



Checking if people have the right place to go and vote at

Tell us what you think



Having your say in person in York



We are the City of York Council. We want to make York a great place to live, work and visit.

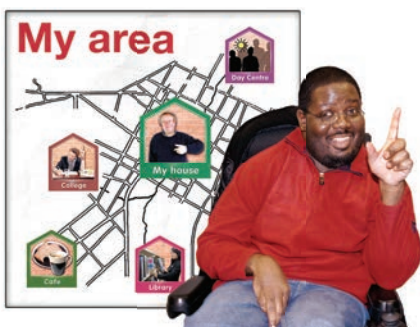


We are looking at all of the places where people can go to **vote** in York.

Vote means having a say about how things are run.



York is split into different areas called **polling districts**.

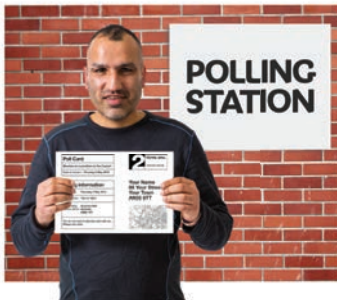


People living in an area can only go to vote in person at a certain places.



A **polling station** is a building where people can go to vote in person.

This might be a room in a community centre or a school.



You should be told which polling station you can vote at.



This summer, the York area has changed a little bit. This means we need to make some changes to where people can go to vote.



Some people might have to vote in a different polling district or polling station.

About our survey

We want to make sure that:

- People have a place to go and vote that works well for them

and

- Our polling stations are open and easy for everyone to use.



We are asking lots of people what they think about the places where they can vote.



We especially want to hear from disabled people. We want to know things like:

- How easy it is to get to the polling stations.





- How easy it is to vote when you get there.



- What support there is at the polling station.



- What other support people need.



We have some questions for you to answer.



You need to send us your answers back by 31st January 2025.

How you can send your answers back to us



There are lots of different ways you can send your answers back:



- You can hand in your form at any of our libraries or at our main offices. Our main offices are called West Offices in York.



- You can post your answers back to us. Our address is:
Polling Station Review
Freepost RTEG-TYYU-KLTZ CYC
West Offices
Station Rise
York
YO1 6GA



You do not need to put a stamp on the envelope.



You can phone us to ask us for a special envelope to send your form back in.

Phone

01904 551 550



- You can come into any of our libraries. Staff will be able to help you to fill in the form online.



- You can phone us to tell us your answers.

Phone

01904 551 550



You will need to leave us a voice message with your name and phone number. We will call you back.



- You can fill in the survey online at our website:

www.york.gov.uk/PollingReview



The online survey is not in easy read. You might want to ask someone to help you fill it in.



- You can use this QR code. We tell you how to use QR codes on page 10 of this booklet.



- You can **scan in** your answers and email them to us.

Email

electoral.services@york.gov.uk



Scan in means using a computer to take a picture of each page of the booklet. You save the pictures on your computer.



- If you use British Sign Language, you can use our online video service at:

**[www.york.gov.uk/
BSLInterpretingService](http://www.york.gov.uk/BSLInterpretingService)**



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How to use a QR code

Open the camera on your phone.



Hold the camera over the QR code like you are going to take a photo of it.



A yellow box will come up on your screen.



Press the yellow box and it will take you to the website.

About our privacy notice



Before you answer our questions, you need to read our **privacy notice**.

It tells you how we will use and look after the information you tell us on the form.



The law says organisations must have a privacy notice.



It is up to you if you want to take part in the survey.

You do not have to take part if you do not want to.



If you take part, you do not have to answer all of the questions.

How we will use your information



We can only use the things you tell us if you agree. This is called **giving consent**.



We will use what people tell us to write a report.



If we write what you tell us in the report, we will not put things like your name or address in it.



That way nobody can tell it was you who told us.

How we look after your information



We will keep your information locked up safely on our computers.



We will only share your information with other organisations:

- If the law says we need to share it

or



- To stop someone from getting hurt.



We will keep your information for up to 3 years. Then we will delete it.

Your rights



Your **rights** are things you are allowed to do and how you should be treated.



The law says you have rights when we keep information about you.



For more information about your rights and how we use your information, go to this website:
ico.org.uk/for-the-public/

or



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What if I change my mind



If you decide to take part, you can change your mind at any time.



If you change your mind, email us.

Email

electoral.services@york.gov.uk



You must email us by
31st January 2025.



If you tell us after 31st January, it might be too late. We might have used your information in our report.



Tick this box if you have read and understood all of the information in our privacy notice.

Questions about where you can go to vote



Question 1: Tell us why you are answering these questions.

You can tick 1 box

This might be because you are:



Someone who votes in York.



A local councillor. A **local councillor** is someone who helps to make decisions about services in the local area.



Someone who works for the council.



Someone who works for an organisation. Please tell us who you work for or with:



Question 2: Please tell us which polling district or polling station you are telling us about:



Thinking about everything to do with the place where you go to vote. Things like:



- The area where you go to vote

and



- The polling station you go to vote at.



Question 3: Are you happy with where you have to go to vote?



Yes



No



I don't know



Is there anything else you want to tell us about the place where you go to vote? Please tell us here:



Question 4: Do you think there would be a better building that you could go to vote at?



Yes



No



I don't
know



If you ticked **yes**, please tell us which building would be better.

Questions about you



The next few questions ask you about you.



These questions make sure we are asking lots of different people what they think.



You do not have to answer the questions if you do not want to.



We will keep what you tell us confidential and private.

We will not be able to work out who you are from the answers that you give.



Question 5: How old are you?

- younger than 16
- 16 - 24 56 - 59
- 25 - 39 60 - 64
- 40 - 55 older than 65

- I don't want to say

Question 6: What is your gender?

- Male

- Female

- Non-binary. This means you do not see yourself as male or female



I don't want to say



You can tell us what gender you are if you want to:



Question 7: What is your **Sexual orientation**?

Sexual orientation mostly means who you are attracted to.



I am a man who is attracted to women or a woman who is attracted to men



I am man who is attracted to other men



I am a woman who is attracted to other women



I am attracted to both men and women



Other. You can tell us your sexual orientation if you want to:



I don't want to say



Question 8: What is your religion or belief?

Buddhist Jewish

Christian Muslim

Hindu Sikh

No religion. This includes if you are Atheist

Other religion. Please tell us:

I don't want to say



Question 9: What is your **ethnicity**?
Ethnicity is your race, background and culture.



Asian, or Asian British:

Indian Pakistani

Bangladeshi Chinese

Other Asian or Asian British.
Please tell us:

Black or Black British:

African

Caribbean

Other Black or Black British.
Please tell us:





Mixed ethnic group:

White and Asian

White and Black African

White and Black Caribbean

Other mixed race or backgrounds. Please tell us:



White:

English, Northern Irish, Scottish, Welsh or British

Irish

Gypsy or Irish Traveller

Roma

Any other white background. Please tell us:

Other ethnic group:



Arab

Another race or ethnic background. Please tell us:



I don't want to say

Question 10: Do you have a disability or a **long term** illness or health condition?

Long term means it lasts for 12 months or more.




Yes


No


I don't want to say



Question 11: Are you a carer for someone?



Yes



No



I don't want to say

Question 12: Have you ever lived in care?

In care means you lived with **foster carers**, in a children's home or, in some cases, with another family member or family friend.

A **foster carer** is an adult who looks after children when they cannot live with their own family



Yes



No



I don't want to say

