

# Voter Identification Statistics

Local Election – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023

In line with Electoral Commission guidance the Returning Officer for Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council is releasing the data below which shows the total number of electors who were turned away from the polling station as a result of not having an acceptable form of ID, or not presenting any form of ID, and the total number of those who returned with ID and subsequently issued with a ballot paper.

A breakdown of this data has been sent to the Electoral Commission in line with the Voter Identification Regulations 2022. It is expected that the Electoral Commission will published a report later this year on the impact of Voter ID in the polling stations.

Data	Figure
The number of polling station electors who applied for, but were not issued with, a ballot paper	767
The number of polling station electors who were not issued with a ballot paper and who later returned with accepted ID and were issued with a ballot paper	473
Total Ballots cast	48713
Borough wide turnout	24.54%

The Regulations make clear that breakdowns of this data can only be provided to the Electoral Commission and Secretary of State. The Returning Officer is therefore unable to provide Voter ID statistics on a Ward or Polling Station level.

Any questions relating to this data can be forwarded to The Returning Officer, Electoral Services Office, Walsall Council, Civic Centre, Darwall Street, WS1 1DB.