

# AI and the Electoral Process

Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> September –  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024



CONTENTS

Contents	2
St George's House Protocol	3
Making Your Way To St George's House	4
During your stay at St George's House	7
St George's House	10



## ST GEORGE'S HOUSE PROTOCOL

St George's House is a physical and intellectual space set in the narrative of history but focused firmly on the future. You will find here an environment receptive to new ideas, to taking risks, to thinking through challenging topics in imaginative ways. The House is a sanctuary, removed from the pressures of everyday life, where the topic to hand takes precedence. It is this focus that encourages creative thinking, informed debate and sustained engagement. Participants look to the future. They are in a place where a real contribution to society can be made, where personal enrichment and social progress are mutually compatible, a place where Wisdom is nurtured.

In order to offer a safe and secure intellectual space our Consultations are run on the understanding that all debate and conversation takes place under the House Protocol.

### St George's House Consultation Protocol

- You are free to use information received while at a Consultation
- You may not divulge the identity of speakers or participants
- Reports of Consultations are published only if that is the collective decision of the participants
- You are encouraged to speak openly
- You are encouraged to listen carefully
- Respect must be shown to all participants at all times
- You must be open to the possibility of changing your mind



## MAKING YOUR WAY TO ST GEORGE'S HOUSE

St George's House, Windsor Castle is within easy reach of London Heathrow airport and is served by two rail stations. Parking within the Castle is strictly controlled and the House itself has no parking spaces. **Therefore, we recommend that you travel to Windsor by public transport.**

### By Car

**Please inform your consultation coordinator prior to your Consultation if you need to travel by car. This is because parking is very limited at the Castle.**

At Junction 6 from the M4 follow the A332 to the roundabout. Take the first exit, signposted Town Centre. Continue to the end of Victoria Street and turn left at the T-junction traffic lights. Follow this road round until you reach the statue of Queen Victoria where you turn right into Castle Hill. Parking on Castle Hill is via the Advance Gate (straight ahead) and Denton's Commons is via the Henry VIII Gate (to the left).



If your car cannot be accommodated in the Castle, the cheapest car park for overnight stays is **Windsor and Eton Riverside Station Riverside Car Park**. A day permit costs approx. £8. The day is defined as midnight to midnight so you must buy two day permits to stay in the carpark overnight. If you arrive after 10 am on the first day of the consultation you can get an off peak permit for that day for approx. £4, but you must get a full price day permit for all subsequent days you want to park. See above for directions to the castle from Windsor and Eton Riverside.

Disabled badge holders have priority for parking in the Castle but can also park in any council car park for free. Information on council car parks can be found at: <https://www.windsor.gov.uk/visitor-information/parking/parking-in-windsor>. The closest to the castle is Romney Lock or King Edward VII. A free Park and Ride shuttle bus runs every 15-20 mins to Guildhall, which is just across the road from the castle.



### By Train

- From London Paddington, Oxford or the West of England (via Slough)  
On arrival at Slough Station, change for the train service to **Windsor and Eton Central Station**. This runs half hourly and takes approximately six minutes. To make your way to Windsor Castle walk straight out of the Station and walk up through the paved shopping area. At the top you will see the Castle. Cross the road and walk up the hill to the Henry VIII Gate on your left.
- From London Waterloo (via Clapham Junction and Richmond)  
If you leave **Windsor and Eton Riverside Station** by the left hand exit you will see the Castle ahead. Keeping the Castle on your left, walk along the main Datchet Road, turning left at the George V fountain (Thames Street). Follow this road along the Castle wall and at the Victoria Statue turn left. You will see the Castle entrance and Henry VIII Gate on your left.

For current train times, please call National Rail Enquiries on 08457 484950 or visit their website: <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>

### Travelling from the Airport

#### By Bus

- From Heathrow Airport  
Take the First Group Route 8 bus from Heathrow Airport, Terminal 5 to Windsor High Street. You will see the Castle when you leave the bus. The journey time is approximately 60 minutes and runs approximately every 30 minutes.

For current bus times, please visit [www.firstgroup.com](http://www.firstgroup.com)

#### By Taxi

- From Heathrow Airport  
We recommend 5 Star Taxis. They are familiar to the police and have access to the Castle Grounds for drop offs. Their telephone number is 01753 858888.

Approximate cost from Heathrow to the Castle is £33 – this is standard pick up outside the airport. If a meet and greet is requested from inside the terminal, there is a parking charge (charged at cost) and then a charge of £12 per hour waiting time.

A journey by Black Cab will be considerably more expensive.

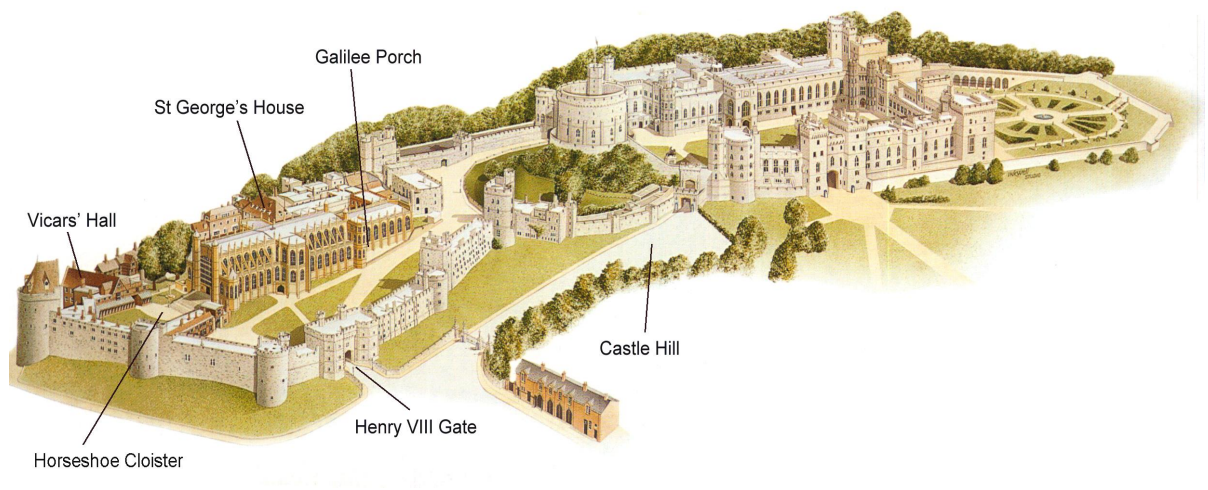


## Making your Way to St George's House

Enter the Castle through the Henry VIII Gate, walk across the Parade Ground through two archways, turn right and walk up Denton's Commons. St George's House will be directly in front of you. The main door to St George's House is on the right side of the House. The reception desk will be staffed during your arrival period. If you arrive a little early, please feel free to leave your luggage inside the main entrance of St George's House and relax in the Patricia Hotung Sitting Room.

There may be a chain saying 'PRIVATE' across one of the archways. Please remember to hook this back in place after you walk through.

At certain times on some days the changing of the guard may affect access to the castle. The easiest course of action is simply to wait until this is over and enjoy the spectacle.



## DURING YOUR STAY AT ST GEORGE'S HOUSE

To ensure that you have a safe and pleasant stay at St George's House, please read the following notes carefully.

### ARRIVAL

**On Arrival at the Henry VIII Gate you will be required to show photo id; passport or driving licence is preferred.** Once you have registered at St George's House you will receive your temporary photo security pass for the duration of your stay.

### SECURITY

**Please wear your security pass at all times within the Castle.  
Please do not take any photographs of your security pass.**

The Castle precincts outside Denton's Commons are open to the public from 1000 to 1600 (1700 in summer). Please be prepared to identify yourself if requested to do so by the Police or sentries. **Outside these times please stay within Denton's Commons and the Horseshoe Cloister (i.e. walk no further than the Middle Ward Shop at the end of the chapel building) unless you are intending to leave the Castle.**

### NIGHT ACCESS

The main Castle gates are closed around **2330**. If, exceptionally, you wish to enter or leave after that hour you may do so through the Advance Gate (next to the Visitor Centre) and the Moat Road. The Henry VIII Gate reopens at 0700. The front door to St George's House will not be locked during your occupancy.

Please remember that other residents live near St George's House, including families with children. Please respect their right not to be disturbed and their privacy, including when taking photos during the day.

### FIRE PRECAUTIONS

St George's House is an old and timber-rich building. Therefore **SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED anywhere inside the House or in the Vicars' Hall**. Please familiarise yourself with the Fire Precautions notices and location of FIRE EXITS as soon as possible upon arrival. These are posted on the back of your bedroom door. Notices showing the location of the Fire Emergency Red Phone Boxes and Assembly points in the event of a fire are to be found in Reception and around the House. In the event of a fire please use the Red Phone Boxes or any available phone to call the Fire Station on 01753 840835. **Do NOT call 999**. This is due to Windsor Castle security procedures.

A designated smoking area is located by the North door of the Chapel.

The House has a sensitive high-tech fire alarm system that will alert the Fire Brigade immediately (the fire alarms are tested on Wednesday mornings at 0900).



## MEDICAL

A First-Aid Box is available at Reception. In case of illness, we will make an appointment with a local doctor, or arrange for one to call. If there is an emergency in the night (Fire, Medical, Gas or Electric) please contact **The Fire Station**, on 01753 840835. Again, **please do NOT call 999**.

**Please refer to Emergency notices in Reception.**

## VICARS' HALL

The Vicars' Hall is our main Consultation room. The Hall must be kept locked at all times except when it is actually occupied and in use. You will find toilets, in addition to those in the House, under the Terrace outside the Vicars' Hall. Disabled toilets are also available. Please ask a staff member if disabled facilities are required.

## WIFI, TELEPHONE, AND MAIL

Wi-Fi connections are available throughout the main House, No 25 The Cloisters and the Vicars' Hall.

Individual rooms are not equipped with telephones. You will find a telephone on each corridor which has pre-set buttons for the Fire Emergency department and the House Manager.

Post-boxes are located under the Horseshoe Cloister archway, by the Middle Ward shop and outside the Castle opposite Queen Victoria's statue.

## MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS

All meals are served in the Robin Woods Dining Room, which can comfortably seat up to 40 guests. Please refer to the Programme for confirmation of timing and try not to be late. Refreshment breaks are timetabled in the Programme. A bar is also located in the Patricia Hotung Sitting Room. This is a pay-bar with an honesty box. Prices are displayed on the shelf above the bar. Our licence from the Lord Chamberlain requires that the Bar be closed each weekday night at 2359, and on Sundays at 2230.

## DOMESTIC ARRANGEMENTS

The House Manager is responsible for domestic arrangements within the House and for all the domestic staff. Any reports of defects or breakages should be made to the House Manager. There is no Night Porter or equivalent, so please turn out the lights in the reception rooms if you are the last to retire in the evening.

## DRESS CODE

The dress code for the Consultation and all meals is smart casual.

## DEPARTURE

**On the day of your departure please clear your room when you come down for breakfast – by 9.00 a.m. at the latest.** Please bring your luggage down to the Sitting Room of St George's House and it will be stored until your departure. Please return your badge to the Reception desk as you leave.





## HEATING

The temperature in your bedroom can be adjusted by turning the thermostat on the side of your radiator.

## VALUABLES

St George's House cannot accept any responsibility for valuables. Any personal property left at St George's House must be claimed within a month of departure from the House. To enquire please telephone 01753 848848 and it will be sent to you (postage to be reimbursed please). Any property not claimed within that period will be sent to the charity Oxfam.

## LIFT

The lift carries a maximum of four people. In case of emergency, please follow the instructions in the lift.

## LAUNDRY

No arrangements can be made for visitors' personal laundry for residencies of less than five days. If you are staying longer than five days please speak with the House Manager.

## ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL

Guests are welcome to attend all services in the Chapel. We advise you to be in the Chapel ten minutes before the stated time. The Virger or Sacristans will show you to a seat.

The usual times of the services are as follows:

### ***Monday to Saturday:***

7.30am Mattins

8.00am Holy Communion

5.15pm Evensong (said on Wednesdays)

Friday 12 noon Holy Communion

### ***Sunday***

8.30am Holy Communion

10.45am Sung Mattins

12 noon Sung Eucharist

5.15pm Evensong

Photographs are not permitted in the chapel.

## POST CARDS, GIFTS AND CASTLE GUIDE BOOKS

Picture postcards, Castle Guide books and other gifts are available in the Castle and Chapel Gift shops.



## ST GEORGE'S HOUSE

The House was founded in 1966 by H.R.H Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh and the then Dean, Robin Woods, as a place where people of influence and responsibility in every area of society can come together to explore and communicate their views and analysis of contemporary issues.

The House is located within Windsor Castle and forms part of the fourteenth century foundations of the College of St George. The heart of the College is St George's Chapel, where three times a day, every day, prayer is offered for the nation. That tradition of prayer, established in 1348 by King Edward III, has extended for more than six hundred years. It is precisely this tradition that gives the House its impetus and its wider theological context. The offering of prayer in the Chapel finds a practical expression in Consultations, where the House offers space for nurturing Wisdom.

Today our Consultation programme focuses on three distinct areas: contemporary issues, service to the Church, and hospitality for groups who, understanding the ethos and core objectives of the House, bring to us their own Consultations. Taken together our annual programme is varied, rich, and intellectually challenging.

The Duke of Edinburgh believed that, as the College is hidden away within the Castle walls, it is particularly attractive to people in positions of leadership within government, industry, commerce and the churches as a venue for discreet discussions of mutual and national interest.

Our aim is to effect change for the better in our society by nurturing Wisdom through dialogue.

The values of the House are openness, honesty, trust and respect. People from all areas of society, holding diverse views, opinions and beliefs come here to debate freely. The art of Consultation seeks to nurture Wisdom and open up the possibility of a different and better world.

The Wisdom we seek to nurture affirms and encourages, questions and surprises. It searches out new possibilities and desires the best for all our people and our planet. It is forward-looking and free from contemporary idols. It fosters personal and community transformation. The practical result of such Wisdom is trust, justice, equality and peace.

It is Wisdom based on knowledge, understanding, good judgement and far-sighted decision-making. It is Wisdom for our time.



# ST GEORGE'S HOUSE



For more information about  
Consultations at St George's House  
visit [www.stgeorghouse.org](http://www.stgeorghouse.org)



St George's House, Windsor Castle, Windsor SL4 1NJ

T +44 (0)1753 848848 E [house@stgeorges-windsor.org](mailto:house@stgeorges-windsor.org) F +44 (0)1753 848849