

Cllr Rick Freedman asks

The government wants to make it compulsory for voters in England, Scotland and Wales to show photo identification before casting their ballots. They say the legislation will “tackle electoral fraud and protect our democracy.”

Elections, including the December General election are carried out by the borough Councils Electoral services team. To quantify the problem that Boris Johnson seeks to solve, I would like more information about electoral fraud in our area.

In the December 2019 General Election in the Borough of Dacorum:

- i. How many votes were disallowed because it was found the same voter registration had been used twice?
- ii. How many people were turned away from voting due to polling station staff being unconvinced the voter was not who they claimed to be?
- iii. Of these, how many were turned away because they were unable to produce any ID, and how many because they produced inadequate ID?
- iv. How many people were turned away from voting due to presenting at a polling office outside of their allocated station?
- v. How many postal votes were rejected due to multiple votes being received from the same voter?
- vi. How many postal votes were rejected due to inability to verify the voters identity?
- vii. How many postal votes were rejected for any other reason?
- viii. How many votes were counted that have since been found to have been invalid votes?
- ix. How many invalid (as opposed to intentionally spoiled) votes, either postal or via a polling station were received?
- x. What was the total number of valid votes cast across the Borough?
- xi. What was the total (%) voter turnout across the Borough?