

# PHOTOGRAPHIC VOTER ID

## THE NEW LEGISLATION

Some useful do's and don'ts

### WHATS HAPPENING?

From May 2023, voters across England will be required to bring photo ID to vote in person at a polling station. A new form of identification, the Voter Authority Certificate, will be introduced as a form of ID for those who do not have another form of eligible ID. For more information about eligible ID go to [electoralcommission.org.uk](https://electoralcommission.org.uk).

To apply for a Voter Card this will need to be done via the local council from January and be completed 5 days before the election in May 2023.



### DO'S AND DON'TS

Below is a simple list of do's and don'ts to achieve our objective of getting our Green voter **to be able to** vote for us.

**Do** alert your definite and probable Green voters (1's and 2's) that Photo ID will be needed this election.

**Do** increase the number of Green postal voters and run a "Get Out of Vote Operation" for postal voters.

**Do** consider doing an addressed letter in Feb/March to 1's and 2's that includes taking ID to the polling station or registering for a postal voter.

**Don't** run a publicity campaign in your newsletters about the need for ID or a postal voter drive. This will remind other political parties to vote using their ID. We want to make sure our own voters get out and voter with the correct ID.

**Do** include in your canvassing script for **Green voters (1's and 2's)** that they will need Voter ID or a postal vote and if they don't have that give them a QR code or take their email to forward a postal vote or voter ID card application.

**Do** add "Take your ID with you" for in person voters for your knock up leaflets and eve of poll leaflets.

**Don't** include in your scripts the need for ID for all voters, e.g. Hard conservatives C4-C5 or Labour L4-L5.

**Don't** include it on your calling cards, we don't want to remind everyone.

### ISN'T IT ANTI DEMOCRATIC NOT TO TELL EVERYONE ABOUT THIS CHANGE?

Campaigning against voter ID in a local campaign isn't going to change the legislation. But when we win more local elections, our party policies get heard more on the national stage. The best way to fight against this is therefore to make sure we win, not to try and run an awareness campaign in a local ward (others will do that anyway).

Most local campaigns don't have time to tell everyone – we have too little resource - and we have to focus on making sure our voters know.

We can't change this bit of legislation locally but we can get Greens elected to fight for better national policies and implementation of poor policies. For example, Green councillors in Lewes, Lancaster and other places are making sure all voters know to bring photographic ID or move to a postal vote now. This is the difference you can make by getting your voters out to vote with the right ID on May 4th.



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## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?

It is possible that complexity of the voter card is poorly implemented nationally that turnout will be lower than usual.

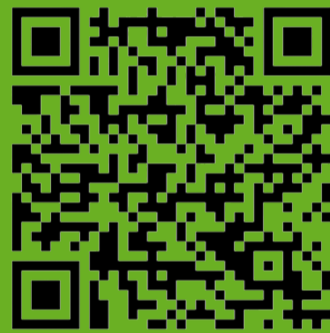
As a Party, we have campaigned against this change and our national communications will be sharing our political position on this and our opposition to the anti-democratic nature of this change.

Our objective in our local elections campaigns will be to **ensure that all our Green voters know** that they will need their ID or voter card or have a postal vote before polling day.

### SOME IDEAS FOR BEST PRACTICE:

- Use the QR code of the online postal voter request form or a QR code for Voter Authority form.
- Do a letter to 1's and 2's to remind them to move to a postal vote or take ID/apply for Voter Authority Card
- Print off some paper postal voter request forms and give to 1's and 2's when out door knocking
- Collect telephone numbers and remind people to take ID when knocking up.

APPLY FOR A POSTAL VOTE



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