

Request 9528 - Electoral Registration

“Is the electoral register information correct at this address”

- 1- What statutory or regulatory authority entitles you to ask this question?
- 2- What, if any, justification do you have to have for making such a request?
- 3- How many such requests have you made in the last 5 years, and what proportion (in numbers rather than percentages) of the total electoral register population do those requests cover.
- 4- What reason caused you to make this request of me, the occupier of this address?
- 5- Was this request prompted of your own volition and if so why?
- 6- Was this request prompted at the request of any individual entity company, partnership or other organisation?

Response

- 1- Section 9D of the Representation of the People Act 1983 requires all local authorities to undertake an annual canvass of all their properties for the purposes of maintaining an accurate and complete electoral register.
- 2- Regulation 23 of the Representation of the People Act 2001 is the regulation that allows us to request the information the form is asking for and the Representation of the People Act 2019 sets out the current format of the forms we are required to send out.
- 3- Every year every household in our district gets one of these forms. This year it's currently approx. 70,000 properties.
- 4- As stated above we have a legal requirement to make this request of every household once a year.
- 5- This was prompted by our legal obligation to undertake an annual canvass of every property in our district between July and December.
- 6- The annual canvass is a process that takes place every year as required by the legislation mentioned above. Every single local authority is required to undertake this process every year and send this request to every single

household in their district/borough etc. This was not at the request of any individual company partnership or organisation.

If you would like more information on the annual canvass you may wish to view the Electoral Commission website at

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/>

If you have any other questions please feel free to contact us at

elections@scams.gov.uk these do not need to be made formally under an FOI request.