

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS & POLLING PLACES 2024

ACTING RETURNING OFFICER'S PROPOSALS

The London Borough of Richmond upon Thames is conducting a review of polling districts and polling places in accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013. The (Acting) Returning Officer (ARO) for the parliamentary constituencies of Richmond Park, Twickenham and Brentford and Isleworth make the following proposals regarding existing polling stations and polling stations likely to be used within Richmond upon Thames, based on proposed polling places.

Background

The last statutory review of polling districts and polling places was conducted in 2019. However, another full review of all of Richmond's polling districts and polling places was conducted in 2021 as a result of the Local Government Boundary Commission's review of Richmond's ward boundaries, ahead of the council elections in 2022.

In order to satisfy the requirements of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013, the authority is required to complete another statutory review of all polling districts and polling places within a 16-month period from 1 October 2023. Reviews are required to be held within the period of 16 months that starts on 1 October of every 5th year after 1 October 2013, therefore this next compulsory review must be completed by 31 January 2025.

In conducting the review, the authority must seek to ensure that all electors have reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances and have regard to the needs of electors who are disabled.

Scope and Objectives of the Review

The Review has examined all Polling Districts and Polling Places. Ward boundaries cannot be altered as part of this review. The ARO aims to provide Polling Districts in all Wards that conform to the following criteria:

- Meet Electoral Commission guidance regarding Polling Place Electorate size
- The area must allow for a Polling Place to be situated in a location that is accessible for all electors in the Polling District

The decision-making process

The Council announces that a review is to take place and consults the (Acting) Returning Officer, who makes representations on existing and proposed polling arrangements. The Council publishes the (Acting) Returning Officer's proposals and invites comments.

A decision on the final polling arrangements will then ultimately be presented to full Council for approval in December.

The consultation must actively seek comments from people who have particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who are disabled. Any elector may make representations. Although not specifically required in law, the consultation will include local political parties and elected representatives.

Definition of Terms

Parliamentary Constituency

The area designated by the Boundary Commission which is represented by a Member of Parliament (MP) in the House of Commons. This cannot be changed by the review

Wards

The Borough is divided into electoral areas known as Wards which are represented by Borough Councillors. Ward boundaries cannot be changed by this review - it is the division of wards into polling districts and polling places that is under review.

Polling Districts

A polling district is the area created by the separation of a ward into smaller parts, within which a polling place can be determined that is most suitable for the electors.

Polling Places

A polling place is the building or area in which the polling stations will be selected by the ARO.

Polling Station

A polling station is the room or area in which the voting takes place. This must be located within the polling place that has been designated for the particular polling district. In some cases, there is more than one polling station within a polling place, depending upon how many people vote there.

Selecting Polling stations

The principal factor for selecting polling stations is the suitability within a district for the majority of the Polling Place Electorate and the decision for this is made by the ARO.

The Electoral Registration Officer (ERO)

Where a local authority makes any alterations to the polling districts within its area, the ERO must amend the Register of Electors accordingly – either on a notice of alteration or by publishing a revised register. Richmond intend to publish the revised Register of Electors based on the current polling scheme on 1 December 2024.

The (Acting) Returning Officer

The election rules require the (Acting) Returning Officer to decide how many polling stations are required for each polling place and they must allocate electors to the polling stations in such manner as they think most convenient.

The Polling Scheme 2025-2029

The following is a ward by ward description of the location of each polling place and a map showing the current boundaries of the polling districts.

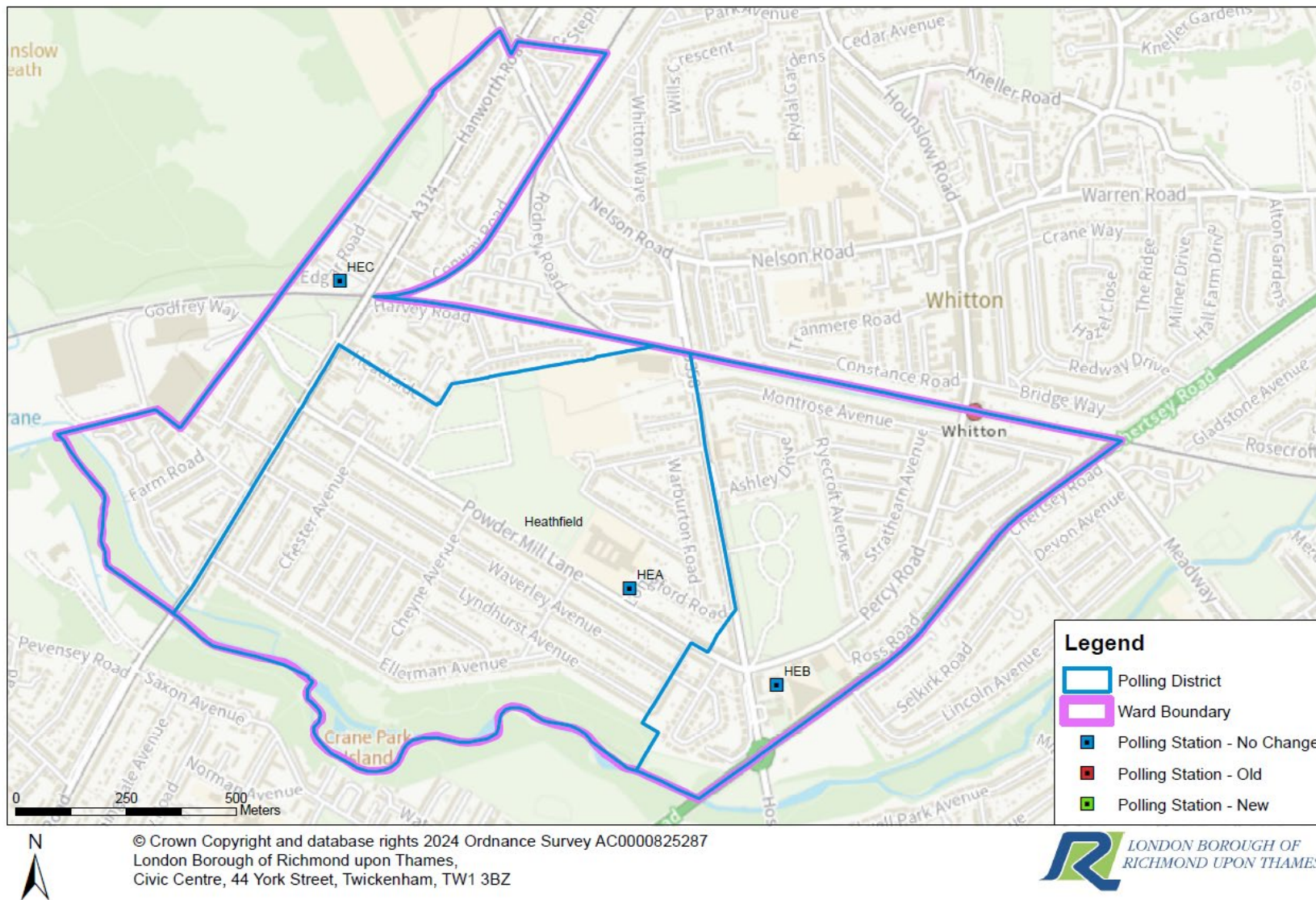
There are no proposed changes, with the exception of Elleray Hall. A new building will be replacing Elleray Hall in 2026. It is proposed that the polling place moves to the new building on completion of the build. The new building remains within the polling district TEB.

| Twickenham Constituency – Heathfield Ward | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|----------------|--|---------------|------------------------------|
| Polling District | Polling Place Electorate | No of Stations | Polling Place | Accessibility | Review Findings |
| HEA | 2,950 | 1 / 2 | Heathfield Childrens Centre, Powder Mill Lane, Twickenham, TW2 6EX | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| HEB | 1,794 | 1 | Whitton Community Centre, Percy Road, Twickenham, TW2 6JL | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| HEC | 2,697 | 1 / 2 | Hounslow Heath Community Centre, Edgar Road, TW4 5QP | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |

Returning Officer's recommendations in relation to the Ward -

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Ward: Heathfield



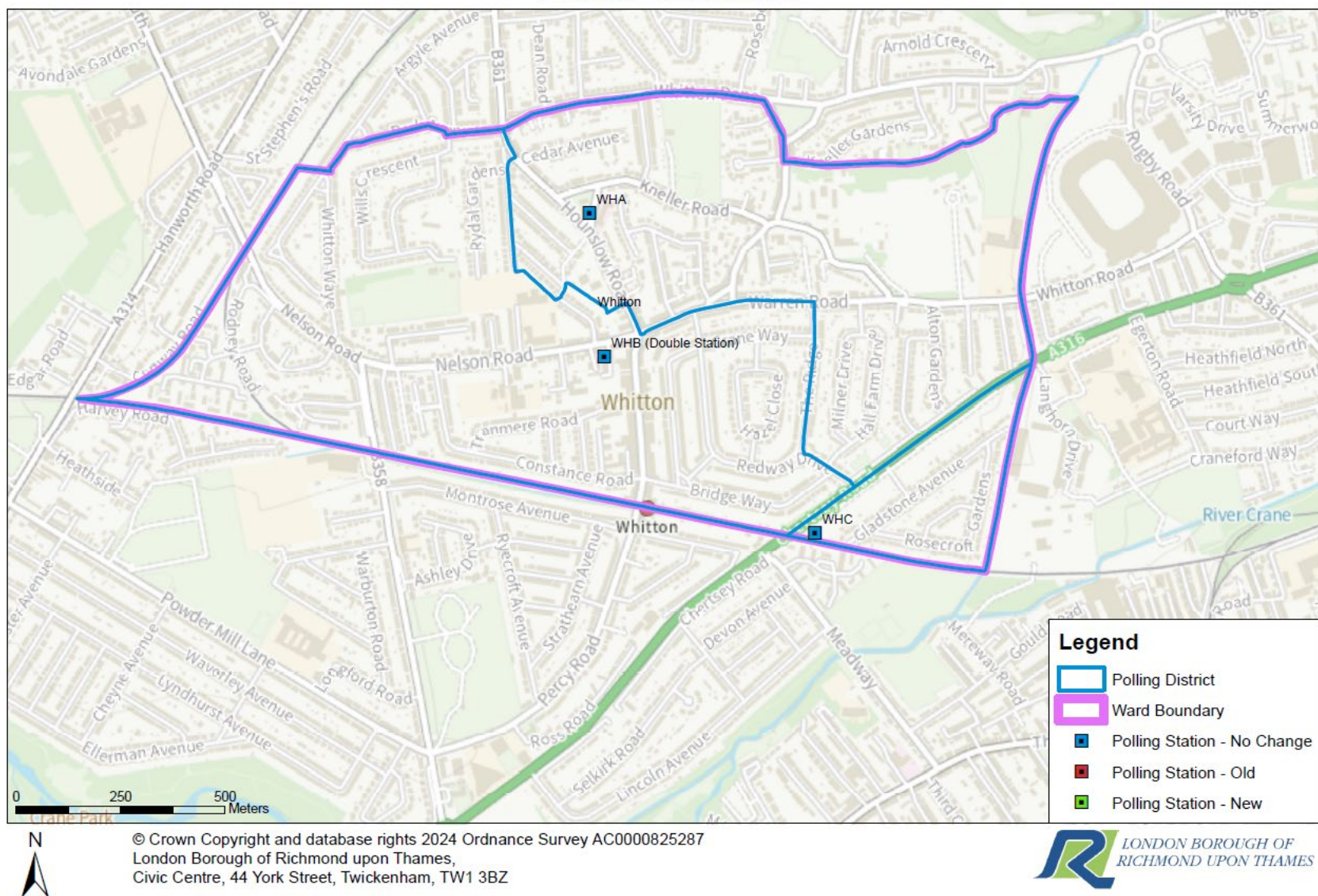
| Twickenham Constituency (old) Brentford and Isleworth Constituency (new) – Whitton Ward | | | | | |
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| Polling District | Polling Place Electorate | No of Stations | Polling Place | Accessibility | Review Findings |
| WHA | 2,730 | 1 | St Philip & St James Church Hall, Vicarage Road, Whitton, TW2 7DY | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| WHB | 4,685 | 2 | Whitton Library, 141 Nelson Road, Whitton, TW2 7BB | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| WHC | 369 | 1 | Dene Estate Social Centre - DERA Hall, Chertseydene Walk, Twickenham, TW2 7QB | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |

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It is worth noting that the Whitton Ward has moved from the Twickenham Constituency to the Brentford and Isleworth Constituency, for Parliamentary elections only.

Ward: Whitton

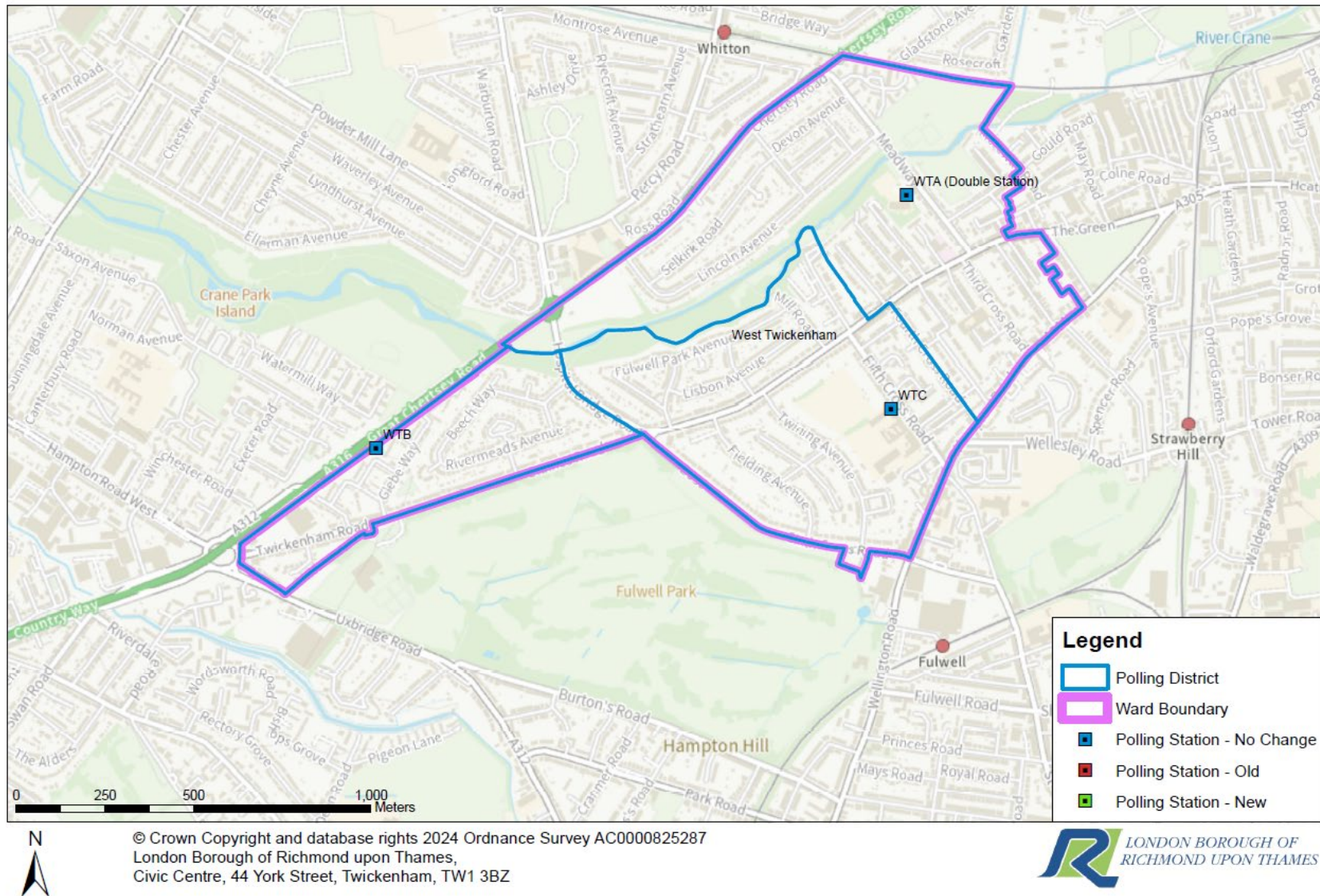


| Twickenham Constituency – West Twickenham Ward | | | | | |
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| Polling District | Polling Place Electorate | No of Stations | Polling Place | Accessibility | Review Findings |
| WTA | 3,661 | 2 | Crane Community Centre, Meadway, Twickenham, TW2 6PG | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| WTB | 1,256 | 1 | Glebe Gardens Community Centre, Whiteleys Way, Off Butts Crescent, TW13 6HS | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| WTC | 3,054 | 2 | Waldegrave School, Fifth Cross Road, TW2 5LH | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |

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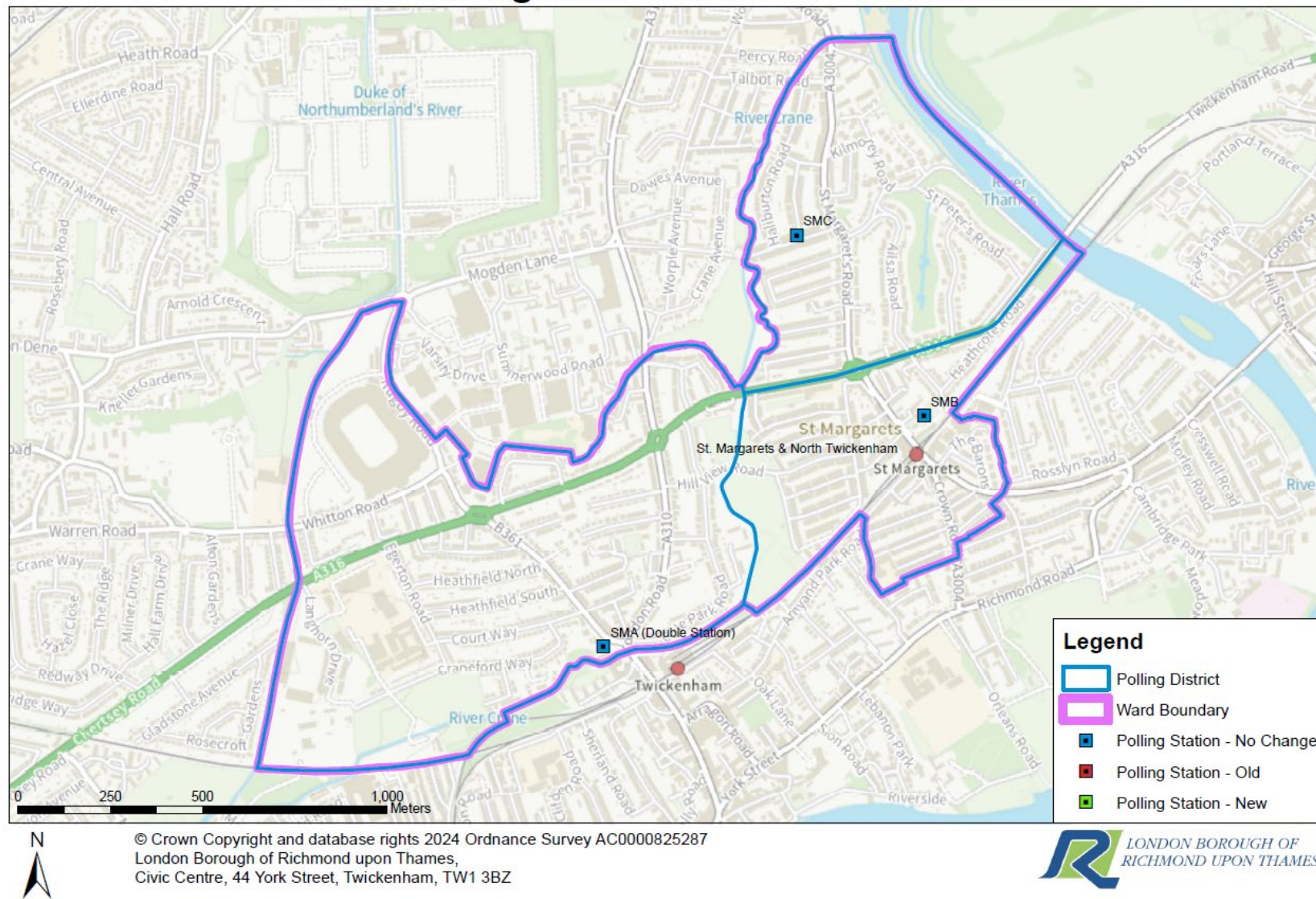


| Twickenham Constituency – St Margarets and North Twickenham Ward | | | | | |
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| Polling District | Polling Place Electorate | No of Stations | Polling Place | Accessibility | Review Findings |
| SMA | 3,485 | 2 | Heatham House, Whitton Road, Twickenham, TW1 1BH | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| SMB | 2,713 | 1 / 2 | St Margarets Catholic Church Hall, 130 St Margarets Road, TW1 1RL | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| SMC | 2,478 | 1 / 2 | All Souls Church Hall, Northcote Road, St Margarets, TW1 1PB | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |

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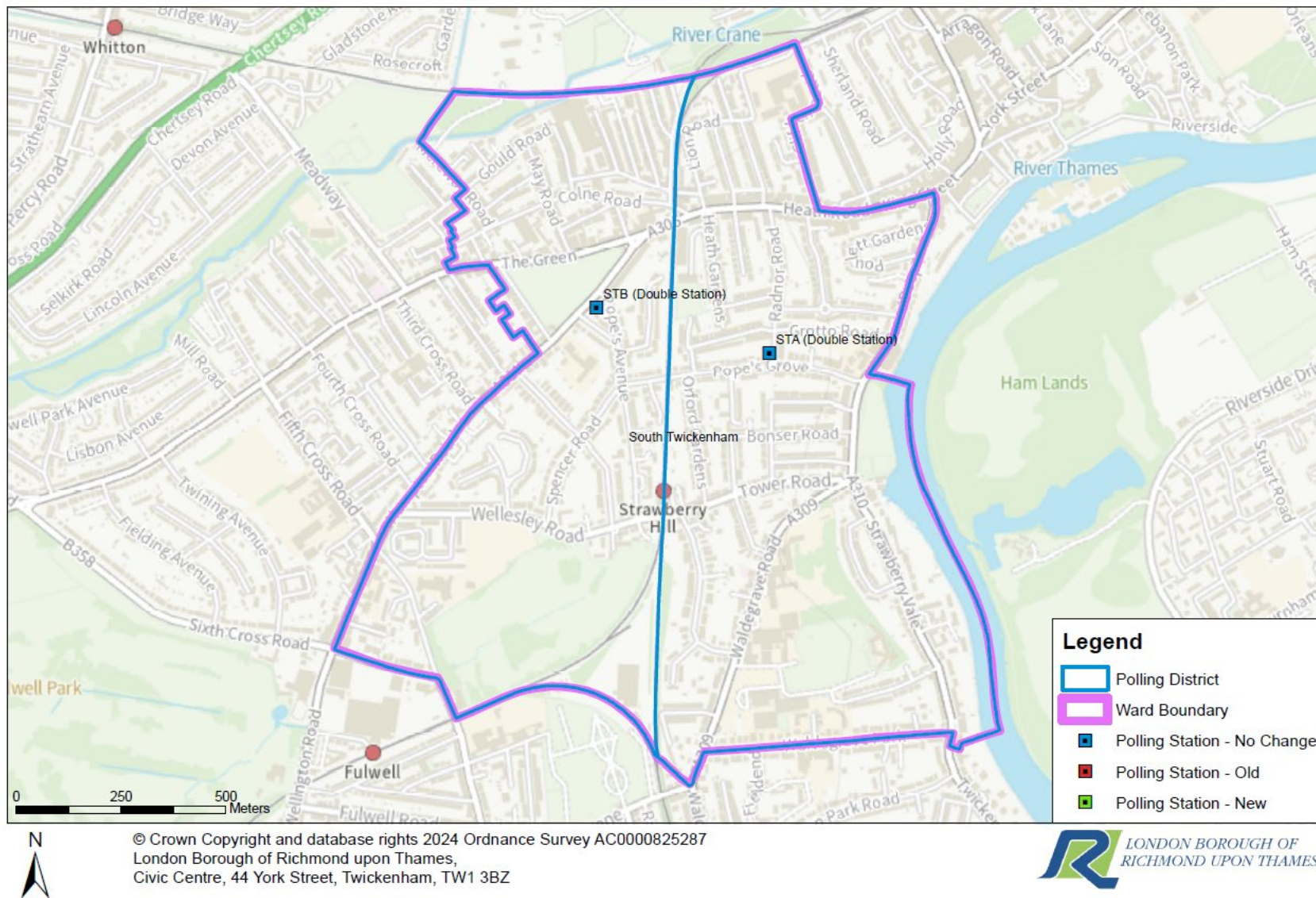


| Twickenham Constituency – South Twickenham Ward | | | | | |
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| Polling District | Polling Place Electorate | No of Stations | Polling Place | Accessibility | Review Findings |
| STA | 4,257 | 2 | Church of St James, 61 Popes Grove, TW1 4JZ | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| STB | 3,403 | 2 | Holy Trinity Church, The Green, TW2 5TS | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |

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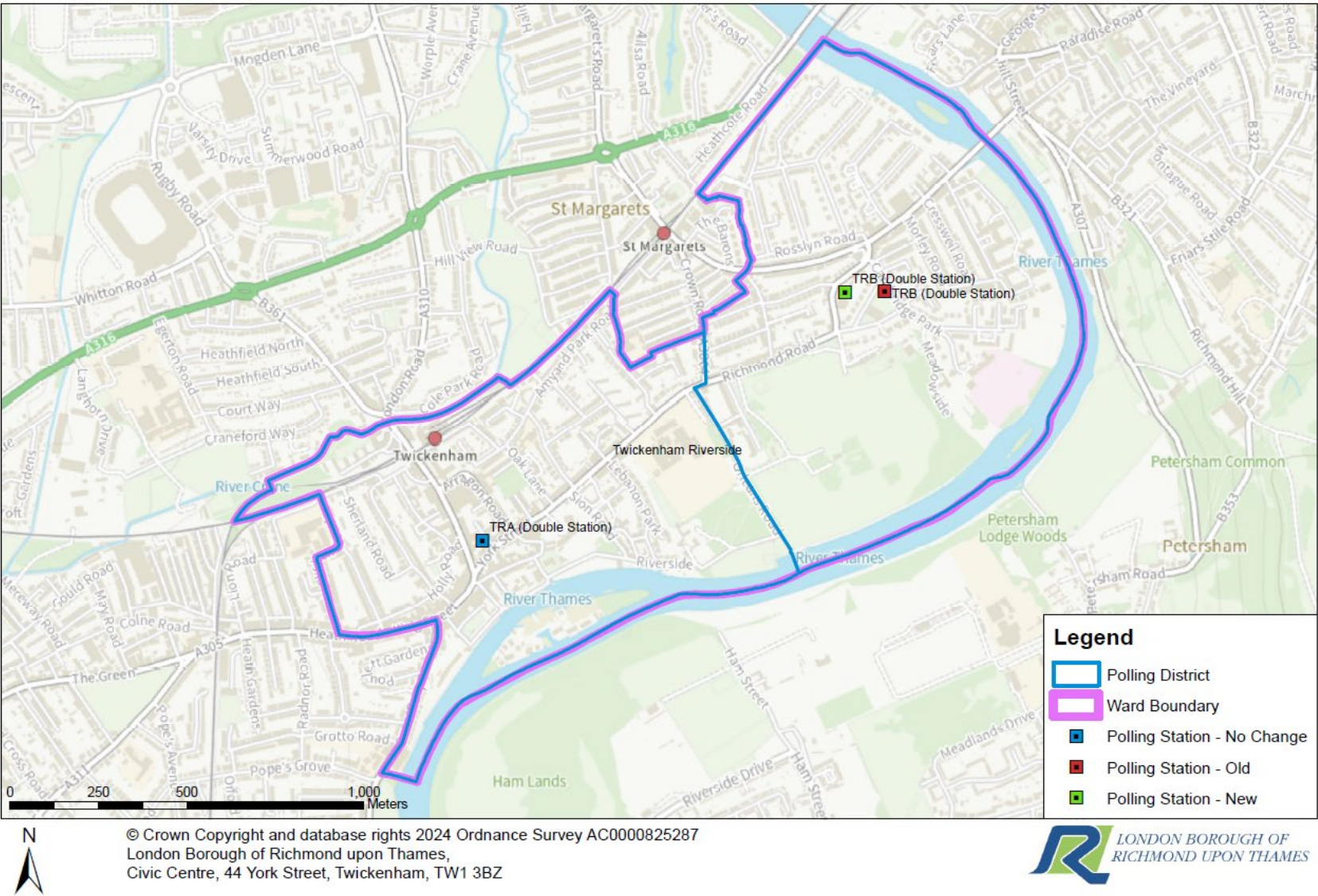


| Twickenham Constituency – Twickenham Riverside Ward | | | | | |
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| Polling District | Polling Place Electorate | No of Stations | Polling Place | Accessibility | Review Findings |
| TRA | 4,150 | 2 | Twickenham Library, Garfield Road, TW1 3JT | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| TRB | 4,158 | 2 | St Stephen’s Church Hall, Richmond Road, TW1 2PD | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |

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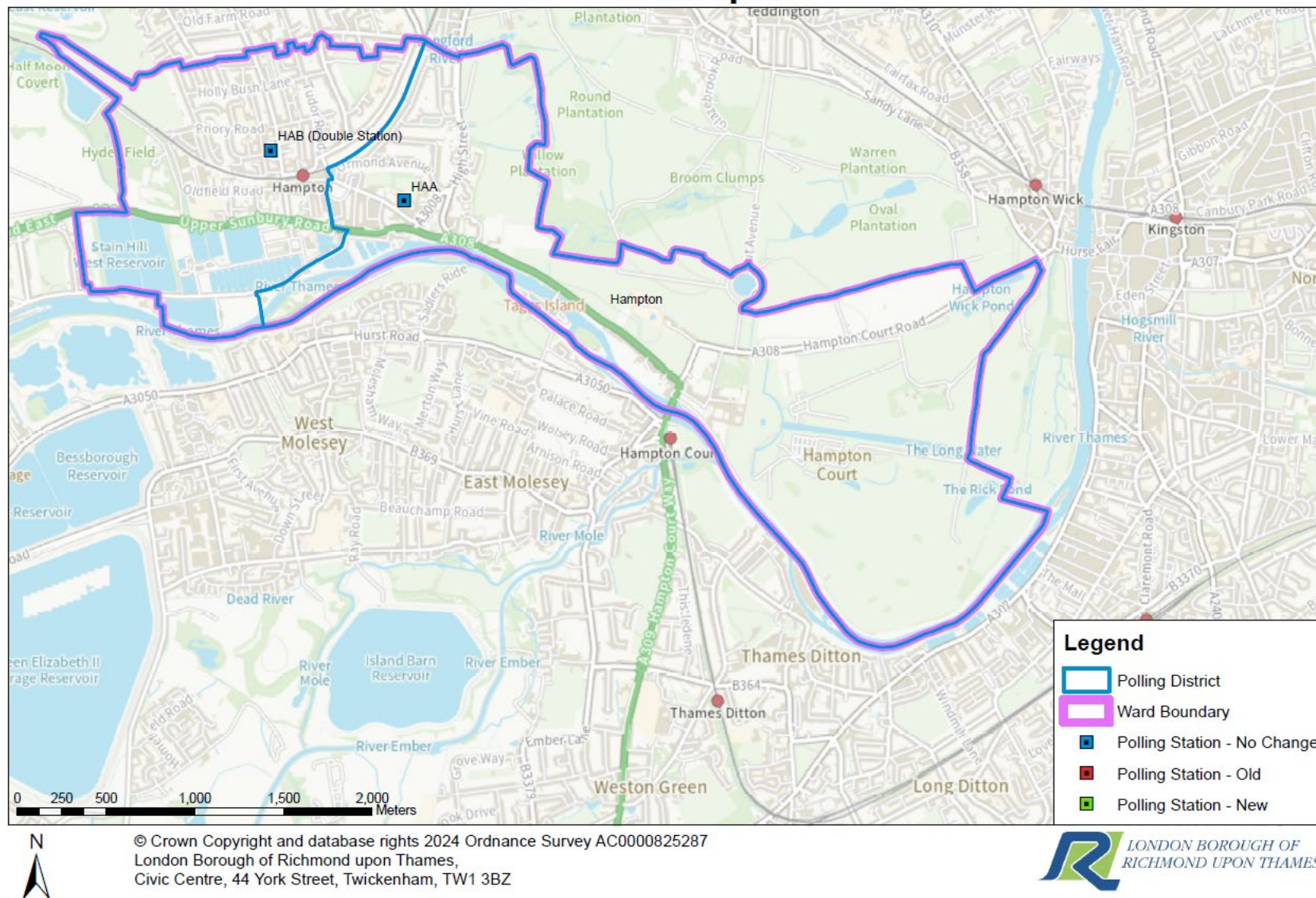


| Twickenham Constituency – Hampton Ward | | | | | |
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| Polling District | Polling Place Electorate | No of Stations | Polling Place | Accessibility | Review Findings |
| HAA | 2,855 | 1 / 2 | Beveree, Hampton & Richmond FC, Station Road, TW12 2BX | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| HAB | 4,798 | 2 | Hampton Methodist Church Hall, Percy Road, TW12 2JT | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |

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Ward: Hampton

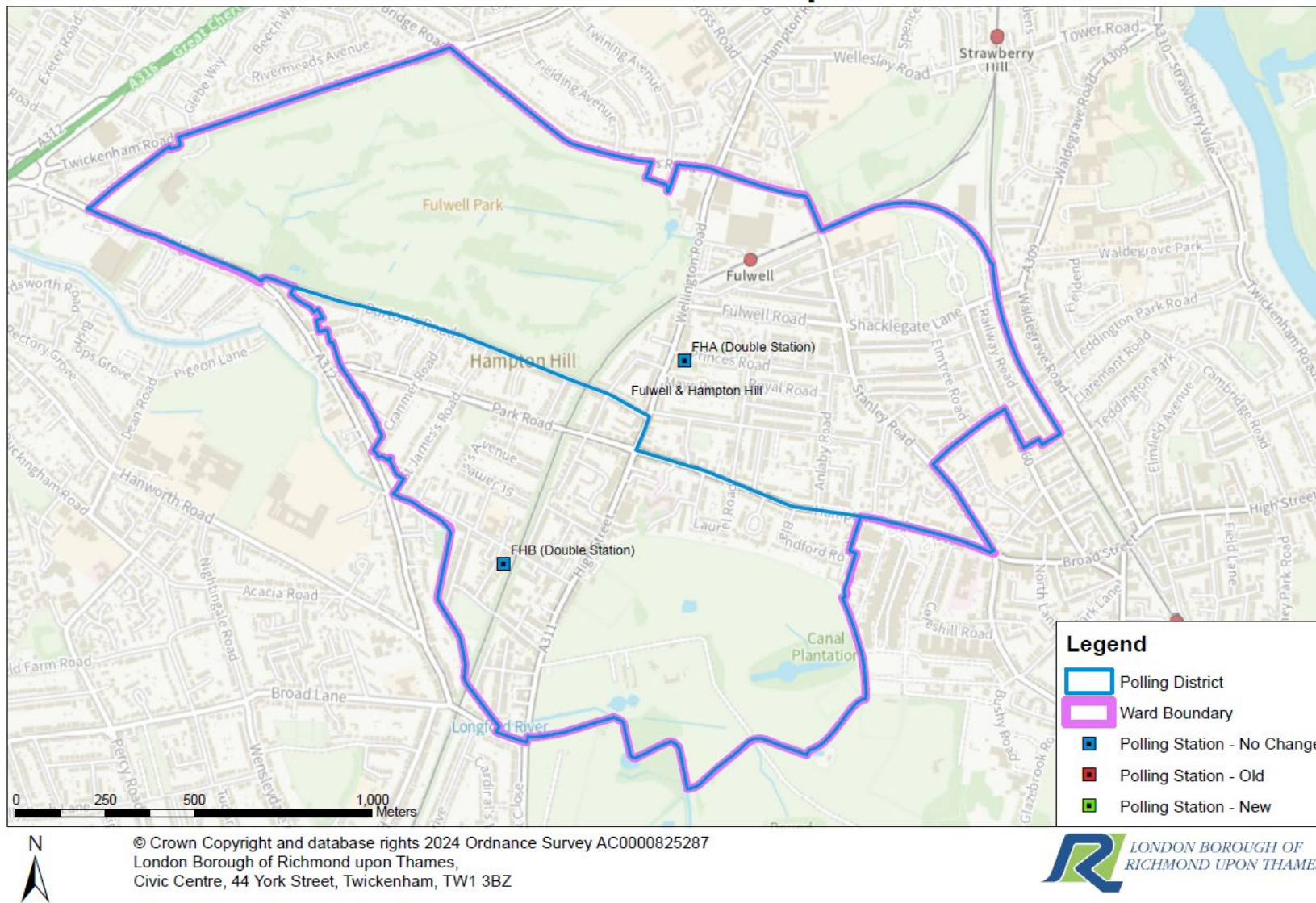


| Twickenham Constituency – Fulwell & Hampton Hill Ward | | | | | |
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| Polling District | Polling Place Electorate | No of Stations | Polling Place | Accessibility | Review Findings |
| FHA | 4,822 | 2 | St Francis de Sales, 16 Wellington Road, Hampton Hill, TW12 1JR | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| FHB | 3,368 | 2 | Greenwood Community Centre, 1a School Road, Hampton Hill, TW12 1QL | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |

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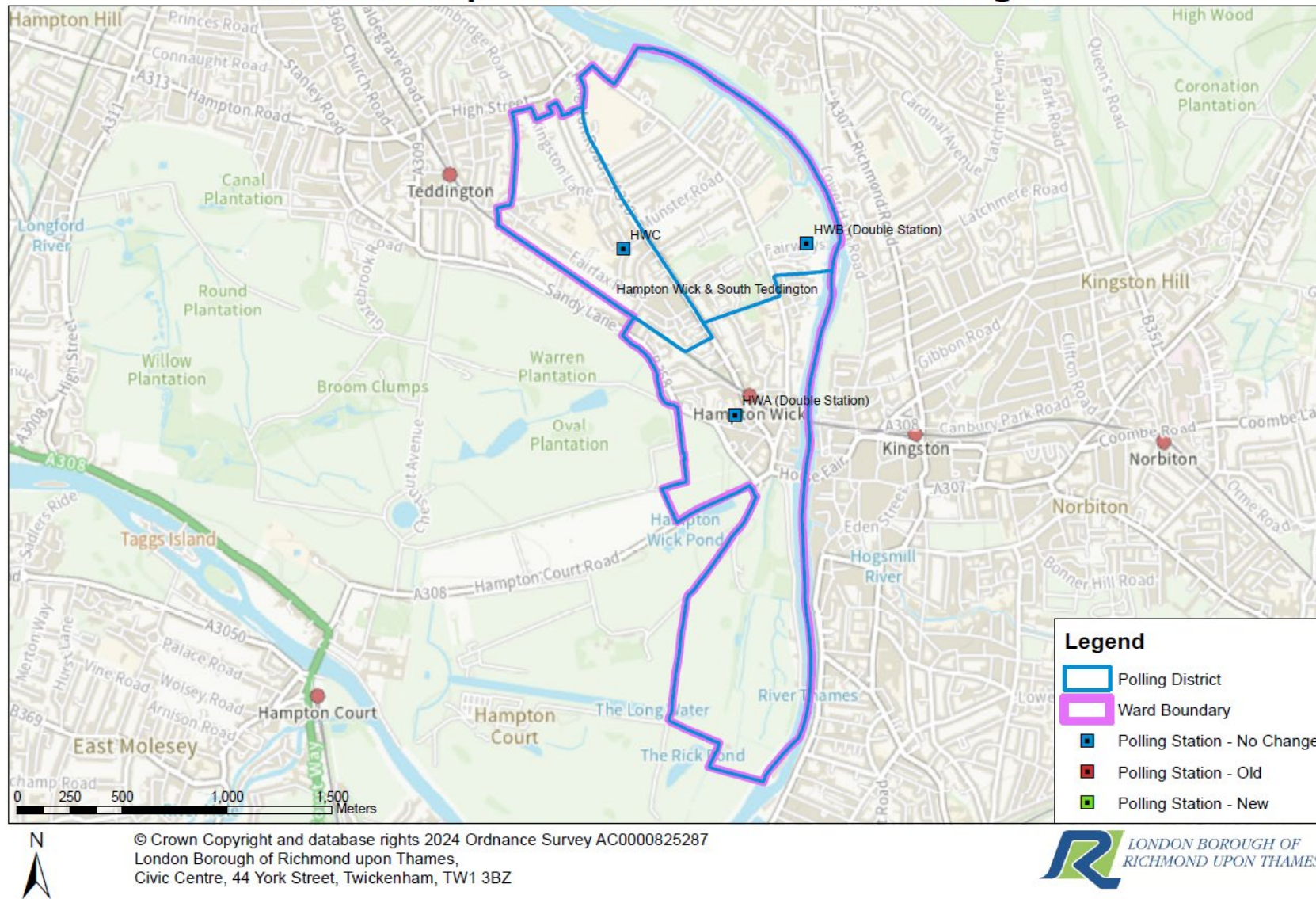


| Twickenham Constituency – Hampton Wick & South Teddington Ward (prev. Hampton Wick Ward) | | | | | |
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| Polling District | Polling Place Electorate | No of Stations | Polling Place | Accessibility | Review Findings |
| HWA | 2,800 | 1 / 2 | Bullen Hall, Bennet Close, Hampton Wick, KT1 4AT | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| HWB | 3,067 | 1 / 2 | Twickenham Sea Cadets, TS Saumarez, Fairways, TW11 9PL | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| HWC | 2,474 | 1 / 2 | St Marks Church, St Marks Road, TW11 9DE | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |

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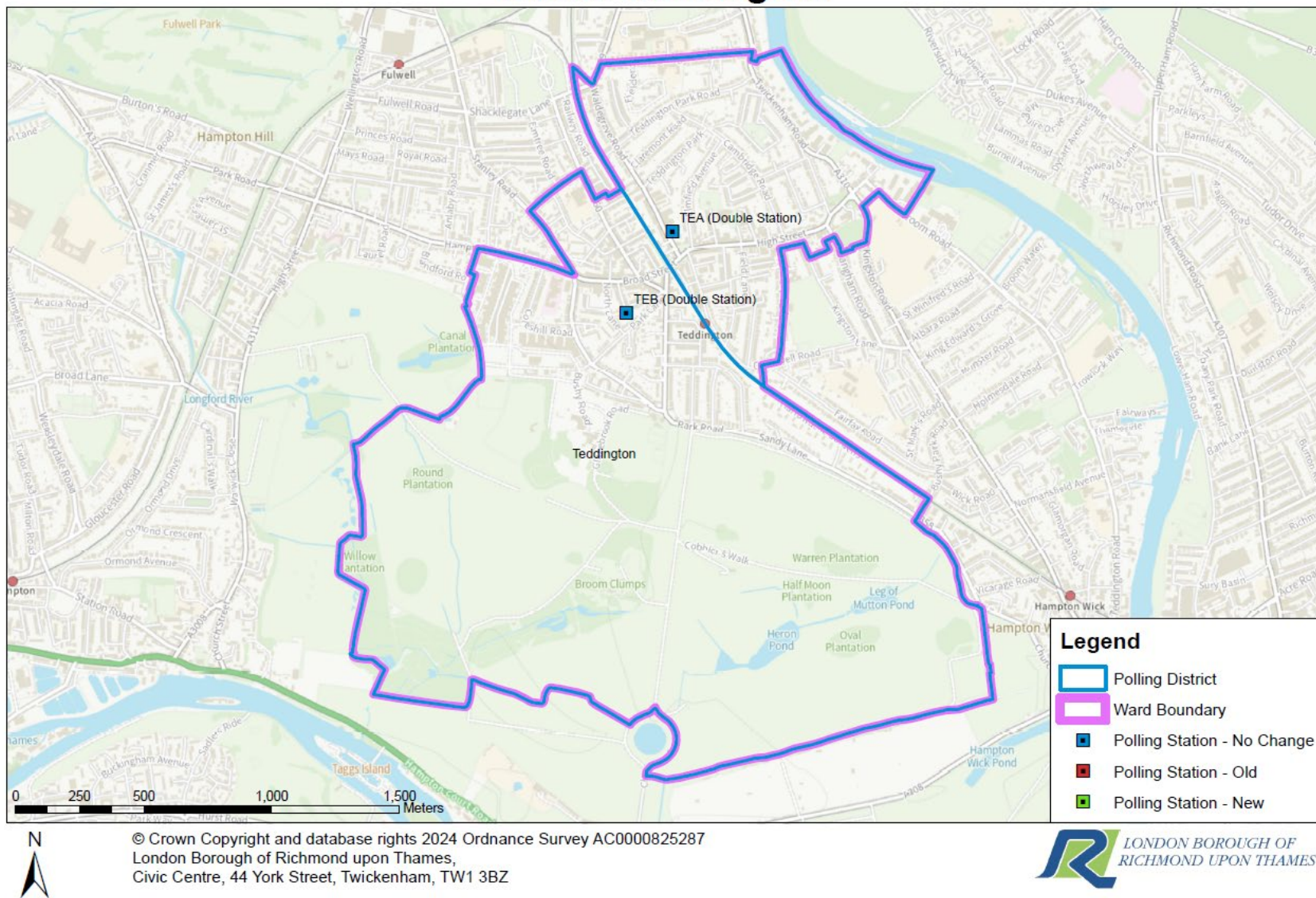


| Twickenham Constituency – Teddington Ward | | | | | |
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| Polling District | Polling Place Electorate | No of Stations | Polling Place | Accessibility | Review Findings |
| TEA | 4,892 | 2 | Teddington Library, Waldegrave Road, Teddington, TW11 8NY | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| TEB | 3,408 | 2 | Elleray Hall, Elleray Road, TW11 0HG – proposal to relocate the polling station to the new building replacing Elleray Hall on completion of the build. | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |

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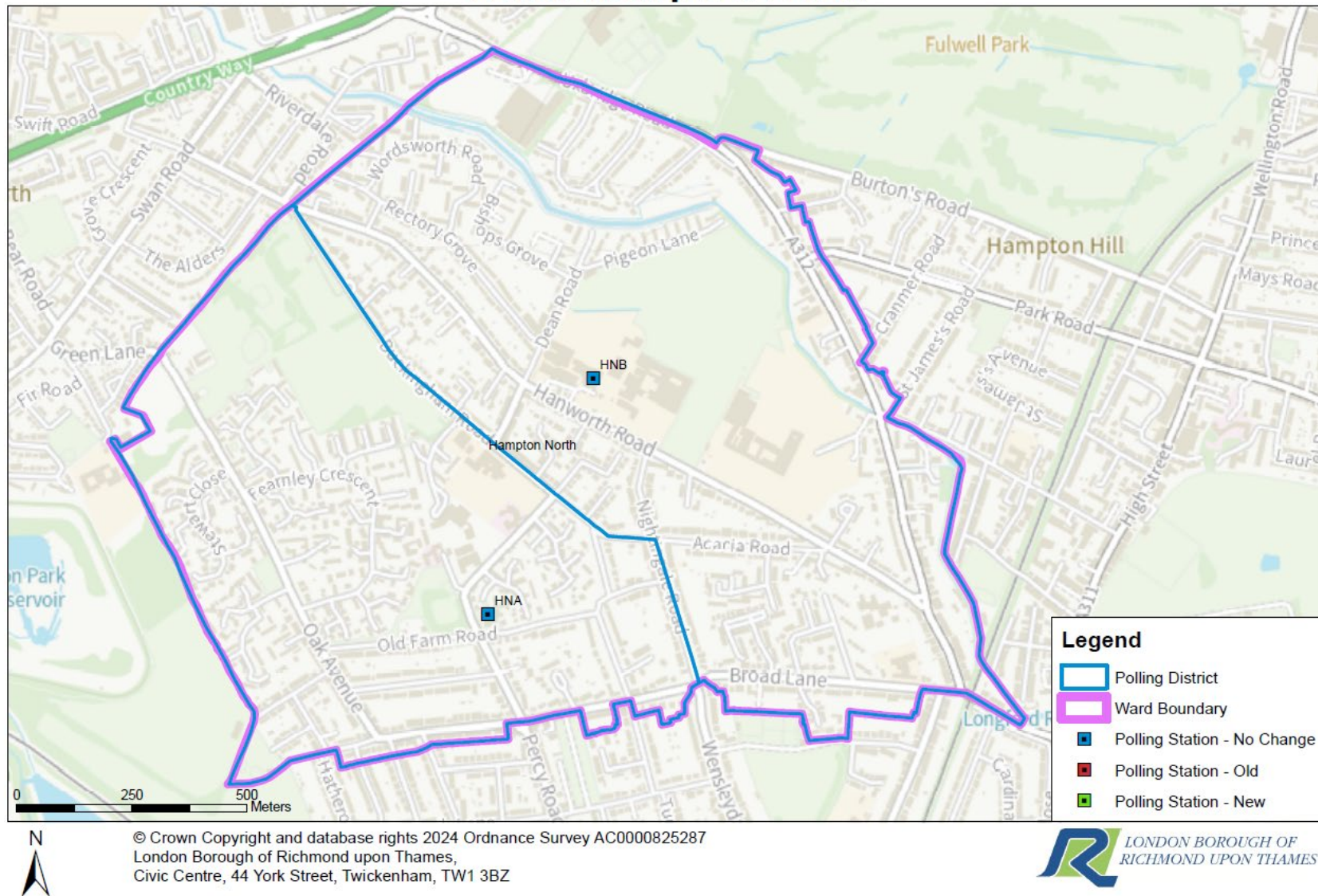


| Twickenham Constituency – Hampton North Ward | | | | | |
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| Polling District | Polling Place Electorate | No of Stations | Polling Place | Accessibility | Review Findings |
| HNA | 3,378 | 2 | All Saints Church Hall, The Avenue, Hampton, TW12 3RS | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| HNB | 4,038 | 2 | Hampton High, Hanworth Road, TW12 3HB | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |

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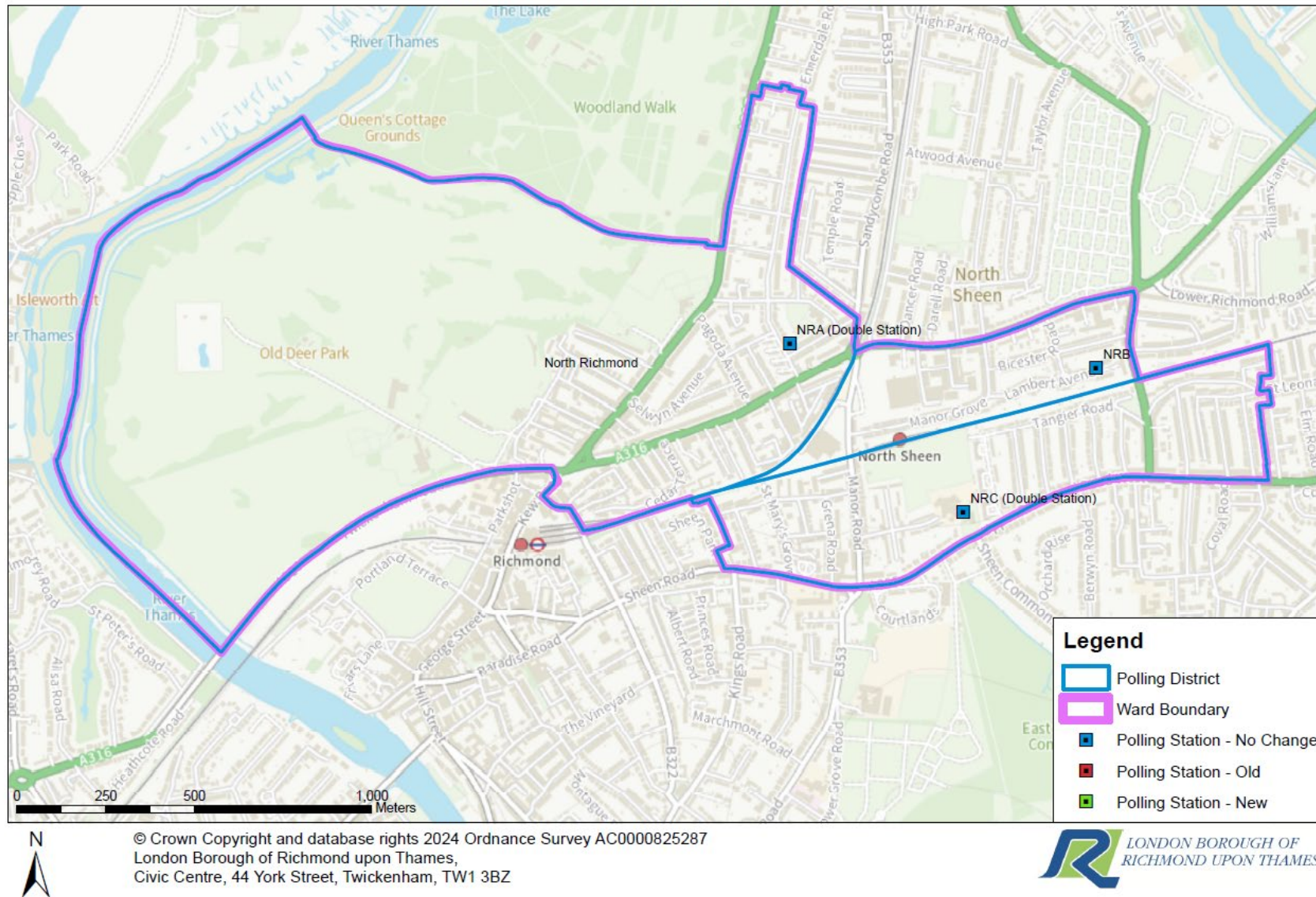


| Richmond Park Constituency – North Richmond Ward | | | | | |
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| Polling District | Polling Place Electorate | No of Stations | Polling Place | Accessibility | Review Findings |
| NRA | 3,782 | 2 | Raleigh Road United Church Hall, Stanmore Gardens, TW9 2HN | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| NRB | 1,288 | 1 | Caravan at Lambert Ave, Parking Area Between 24 & 26 Lambert Ave, Richmond, TW9 4QR | N/A | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| NRC | 2,844 | 1 / 2 | Our Lady Queen of Peace Church Hall, 222 Sheen Road, TW10 5AN | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |

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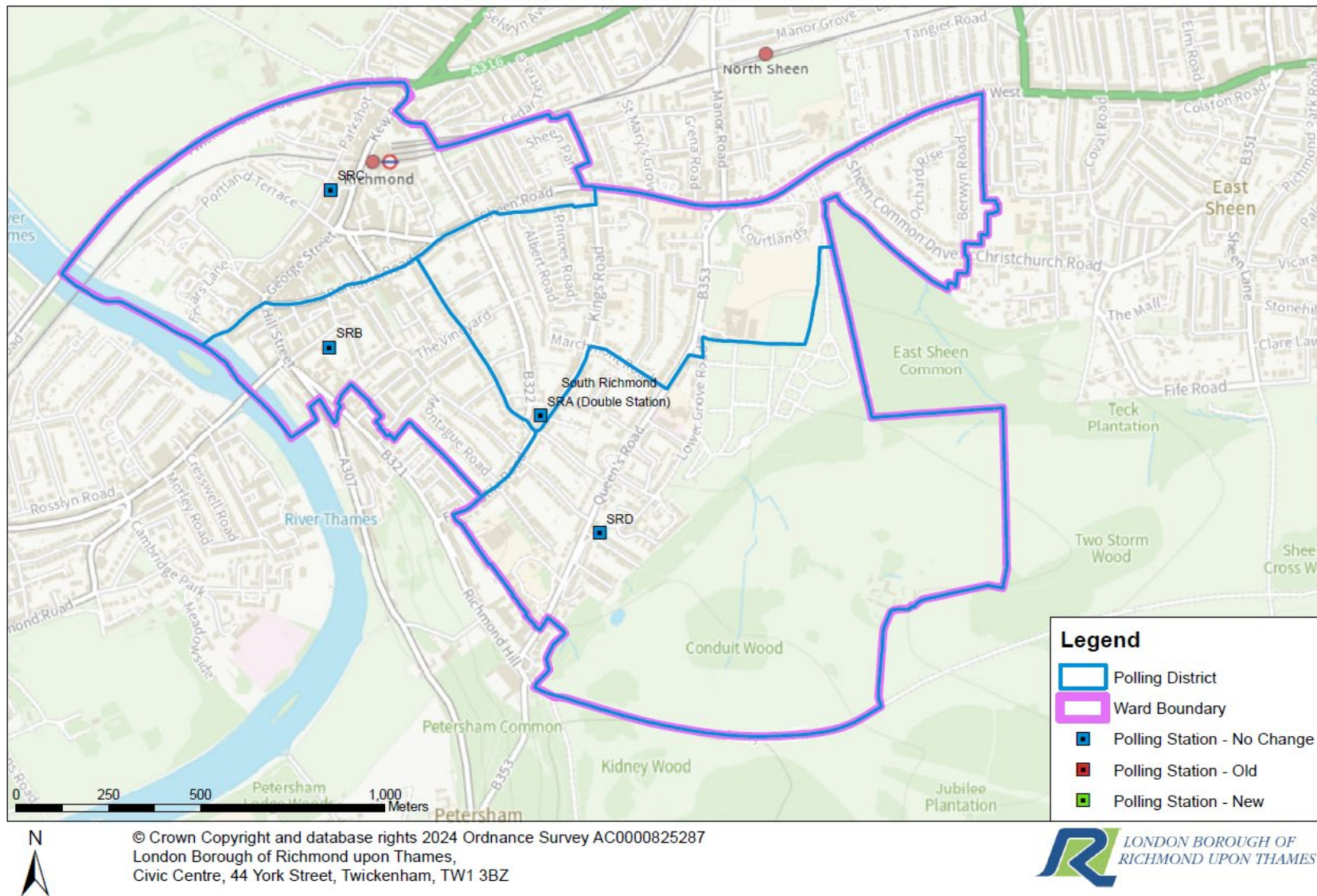


| Richmond Park Constituency – South Richmond Ward | | | | | |
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| Polling District | Polling Place Electorate | No of Stations | Polling Place | Accessibility | Review Findings |
| SRA | 2,903 | 1 / 2 | St Mathias Church, Church Rd, Richmond TW10 6LS | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| SRB | 1,593 | 1 | Richmond and Putney Unitarian Church, Ormond Road, Richmond, TW10 6TH | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| SRC | 1,913 | 1 | Richmond Library Annexe, Quadrant Road, TW9 1DH | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| SRD | 1,650 | 1 | Cambrian Centre, 1 Caplan Court, Grove Road, TW10 6SN | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |

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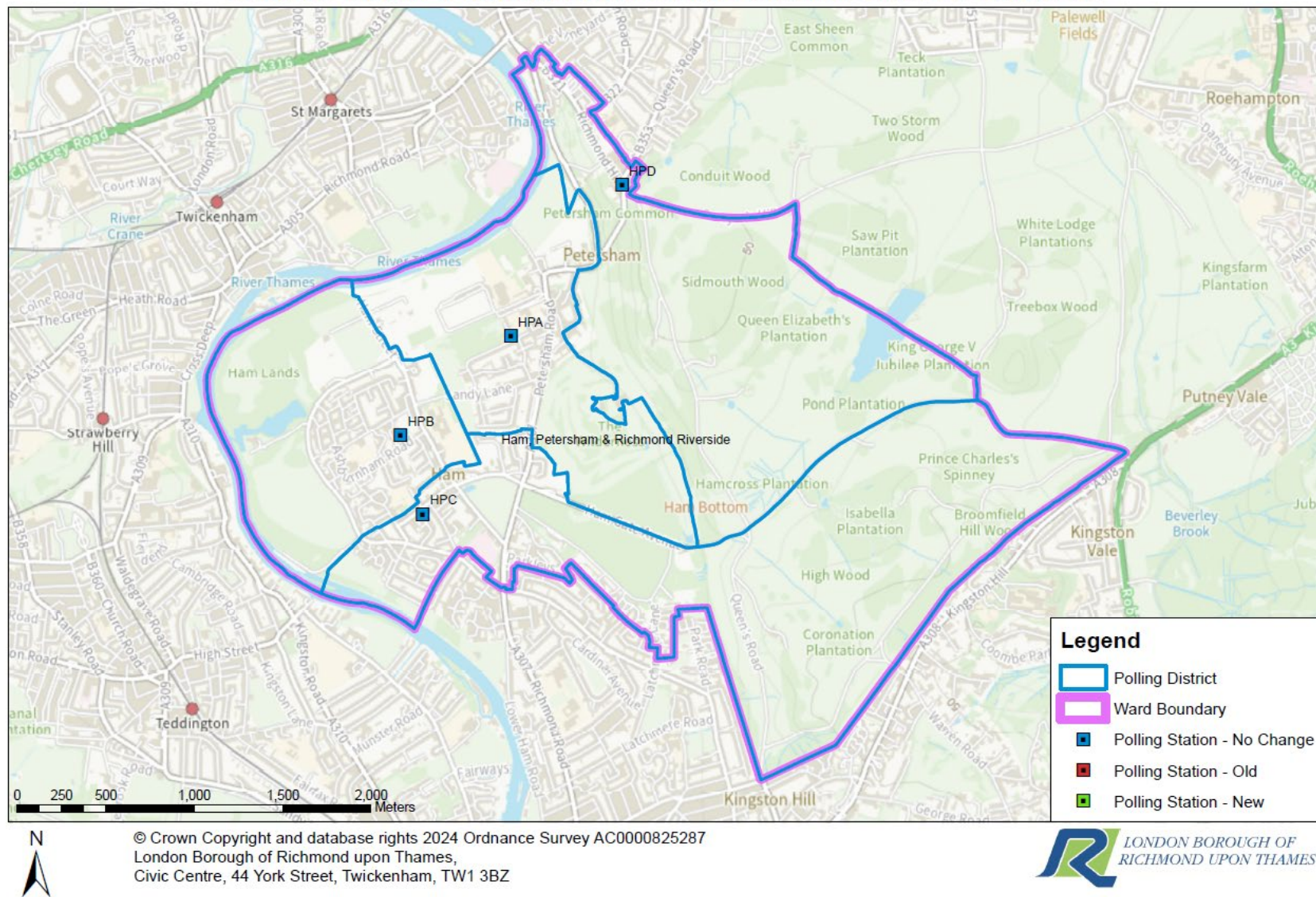


| Richmond Park Constituency – Ham, Petersham & Richmond Riverside Ward | | | | | |
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| Polling District | Polling Place Electorate | No of Stations | Polling Place | Accessibility | Review Findings |
| HPA | 1,197 | 1 | Caravan near Russell School Nursery Unit, Meadlands Drive, TW10 7ED | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| HPB | 2,626 | 1 / 2 | Ham Hall, Ham & Petersham Youth Club, Ham Close, TW10 7PL | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| HPC | 2,690 | 1 | Emmanuel Church formally known as Ham Christian Centre, Lock Road, Ham, TW10 7LN | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| HPD | 1,126 | 1 | Caravan near the Star & Garter Home, Richmond Hill, Richmond, TW10 6RR | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |

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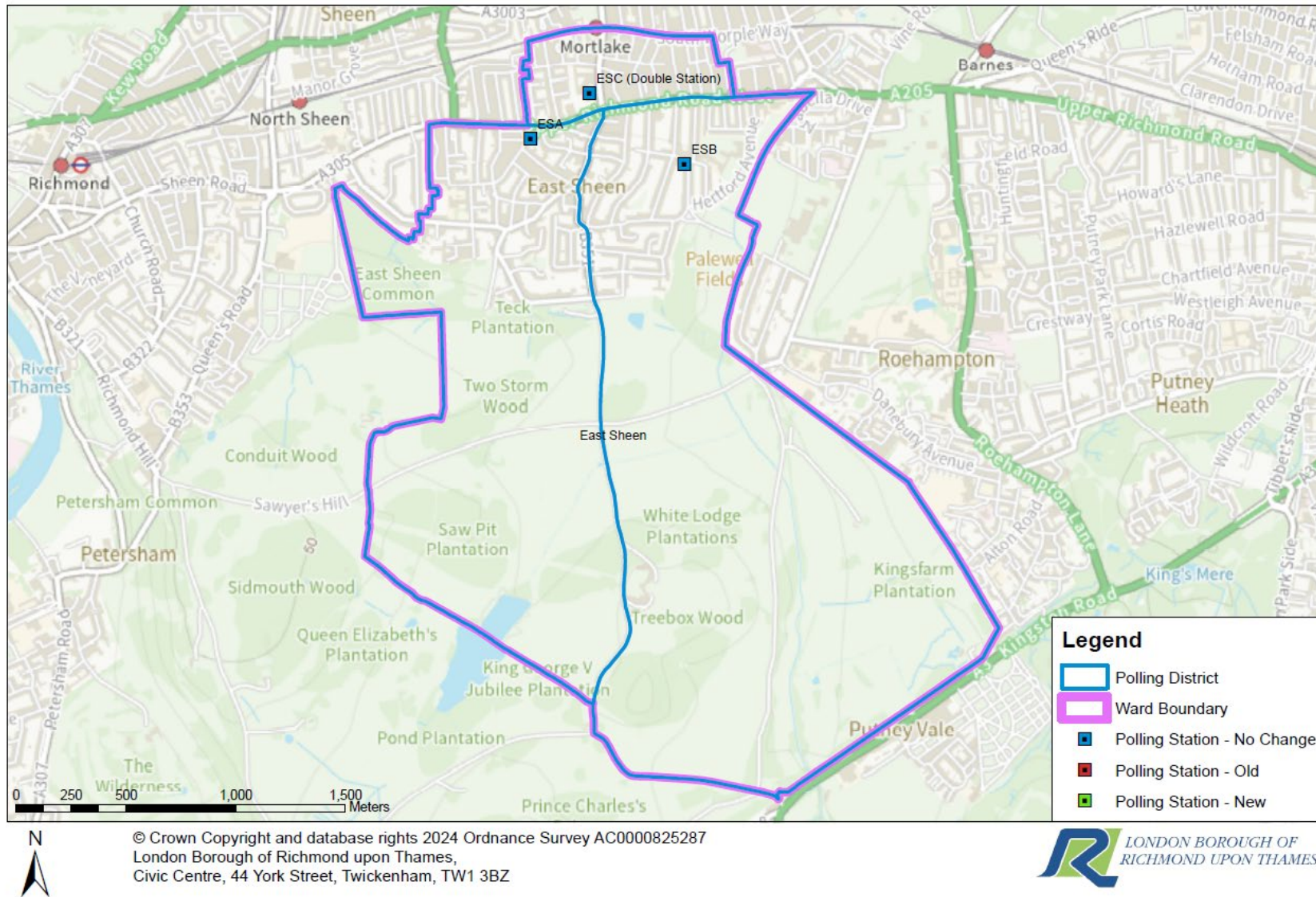


| Richmond Park Constituency – East Sheen Ward | | | | | |
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| Polling District | Polling Place Electorate | No of Stations | Polling Place | Accessibility | Review Findings |
| ESA | 2,533 | 1 / 2 | East Sheen Baptist Church Hall, Temple Sheen Road, East Sheen, SW14 7PY | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| ESB | 2,590 | 1 / 2 | All Saints Church Hall, Park Avenue, SW14 8RJ | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| ESC | 2,727 | 2 | Sheen Lane Centre, Sheen Lane, East Sheen, SW14 8LP | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |

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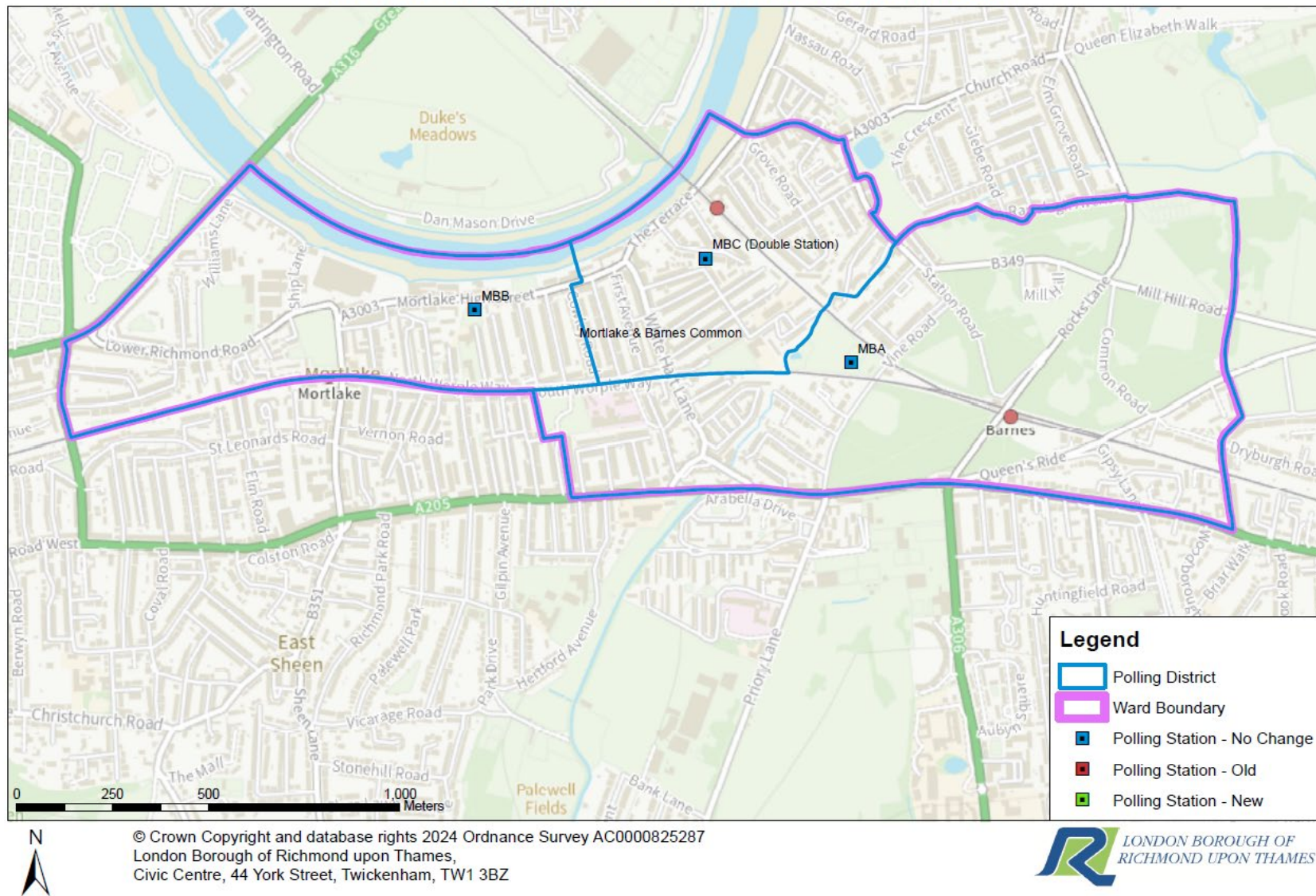


| Richmond Park Constituency – Mortlake & Barnes Common Ward | | | | | |
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| Polling District | Polling Place Electorate | No of Stations | Polling Place | Accessibility | Review Findings |
| MBA | 2,550 | 1 | The Pavillion, Vine Road, Barnes, SW13 ONE | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| MBB | 2,982 | 1 /2 | St Mary the Virgin Church, Mortlake High Street, SW14 8JA | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| MBC | 3,104 | 2 | St Michaels and All Angels Church, 39 Elm Bank Gardens, SW13 ONX | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |

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Ward: Mortlake and Barnes Common

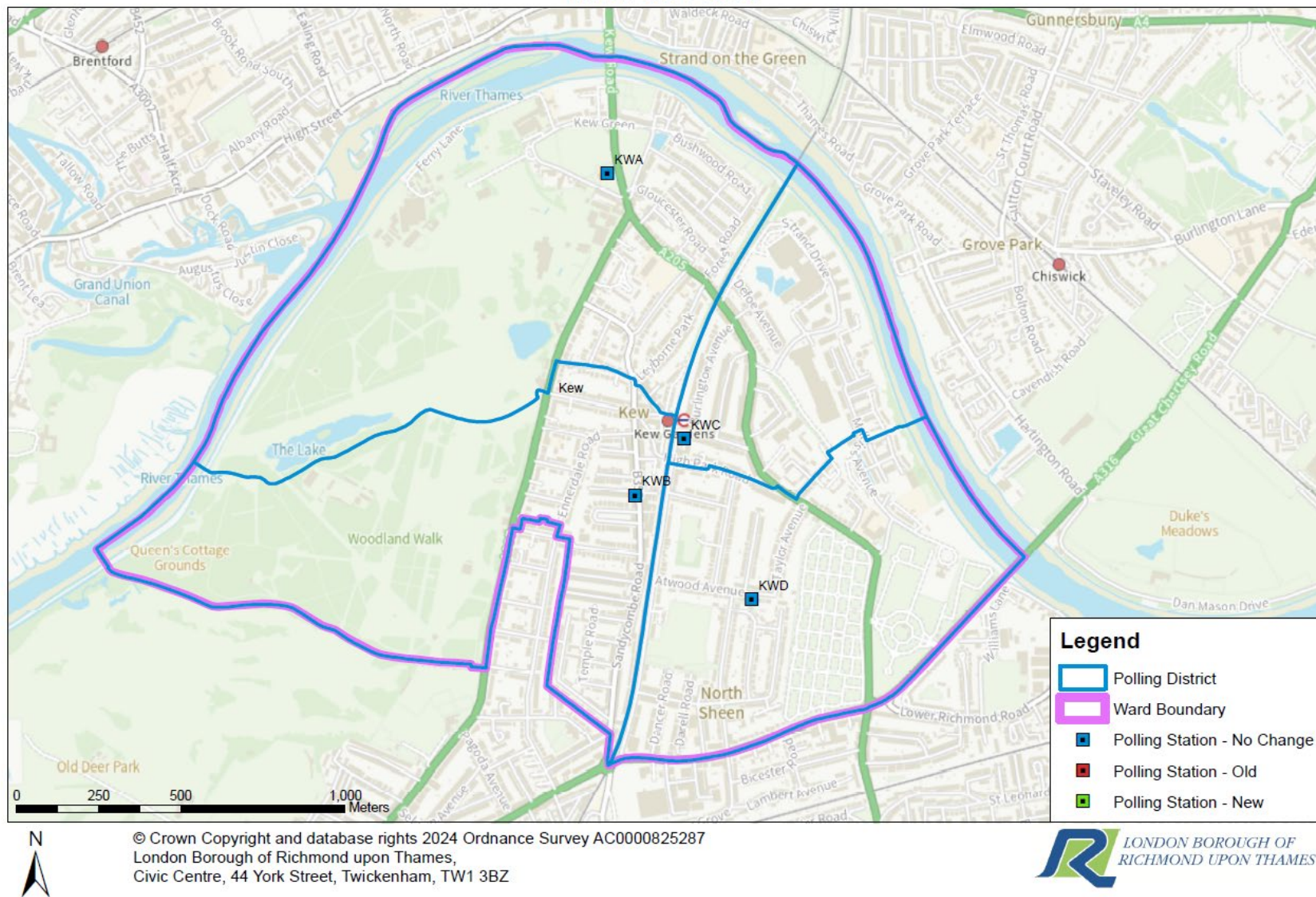


| Richmond Park Constituency – Kew Ward | | | | | |
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| Polling District | Polling Place Electorate | No of Stations | Polling Place | Accessibility | Review Findings |
| KWA | 2,140 | 1 | St Anne’s Church Hall, Kew Green, Kew, TW9 3AA | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| KWB | 2,252 | 1 | St Lukes House, 270 Sandycombe Road, TW9 3NP | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| KWC | 2,262 | 1 | Kew Library, 106 North Road, TW9 4HJ | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| KWD | 2,128 | 1 | Barn Church St Philip & All Saints, Atwood Avenue, TW9 4HF | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |

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Ward: Kew



| Richmond Park Constituency – Barnes Ward | | | | | |
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| Polling District | Polling Place Electorate | No of Stations | Polling Place | Accessibility | Review Findings |
| BNA | 2,258 | 1 | Castelnau Community Centre, 7 Stillingfleet Road, Barnes, SW13 9AQ | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| BNB | 3,628 | 2 | Kitson Hall, Kitson Road, Barnes, SW13 9HJ | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |
| BNC | 2,038 | 1 | Holy Trinity Church Hall, Trinity Church Road, Barnes, SW13 9ET | Suitable | Assessed as a suitable venue |

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