

# Electoral Registration Form – including an application for anonymous registration

This form should only be completed if you wish to be registered anonymously. Please write in **BLACK INK and BLOCK CAPITALS**. Read the accompanying notes carefully and complete both pages. If you need help please phone **01386 565437** or email **elections@wychavon.gov.uk**. Once completed, return the form to **Electoral Services, Wychavon District Council, Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore, Worcs, WR10 1PT**

## 1 Current address

Date you moved in

Day

Month

Year

## 2 About you

First name(s) (in full)

Surname

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss, Dr, Other)

If you are a European Union citizen (other than British or Irish), state which country you are from.

If you are 16 or 17 years old please give your date of birth.

Day

Month

Year

Tick here if you are 70 years old or over.

Daytime telephone, mobile number or email

*You do not have to give this information, but it may help us to contact you if there is a query about this form.*

## 3 Other information about you

Address at which you were previously registered to vote:

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Previous local council (if known)

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## 4 Absent voting

Tick one box only:

Tick this box if you would like a postal vote application sent to you

Tick this box if you would like a proxy vote application sent to you

**Please continue with sections 5 to 9. These ask for the further information required in order to grant your anonymous entry request.**

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## 5 The reason for this application

My safety would be at risk if my name and/or my address was on the register because:

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I am applying for anonymous registration because: (tick only one)

I am the person at risk

or

I live in the household of someone at risk

## 6 What evidence are you submitting?

I have enclosed a court order or injunction which is for the protection or benefit of me or someone in my household.

My application is supported by a qualified person who has completed the attestation in section 7 opposite.

I have enclosed proof of my address showing that I am in the same household as the subject of the attestation or court document.

*As your registration will last for one year only, you may wish to keep copies of Court Orders or attestations for subsequent applications.*

## 7 Attestation (if applicable)

I certify that the safety either of the applicant, or another person in the same household, would be at risk if the Register of Electors contained the applicant's name or qualifying address.

Name:

Signature:

(Job Title - as a qualifying officer)

Date:

(Police Force/Local Authority/Other qualifying body)

Period for which this attestation has effect (between 1 and 5 years):

## 8 Correspondence address (if required)

If you prefer to use a different address for correspondence, please give the details below. Otherwise, all correspondence will be sent to the address given in section 1.

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**Please read the following statement carefully before signing as you can be fined for making a false statement.**

## 9 Your declaration

I declare that the details on this form are true and accurate. I am a British citizen, a citizen of another Commonwealth country, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland or a citizen of another European Union country and am currently living at the address shown in section 1.

As far as I am aware, the evidence I have provided, whether relating to myself or another person, is genuine. I also declare that, if relating to another person, that person is resident in my household.

**Signature - Please sign in the box below within the border using BLACK INK**

**Date**

Once you have completed your application, return it (together with the necessary evidence) to **Wychavon District Council, Electoral Services, Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore, Worcs, WR10 1PT**

# Wychavon District Council - please read these notes before completing your application for an anonymous entry in the Electoral Register

## How do I register to vote?

Fill in this form (electoral registration form). Make sure **you** sign the 'declaration'

Return your completed form as soon as possible to the address given on the form.

## Who can register to vote?

Anyone aged 16 or over (but you cannot vote until you are 18)

British or Commonwealth citizens.

Citizens of the Republic of Ireland or other European Union (EU) countries.

Citizens of EU countries (other than the UK, Ireland, Cyprus, Malta) cannot vote in UK Parliamentary elections and must fill in a separate form to vote in European Parliamentary elections.

## What is the electoral register?

The electoral register is the list of everyone who is registered to vote. You must be on the register to vote in elections and referendums. You are **not** automatically registered, even if you pay Council Tax.

You can register to vote at any time. If you're not registered, for example, if you have moved home, you need to fill in a registration form.

## What personal details will appear on the Electoral Register?

There are two versions of the register – the full version and the edited version. Elector's details – name, address and elector number - ordinarily will appear on the full version of the register, with a choice of whether or not their details appear on the edited register. However, if granted an anonymous entry in the Register **ONLY** your electoral number will appear on the Full Register.

The Full Register is the one used for elections and referendums, preventing and detecting crime and checking applications for credit. You need to be aware that, if granted an anonymous entry in this register (which therefore will not show your name and address), there may be implications for any financial dealings with third parties or credit applications you make.

**NO ENTRY** at all will appear on the Edited Register which is available for general sale and which can be used for commercial activities such as marketing.

## When will my application be added to the electoral register?

If your application is valid and not subject to any objections we will write to tell you when you will be added to the electoral register.

During September, October or November (the annual canvass period) all households have to register. Anonymous electors details will not be sought as part of this process.

During election periods, if your registration form is received 11 working days before polling day you will be eligible to vote in that election. However, your details will only be entered on the electoral register from the beginning of the month following polling day.

## How do I qualify for an anonymous entry?

To qualify, you must provide evidence to satisfy the Registration Officer that the safety of yourself or of any other person in the same household would be at risk if the Register contained your name and/or your qualifying address.

## What supporting evidence do I have to provide?

The evidence has to be either a relevant court order or injunction, or an attestation by a qualifying officer. If the person whose safety would be at risk is someone else, you must also produce evidence to show that that person is a member of the same household.

## What is a relevant order or injunction?

It must be one of the following:

- (a) an injunction for the purpose of restraining a person from pursuing any conduct which amounts to harassment granted in proceedings under section 3 of the Protection from Harassment Act 1997; or

- (b) an injunction granted under section 3A(2) of the Protection from Harassment Act 1997; or
- (c) a restraining order made under section 5(1) of the Protection from Harassment Act 1997; or
- (d) a restraining order on acquittal made under section 5A(1) of the Protection from Harassment Act 1997; or
- (e) a non-harassment order made under section 8(5)(b)(ii) of the Protection from Harassment Act 1997; or
- (f) a non-harassment order made under section 234A(2) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995; or
- (g) a non-molestation order made under section 42(2) of the Family Law Act 1996.

The order or injunction must have been made for the protection or benefit of either yourself or another person in your household. It must also be in force on the day you make the application for your anonymous entry in the Register of Electors.

### **What is meant by evidence by attestation?**

In the absence of any of the above orders, your application may be attested by a qualifying officer. A qualifying officer means either

- (a) the chief officer of police of any police force in England and Wales; or
- (b) the chief constable of any police force in Scotland; or
- (c) the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland; or
- (d) the Director General of the Security Services; or
- (e) the Director General of the Serious Organised Crime Agency; or
- (f) in England, any Director of adult Social Services within the meaning of section 6 (A1) of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970; or
- (g) in England, any Director of children's services within the meaning of section 18 of the Children Act 2004; or
- (h) in Wales, any Director of Social Services within the meaning of section 6(1) of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970.

### **Will I receive confirmation of an anonymous entry?**

Once your details have been entered in the Register of Electors, a certificate of anonymous registration will be issued showing the date from which your registration took effect.

### **Do I need to renew my anonymous registration?**

Your entitlement ends 12 months after the entry takes effect in the Register so you will need to re-apply to continue to remain registered anonymously. You will automatically be sent a new application form no later than 2 months before this date. As well as completing that new application form, you will need to provide either a fresh attestation or declaration with evidence or a copy of those sent in with your first application. Remember that whatever evidence you send must be in force on the day you sign the declaration.