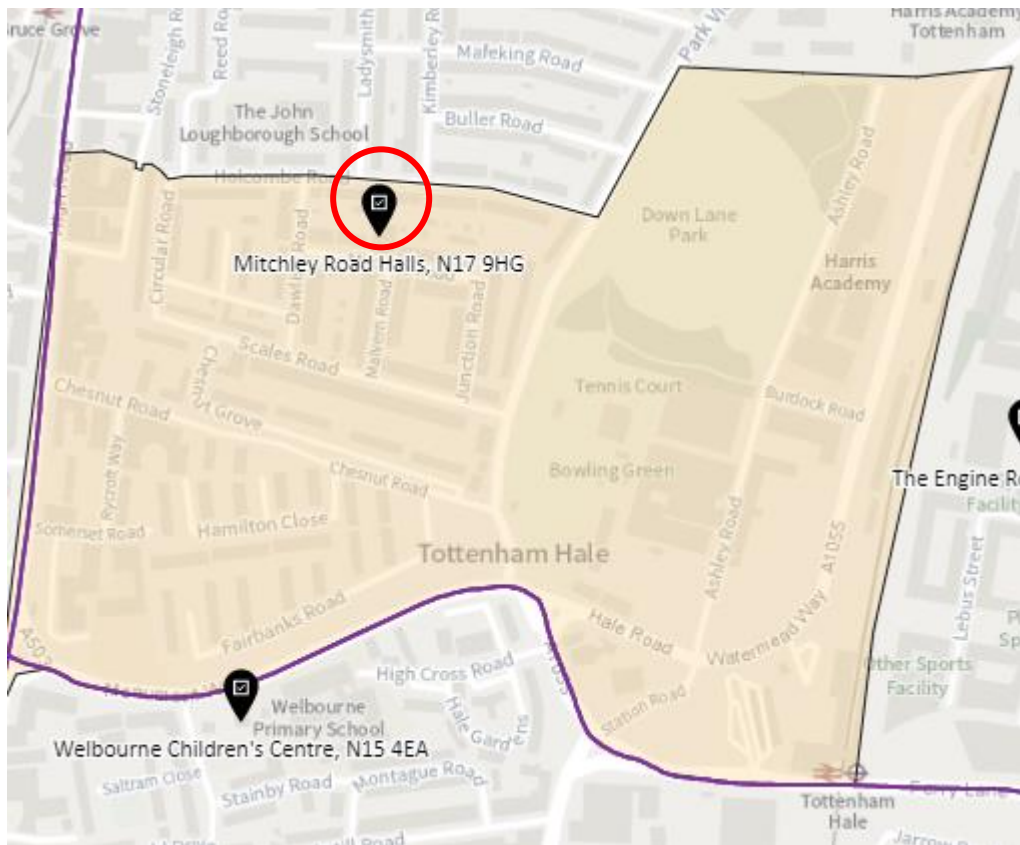


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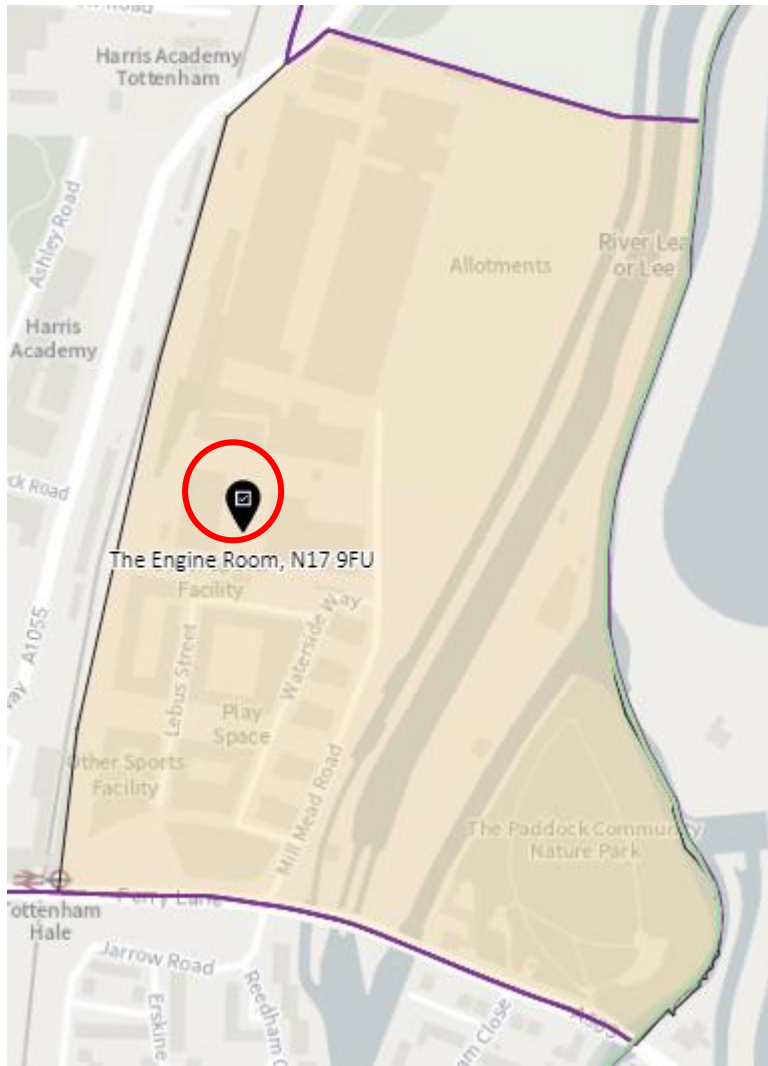
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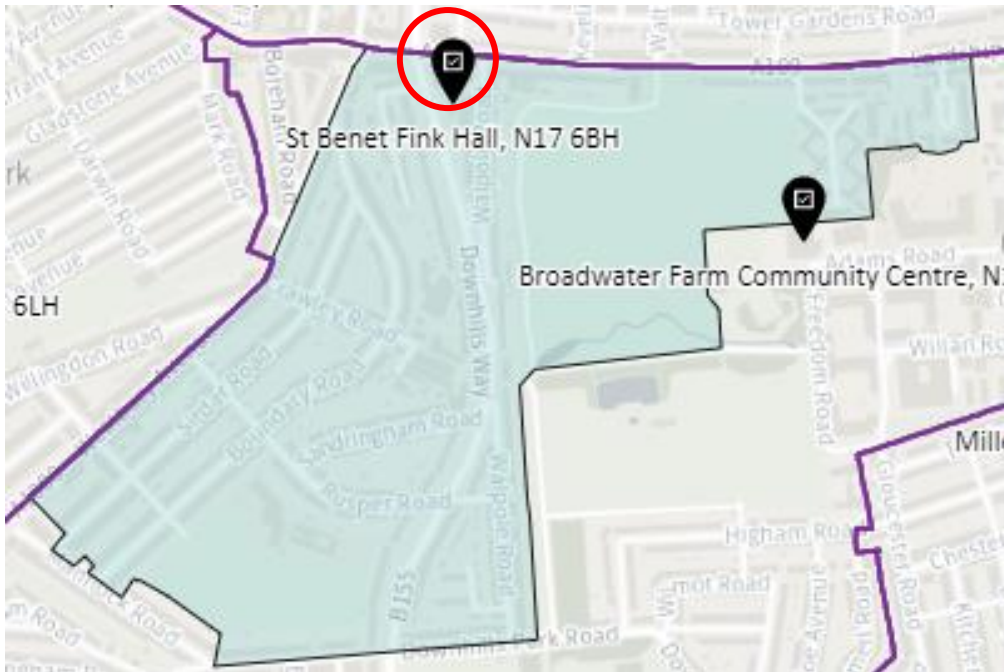


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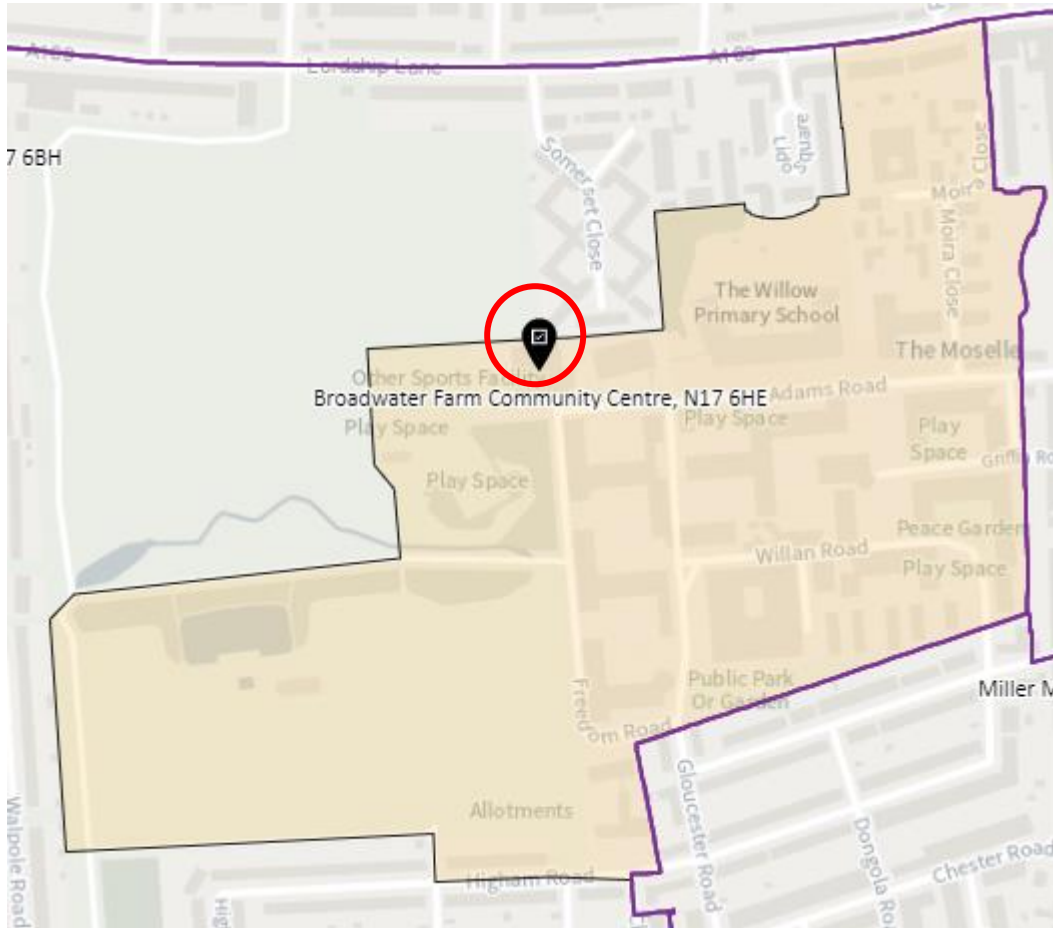
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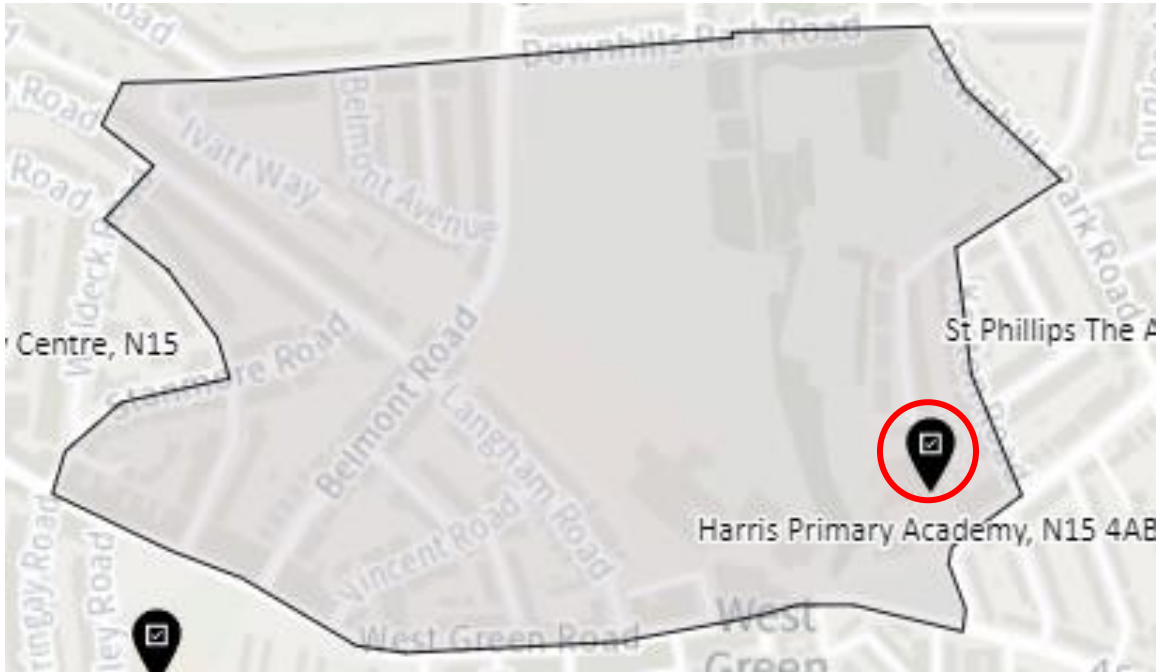
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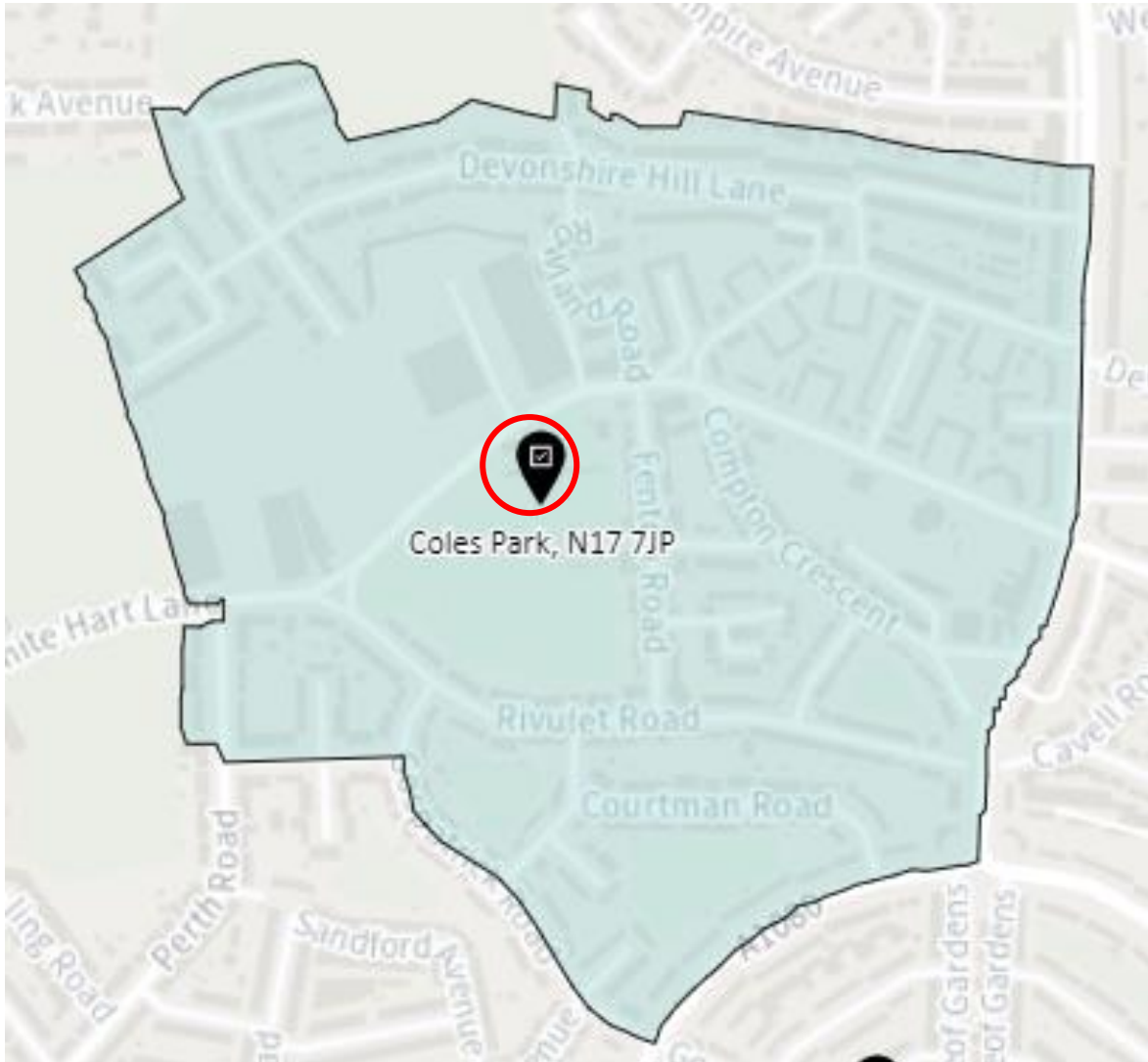


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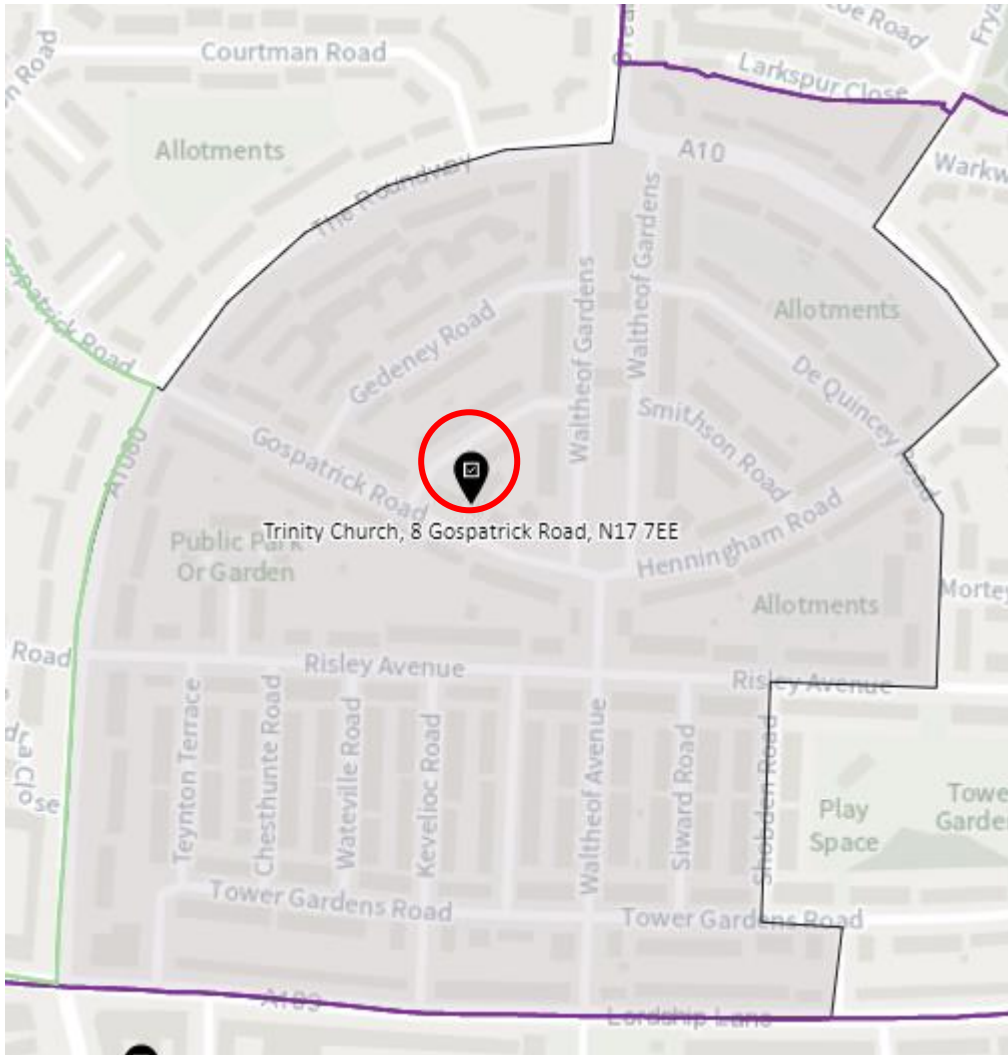
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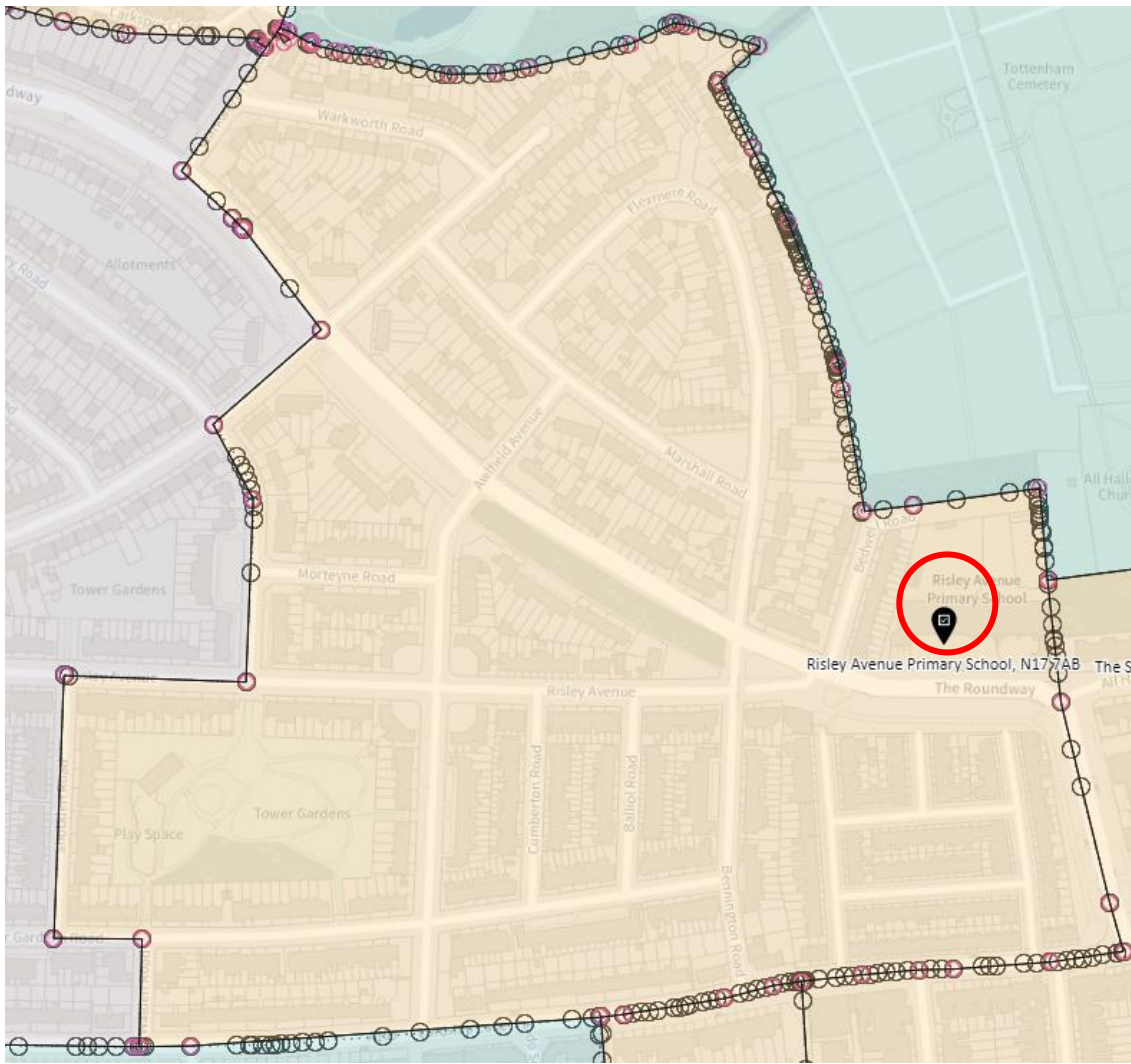
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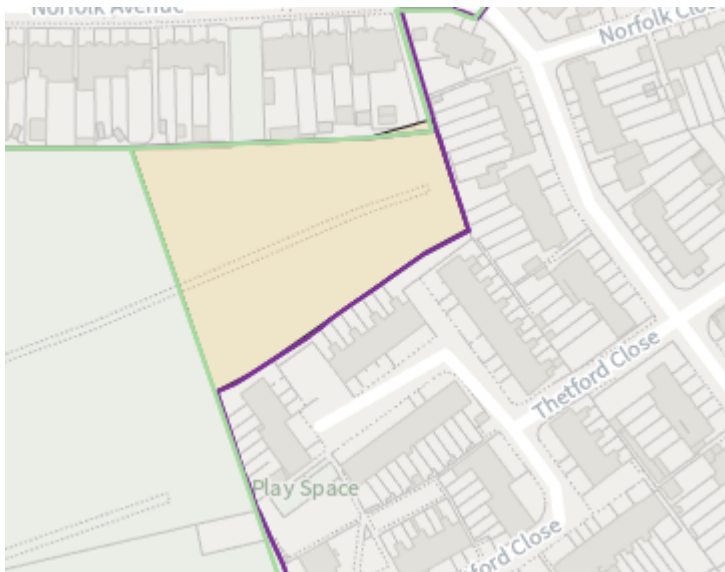
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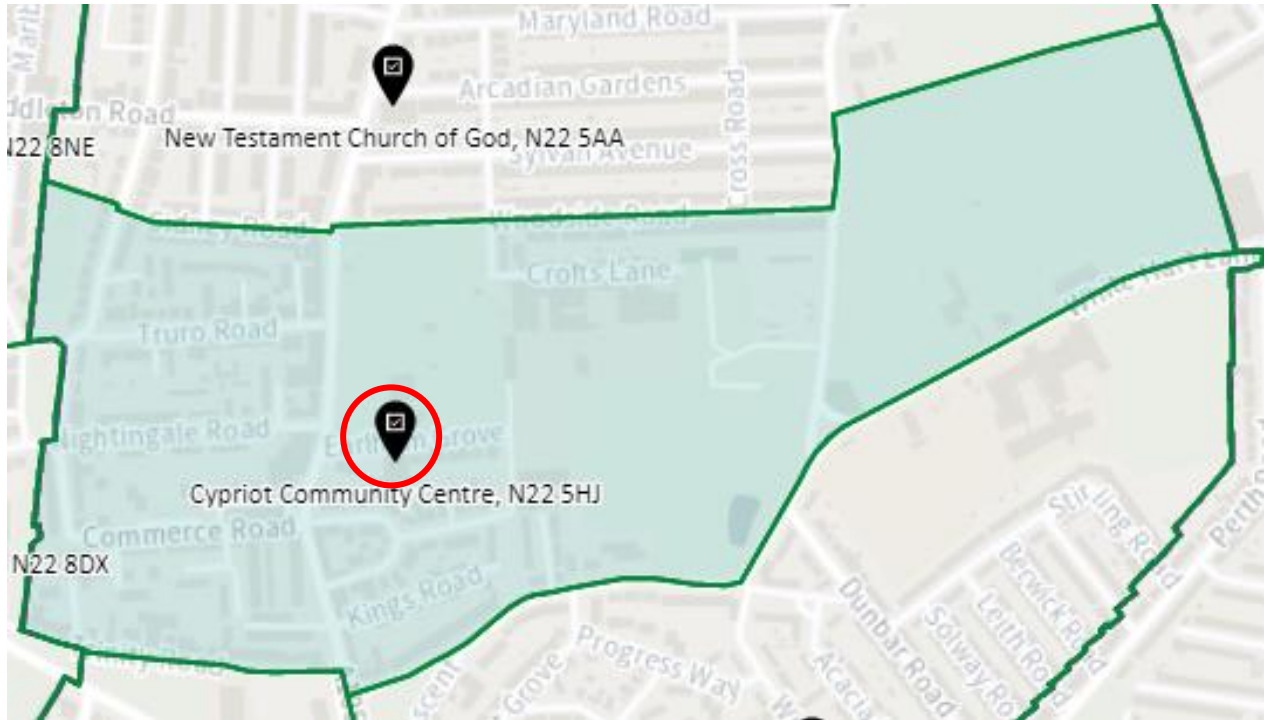


Note -Polling station name reads: New Testament Church of God, N22 5AA

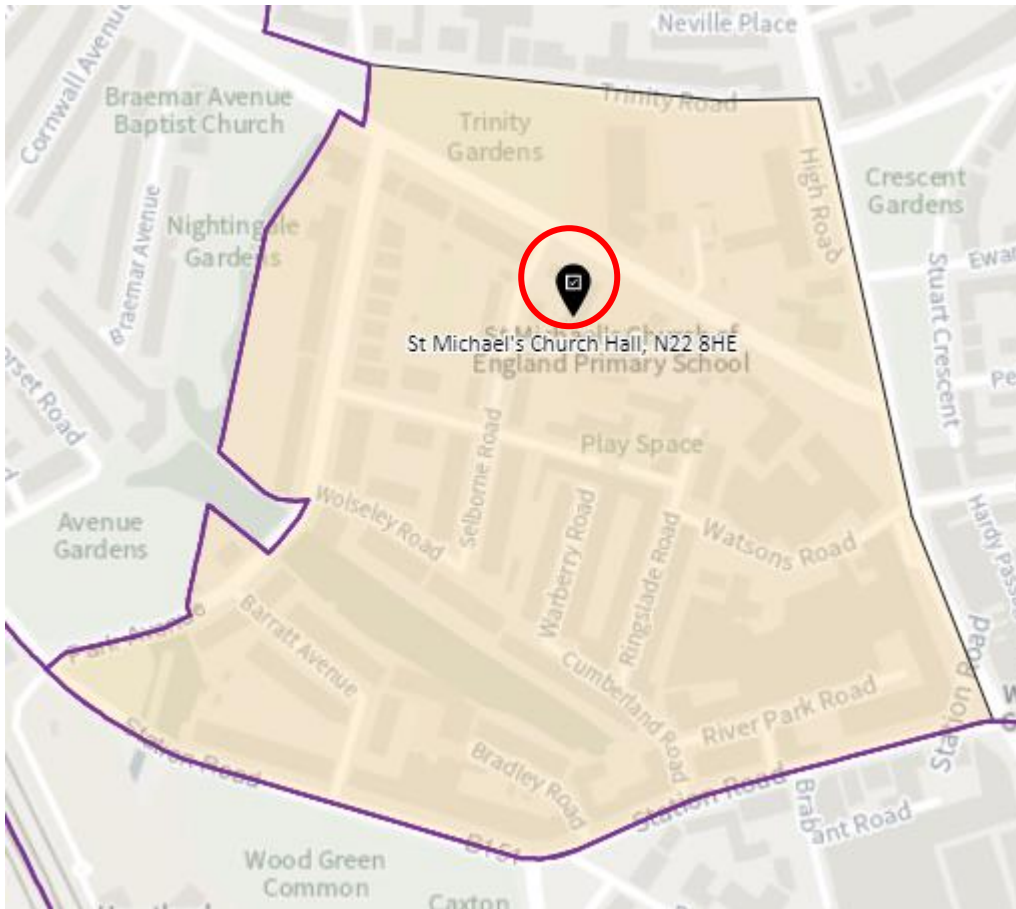
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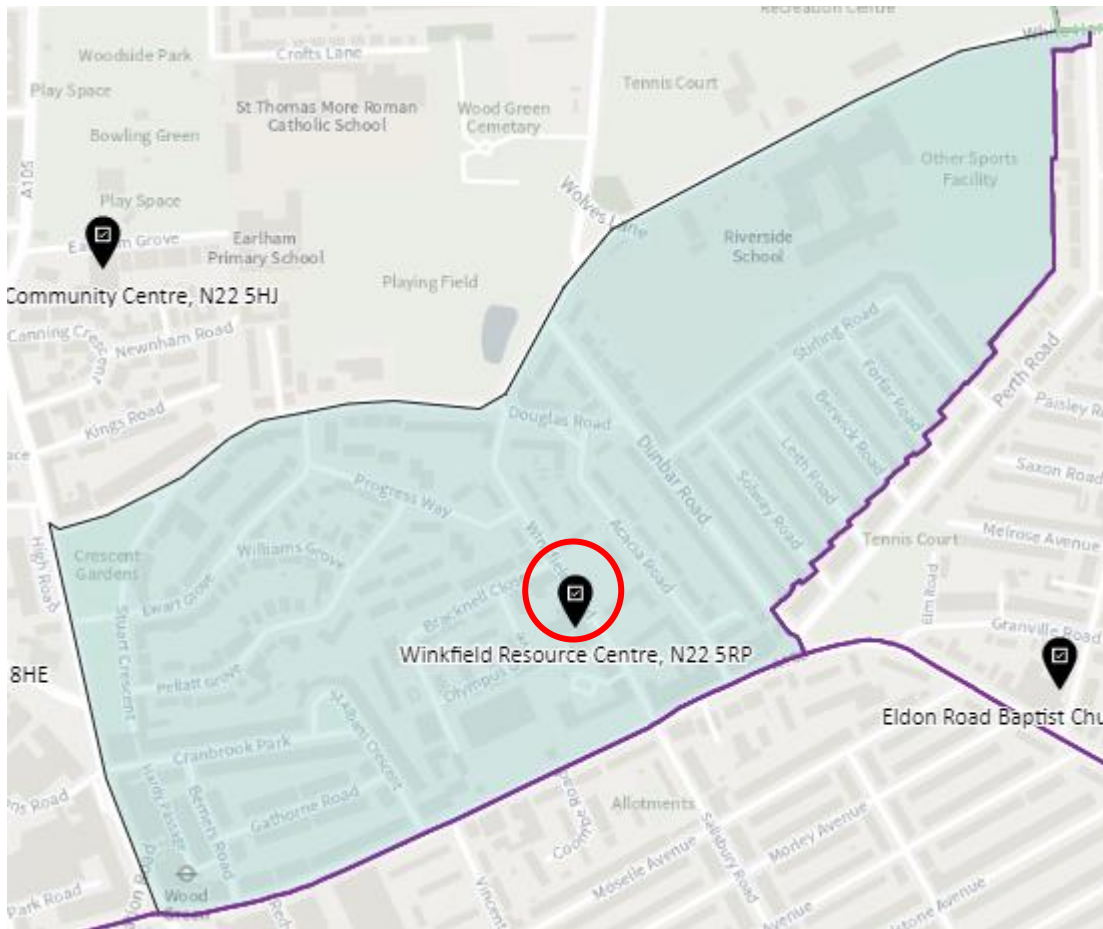
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Appendix 2 - Working assumptions for the Polling District and Polling Place Review

- The aim was for 2250 electors per polling station (excluding postal voters)
 - some polling districts will have multiple polling stations in the polling place.
- Reasonable walking distance was assumed as 10-15 minutes(*), and distances aimed to account for topography
- A further aim was to minimise the use of schools:
 - Some schools are happy to be used and can either plan an inset day or have a separate space that can be used with minimal disruption
 - Where a school has to close, nearby alternatives were considered.
 - Finding an alternative space wasn't always possible so there were some schools that still needed to be used.
- Generally, polling district boundaries were drawn along the centre of the road.
- Where a venue was used, reasonable adjustments were applied to make it accessible where this was needed.
- Given the changes that have taken place over the last two polling scheme reviews in the last two years, we are trying to minimise voter confusion by only making changes where they are required to meet the other principles of the review.

(*) Distances are taken from [google.co.uk/maps](https://www.google.co.uk/maps)

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Appendix 3 - Consultation responses

Type	Received from	Ward	Suggested proposals	Response	Proposed change to the polling scheme
Feedback before developing the proposals	Cllr Gordon	Tottenham Hale	List of polling stations is fine	Noted	N/A
Feedback before developing the proposals	Cllr Peacock	South Tottenham	A portable building to be located in Cadoxton Avenue to reduce the walking distance for older people	The walking distance for the school is 11 minutes which is within the limits set for the review. The use of portable buildings is being minimised due to the limited facilities and the access challenges	No
Feedback before developing the proposals	Cllr Cawley Harrison	Crouch End	Properties south of Crouch Hall Road could potentially be moved to Christ Church Crouch End to reduce the walking distance	Proposal to move the boundary between CEN-A and CEN-B to the north, to make the walking distances more even	Yes
Feedback before developing the proposals	Cllr Weston	Hornsey	Include the whole southern half of Nightingale Lane in HRN-D.	There have been changes to the Hornsey ward polling districts in the last two reviews. The walking distance is 11 minutes which is within the limits set for the review. The walking route is more logical from Nightingale Lane to Middle Lane Methodist Church so it was agreed that this change would be proposed	Yes
Feedback before developing the proposals	Cllr Arkell	Bounds Green	Bounds Green Polling stations are fine	Noted	N/A

Type	Received from	Ward	Suggested proposals	Response	Proposed change to the polling scheme
Feedback before developing the proposals	Cllr Brennan	Muswell Hill	Noted the polling places are on the edge of the polling districts. Also noted the risk of confusion with moving polling places and the capacity that is available in the Birchwood Hall for more than one polling station	We try to spread the polling places as evenly as possible but sometimes due to the availability and suitability of venues this is not always possible Preference for minimising voter confusion is noted	No
email in response to the consultation	Public response	Not stated	The maps provided were incomprehensible	Clarified how the proposals were laid out and offered further help if this was needed	N/A
email in response to the consultation	Public response	Crouch End	That the locations or polling areas were not provided for CEN-A and CEN-B	Clarified how the proposals were laid out and offered further help if this was needed	N/A
email in response to the consultation	Catherine West MP	Noel Park	A portable building at Shropshire Hall to reduce walking distance to Noel Park School	The walking distance for the school is 10 minutes which is within the limits set for the review. The use of portable buildings is being minimised due to the limited facilities and the access challenges	No
email in response to the consultation	Catherine West MP	Noel Park	A polling station outside the Sandlings	The walking distance for the residents of the Sandlings to their polling station is six minutes, which is within the limits set for the review. The use of portable buildings is being minimised due to the limited	No

Type	Received from	Ward	Suggested proposals	Response	Proposed change to the polling scheme
				facilities and the access challenges	
email in response to the consultation	Catherine West MP	Highgate	A portable building on Tudor Close to reduce walking distance	The walking distance for the residents at the south of the district to their polling station is 10 minutes, which is within the limits set for the review. As this involves a hill, alternative locations to make the polling stations more evenly spread across the polling district have been sought, but no suitable alternative fixed buildings have been found. The use of portable buildings is being minimised due to the limited facilities and the access challenges	No
email in response to the consultation	Catherine West MP	Stroud Green	A portable building for Chettle Court	The walking distance for the residents of Chettle Court to their polling station is eight minutes, which is within the limits set for the review. The use of portable buildings is being minimised due to the limited facilities and the access challenges. It was agreed that, due to the location of Chettle Court, that the boundary should be moved so the electors there vote at Hornsey Vale Community Centre	Yes, but only in terms of revising the boundary rather than introducing an extra portable building

Type	Received from	Ward	Suggested proposals	Response	Proposed change to the polling scheme
email in response to the consultation	Catherine West MP	Hornsey	Distance for those North of Hornsey High Street for electors to going to Middle Lane Methodist Church. Also, the road is a barrier	<p>This was a change made in the 2022/23 review to make the balance of electors more even due to the limited capacity at the Kurdish Advice Centre. Main roads are used as a boundary for polling districts where possible</p> <p>The walking distance for the residents to their polling station is nine minutes, which is within the limits set for the review. The use of portable buildings is being minimised due to the limited facilities and the access challenges.</p>	No
email in response to the consultation	Catherine West MP	Woodside	Road is a barrier to the Cypriot Centre	Main roads are used as a boundary for districts where possible. There are no suitable fixed buildings to the west of the main road. The use of portable buildings is being minimised due to the limited facilities and the access challenges.	No
email in response to the consultation	Catherine West MP	White Hart Lane	Portable building in the north of the WHL-BH district	It is proposed that the boundary between AHL-A and WHL-BH is moved south to run along the Crossway. This will mean that some of the electorate currently allocated to Eldon Road Church, will move to Coles Park. This will reduce the walking distance to a 7-minute walk to Coles Park for those in the south of WHL-A.	Yes, but only in terms of revising the boundary rather than introducing an extra portable building