

Urgent Item - Notice of Motion – Rule 12

Councillor Parker will move that:

Given that there have been no reported cases of voter fraud within Test Valley in the last 10 years either at polling stations or with postal votes, the government's proposal in the Elections Bill 2021 - 2022 to introduce mandatory voter photo ID at polling stations is seeking to address a problem that does not exist.

The Council resolves to write to Kemi Baddenoach MP (Minister for Levelling Up Communities) and our two Members of Parliament to express our views that the proposal in the Elections Bill 2021 – 2022 to introduce mandatory voter photo ID at polling stations:

- a) Is seeking to address a problem that does not exist*
- b) Risks disenfranchising or discouraging a proportion of the electorate from voting*
- c) Will place an additional burden on our electoral administrators and polling station personnel*

and to request that this proposal is dropped.

Councillor Burnage will second the motion.