

# Information about Marlow Parish Poll on Thursday 9 May 2024

## Why is a parish poll being held on 9 May 2024?

A parish meeting of local government electors was held on 8 April 2024. This is different to a council meeting which is a meeting of parish councillors. At that parish meeting a parish poll was requested. The Local Government Act 1972 allows a ballot of local government of electors to be called on any question arising at a parish meeting. The result of a parish poll is not binding and may provide an indication of support for, or opposition to, specific local matters.

A parish poll will therefore be held in the Marlow Town Council area on Thursday 9 May 2024.

The two questions that will be asked in the poll are:

- 1) “Do you wish Marlow Film Studios to be built?”
- 2) “Do you want development in the greenbelt on the scale proposed by the Marlow Film

## Who can vote at the parish poll?

You can vote at the poll if the following apply:

- You were registered to vote in local government elections in the Marlow Town Council parish area by 9 April 2024. You can check if you are registered to vote for this poll by calling 01296 798141 or emailing [elections@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:elections@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)
- You are 18 years of age or over on Thursday 9 May 2024
- The referendum will be conducted in accordance with the Parish and Community Meetings (Polls) Rules 1987. These differ to those used at local government elections (see below). The Returning Officer is responsible for delivering the parish poll.

## How do I vote at the parish poll?

You can vote in person on 9 May 2024 by going to your allocated polling station.

You can also check if you are registered to vote and which polling station you can vote at by contacting Electoral Services: 01296 798141 [elections@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:elections@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

When you arrive at your polling station the polling staff will help you.

Unlike local government elections, the following rules apply for parish polls only:

- polling cards are not sent to electors
- electors do not need to show valid voter ID to vote
- electors must vote in person (you cannot vote by post or by proxy)
- Polling stations will be open from **4pm to 9pm**
- Polling staff will stamp your ballot paper with an official mark before giving it to you

When you are given your ballot paper mark a cross (X) in the column of the ballot paper which is headed “Yes” or in that headed “No” according to whether you wish to vote for or against the question(s) opposite to which you mark your cross. Put no other mark on the ballot paper or your vote may not be counted. Put your ballot paper in the ballot box.

Issued by the Returning Officer

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