

People's Panel

for the Braintree District

Application Form



Do you have views about how we could make our district an even better place to live and work? Do you want to have your opinion heard and have an influence on how services are developed and improved? Join the People's Panel for the Braintree district using this form, and tell us what you think!



Thank you for your interest in joining the People's Panel It's a great way to tell us what you think of living in the Braintree district and how you would like to see services improved.

Who can take part in the People's Panel

We want panellists from all areas of the district, representing all age groups and backgrounds. The only restriction is that you must be over the age of 16. To make it easier to take part we can send the questionnaires in large print, over the phone or in different languages.

To help ensure that the People's Panel reflects Braintree district's population we need to know a few things about you and ask that you complete this short application form.

How the People's Panel Works

Three or four times a year we will ask you to complete a short survey either by post or electronically. The information you give will be collected and read by elected councillors, service managers and senior council officers and will be used to help make decisions about issues in the district. We will send you a regular newsletter with the main results from the questionnaire and any progress or decisions that have been made as a result of your feedback. As a thank you for your time and effort, there will be a regular prize draw with prizes donated by local organisations.

Your responses are confidential and your details will not be passed onto anyone else. All information will be used and stored in accordance with the data protection act.

To join the People's Panel

Please complete each section of the form. Those fields marked with an asterisk, must be completed. You do not have to answer questions without an asterisk if you prefer not to.

People's Panel Application

Title* Miss Mrs Ms Mr Other

First name* Surname*

Postal address*

Postcode*

Daytime telephone number/evening telephone number*

Email address

Preferred contact method?* Email Telephone

Which ward to you live in?* Not known

Male* Female*

Age* 16-24 25-44 45-64 65-79 over 80

Marital status?* Civil partnership Married Living with partner
 Single Divorced Widowed

How many years have you lived in the Braintree district?

Do you have any long-term illness, health problem or disability/infirmity that limits your daily activities?*

Yes No

Do you think of yourself as a disabled person?* Yes No

If yes, how does your disability affect you?*

What is your current living situation? Own your home Rent from a housing association

Rent from a private landlord Live with family Shared ownership

Other (please specify)

Who lives in your household?* 1 adult, no children 2 adults, no children

Adult with 1 or more children 2 adults with 1 or more children

Other (please specify)

What is your ethnic origin*

White: British Irish Polish Gypsy-traveller
 Any other white background

Mixed: White and Black Caribbean White and Black African
 White and Asian Any other Mixed background

Asian or Asian British: Indian Pakistani Bangladeshi
 Any other Asian background

Black or Black British: Caribbean African Somalian
 African other Any other Black background

Chinese

Other ethnic group (please specify)

What is your first language?

What is your religion or belief?*

Christian Muslim Hindu Sikh Jewish
 Buddhist Other None Prefer not to say

Current employment status*

Employed full time (more than 30 hours) Employed part-time (less than 30 hours)
 Looking after home/ family Retired
 Self employed Unemployed and seeking work
 Unable to work due to long-term sickness or disability
 Student/ full time education Government apprenticeship or training scheme

Other (please specify)

What is (or was) your main job?* (if you are retired please give your former occupation. If you have no occupation or have not been in paid work please write "None") or add categories such as Senior Manager/Professional - Other Manager/Executive - Clerical - Supervisor - Trade/Craft - Manual - Student - Housewife/Husband - Other

What is your highest level of education or technical qualification?

- GCSE/O-Level or equivalent A-Level or equivalent
 NVQ or other vocational qualification First degree or equivalent Higher degree
 Other No educational or technical qualifications

We offer a range of ways that you can complete surveys, which would you prefer?

- Paper surveys sent in the mail Electronic surveys on the Internet
 Large print postal surveys Another language other than English

Do you have any particular need to complete surveys in a different way, for example, over the telephone or in an alternate language?

In addition to the 3-4 major surveys we do each year, we also carry out targeted surveys and focus groups of about 10 people to discuss particular topics or proposals. We hope you will be interested in taking part in these.

- Please tick here if you DO NOT wish to participate in future focus groups.

Thank you