

Registration – absent voting

Postal voting survey

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Introduction

In January 2007, Parliament introduced changes to the laws about voting by post.

All postal and proxy voters must give a sample of their signature and their date of birth when making their application. When voters return their ballot paper in future, they will have to sign and give their date of birth on a security statement which will be automatically checked against the details on their original application.

We wrote to over 13,500 postal and proxy voters in the borough to ask them to supply a sample signature and date of birth. We also included a survey with our letter so that people could tell us what they thought of the changes and our service in general

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Tell us what you think. Your comments help us improve our services to you. The results of this survey will be published on our website at the end of March.

Return survey to Electoral Services, London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham, FREEPOST (PAM 4028), London W6 9BR. No stamp required.

1. Do you understand how the new way of postal voting works?
 Yes No Not sure

2. Do you think matching voters' dates of birth and signatures makes postal voting more secure?
 Yes No Not sure

3. Overall, how satisfied are you with the way voter registration and elections are organised in Hammersmith & Fulham?
 Very satisfied Fairly dissatisfied
 Fairly satisfied Very dissatisfied
 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

Do you have any comments about postal voting?

These questions help us to make sure this survey is representative of all people in the borough. You do not have to provide this information but if you do we will keep your details confidential and we will only use them to compile statistics which cannot be related back to you. If you agree that we can use your information in this way, please tick this box

Which part of the borough do you live in? Please give postcode:

How long have you lived in the borough?

What age are you?
 18-24 25-29
 30-39 40-49
 50-59 60-65 over 65

Are you male or female?
 Male Female

Do you have any long-term illness, health problems or disability which limits your daily activities or the work you can do?
 Yes No

Are you in work?
 Yes No

What is your ethnic group?
 White
 Black or Black British
 Mixed Race
 Asian or Asian British
 Chinese or any other ethnic group
(please write in)

We regard your privacy as important and comply with the Data Protection Act 1998

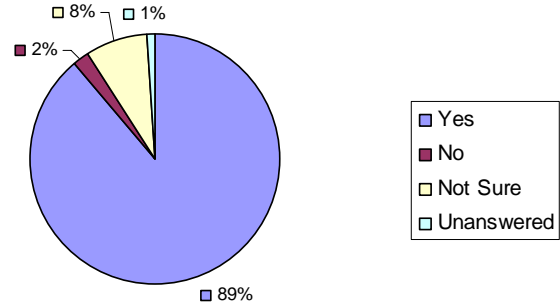
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Headline results

Almost 5,500 (41.4%) electors kindly responded to our survey; their responses were as follows:

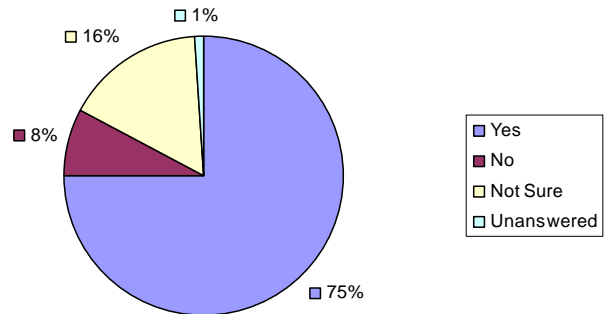
Question 1 – Do you understand how the new way of postal voting works?

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| Yes | 4871 | 88.7% |
| No | 115 | 2.1% |
| Not Sure | 438 | 8.0% |
| Unanswered | 64 | 1.2% |
| TOTAL | 5488 | |



Question 2 – Do you think matching voters dates of birth and signatures makes postal voting more secure?

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| Yes | 4122 | 75.1% |
| No | 416 | 7.6% |
| Not Sure | 884 | 16.1% |
| Unanswered | 66 | 1.2% |
| TOTAL | 5488 | |



Question 3 – Overall, how satisfied are you with the way voter registration and elections are organised in Hammersmith & Fulham?

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| Very Satisfied | 3004 | 54.7% |
| Fairly Satisfied | 1668 | 30.4% |
| Neither Satisfied Nor Dissatisfied | 555 | 10.1% |
| Fairly Dissatisfied | 155 | 2.8% |
| Very Dissatisfied | 36 | 0.7% |
| Unanswered | 110 | 2.0% |
| TOTAL | 5488 | |

