



# NEWS RELEASE

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## Postal Voting in 2021 Elections

On Thursday 6 May 2021 elections will be taking place in North Norfolk with electors voting in the Norfolk County Council elections and the Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner Election. There are also several Parish Council by-elections also scheduled to be held on this day.

Given the ongoing situation with the Covid-19 pandemic we want to give electors as much time as possible to change voting arrangements if voting in a Polling Station during the pandemic is not desired.

If you wish to vote by post contact us by email at [postalvotes@north-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:postalvotes@north-norfolk.gov.uk) or by phone on 01263 516046 and we will send you a form.

Local Returning Officer and Chief Executive Steve Blatch said:

"Whilst we are making arrangements for the safe delivery of elections at Polling Stations within North Norfolk at the forthcoming elections we are aware that a higher number of our electorate may wish to conduct their vote by post on this occasion, given the ongoing Covid-19 situation.

The North Norfolk district has the oldest average age demographic in the UK, so by nature we will be seeing a larger number of our residents having a higher level of vulnerability from the virus, so applying for a Postal Vote is an effective way for our local electors to still have their say on Thursday 6 May"

**Please note that any application for a postal vote must be completed by hand using 'wet ink' and we are unable to accept any digitally signed applications.**

In order to apply for a postal vote, you must be a registered elector within North Norfolk. If you need to register the easiest way to do so is online at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) but again alternatively you can contact us by phone on 01263 516046 to do so.

Completed applications can either be returned by email to [postalvotes@north-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:postalvotes@north-norfolk.gov.uk) or posted to Electoral Services, North Norfolk District Council, Holt Road, Cromer, NR27 9EN

Given the anticipated high volume of applications for postal votes we advise you to make your applications as soon as possible.