

# Changing your open register preference

Use **black ink** and write in CAPITALS

## Your current full name

Forename(s)

Surname

## Your address

Please give the address where you are currently registered to vote

## The open register

- I **don't** want my name and address to be included in the open register.
- I **do** want my name and address to be included in the open register.

There's more information about the open register below.

## Declaration

To the best of my knowledge, the information in this form is true.

Signature

Date (DD MM YYYY)

## Now sign and return the form

Send the signed form to this address:

Electoral Services  
Latton Bush Centre  
Southern Way  
Harlow  
Essex  
CM18 7BL

Or scan and email to  
[elections@harlow.gov.uk](mailto:elections@harlow.gov.uk)

## The open register

### There are two registers. Why?

Using information received from the public, registration officers keep two registers – the electoral register and the open register (also known as the edited register).

### The electoral register

The electoral register lists the names and addresses of everyone who is registered to vote in public elections. The register is used for electoral purposes, such as making sure only eligible people can vote. It is also used for other limited purposes specified in law, such as:

- detecting crime (e.g. fraud)
- calling people for jury service
- checking credit applications.

### The open register

The open register is an extract of the electoral register, but is not used for elections. It can be bought by any person, company or organisation. For example, it is used by businesses and charities to confirm name and address details. Your name and address will be included in the open register unless you ask for them to be removed. Removing your details from the open register does not affect your right to vote.

You can find more information about both registers and how they may be used at

[www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote).