

Doubtful ballot papers – allowed votes (single-member wards)

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VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BLANCHARD Clive Jake Blanchard 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ Liberal Democrat	
2	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 6TY Conservative	X
3	FRANKEL Luke Anthony Frankel 47 Warren Road, Anytown AT99 7PL Labour Party	X
4	JORDAN Kylie Jade Jordan 99 High Street, Anytown AT67 7YT Independent	

Allow for Clover – Cirencester case, Eley v Durant and Rule 47(3)(c)

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BLANCHARD Clive Jake Blanchard 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ Liberal Democrat	
2	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 6TY Conservative	
3	FRANKEL Luke Anthony Frankel 47 Warren Road, Anytown AT99 7PL Labour Party	
4	JORDAN Kylie Jade Jordan 99 High Street, Anytown AT67 7YT Independent	X

Allow for Jordan – Woodward v Sarsons and Rule 47(3)(c)

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BLANCHARD Clive Jake Blanchard 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ Liberal Democrat	
2	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 6TY Conservative	
3	FRANKEL Luke Anthony Frankel 47 Warren Road, Anytown AT99 7PL Labour Party	✓ X
4	JORDAN Kylie Jade Jordan 99 High Street, Anytown AT67 7YT Independent	

Allow for Frankel – Rule 47(3)(c)

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BLANCHARD Clive Jake Blanchard 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ Liberal Democrat	Blanchard Lib Dem
2	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 6TY Conservative	
3	FRANKEL Luke Anthony Frankel 47 Warren Road, Anytown AT99 7PL Labour Party	
4	JORDAN Kylie Jade Jordan 99 High Street, Anytown AT67 7YT Independent	

Allow for Blanchard – Ruffle v Rogers and Rule 47(3)(b)

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BLANCHARD Clive Jake Blanchard 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ Liberal Democrat	
2	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 6TY Conservative	
3	FRANKEL Luke Anthony Frankel 47 Warren Road, Anytown AT99 7PL Labour Party	
4	JORDAN Kylie Jade Jordan 99 High Street, Anytown AT67 7YT Independent	X

Allow for Jordan – West Bromwich case and Rule 47(3)(a)

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BLANCHARD Clive Jake Blanchard 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ Liberal Democrat	
2	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 6TY Conservative	✓
3	FRANKEL Luke Anthony Frankel 47 Warren Road, Anytown AT99 7PL Labour Party	
4	JORDAN Kylie Jade Jordan 99 High Street, Anytown AT67 7YT Independent	

Allow for Clover – Rule 47(3)(b)

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BLANCHARD Clive Jake Blanchard 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ Liberal Democrat	X
2	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 6TY Conservative	
3	FRANKEL Luke Anthony Frankel 47 Warren Road, Anytown AT99 7PL Labour Party	
4	JORDAN Kylie Jade Jordan 99 High Street, Anytown AT67 7YT Independent	

Allow for Blanchard – Berwick-upon-Tweed case and Rule 47(3)(a)

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BLANCHARD Clive Jake Blanchard 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ Liberal Democrat	
2	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 6TY Conservative	
3	FRANKEL Luke Anthony Frankel 47 Warren Road, Anytown AT99 7PL Labour Party	
4	JORDAN Kylie Jade Jordan 99 High Street, Anytown AT67 7YT Independent	Yes

Allow for Jordan – Rule 47(3)(b)

Doubtful ballot papers – rejected votes (single-member wards)

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VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BLANCHARD Clive Jake Blanchard 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ Liberal Democrat	three
2	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 6TY Conservative	one
3	FRANKEL Luke Anthony Frankel 47 Warren Road, Anytown AT99 7PL Labour Party	two
4	JORDAN Kylie Jade Jordan 99 High Street, Anytown AT67 7YT Independent	four

Reject – voter’s intention uncertain
Richmond case and Rule 47(1)(d)

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BLANCHARD Clive Jake Blanchard 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ Liberal Democrat	
2	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 6TY Conservative	
3	FRANKEL Luke Anthony Frankel 47 Warren Road, Anytown AT99 7PL Labour Party	X
4	JORDAN Kylie Jade Jordan 99 High Street, Anytown AT67 7YT Independent	

Reject – voter’s intention uncertain
Buckrose case and Rule 47(1)(d)

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BLANCHARD Clive Jake Blanchard 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ Liberal Democrat	X
2	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 6TY Conservative	F. Brown 27 High St.
3	FRANKEL Luke Anthony Frankel 47 Warren Road, Anytown AT99 7PL Labour Party	
4	JORDAN Kylie Jade Jordan 99 High Street, Anytown AT67 7YT Independent	

Reject – voter could be identified. Woodward v Sarsons, South Newington EP case and Rule 47(1)(c)

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BLANCHARD Clive Jake Blanchard 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ Liberal Democrat	3
2	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 6TY Conservative	1
3	FRANKEL Luke Anthony Frankel 47 Warren Road, Anytown AT99 7PL Labour Party	2
4	JORDAN Kylie Jade Jordan 99 High Street, Anytown AT67 7YT Independent	4

Reject – voting for more than one candidate
Cornwell v Marshall and Rule 47(1)(b)

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BLANCHARD Clive Jake Blanchard 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ Liberal Democrat	
2	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 6TY Conservative	
3	FRANKEL Luke Anthony Frankel 47 Warren Road, Anytown AT99 7PL Labour Party	
4	JORDAN Kylie Jade Jordan 99 High Street, Anytown AT67 7YT Independent	

Reject – voter’s intention uncertain
Rowe v Cox and Rule 47(1)(d)

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BLANCHARD Clive Jake Blanchard 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ Liberal Democrat	
2	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 6TY Conservative	X
3	FRANKEL Luke Anthony Frankel 47 Warren Road, Anytown AT99 7PL Labour Party	X
4	JORDAN Kylie Jade Jordan 99 High Street, Anytown AT67 7YT Independent	X

Reject – voting for more candidates than the voter is entitled to vote for. Rule 47(1)(b)

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BLANCHARD Clive Jake Blanchard 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ Liberal Democrat	
2	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 6TY Conservative	
3	FRANKEL Luke Anthony Frankel 47 Warren Road, Anytown AT99 7PL Labour Party	X
4	JORDAN Kylie Jade Jordan 99 High Street, Anytown AT67 7YT Independent	M. Jones AB 561

Reject – voter could be identified
Woodward v Sarsons and Rule 47(1)(c)

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	BLANCHARD Clive Jake Blanchard 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown AT33 5XZ Liberal Democrat	
2	CLOVER Elizabeth Mary Clover 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown AT12 6TY Conservative	
3	FRANKEL Luke Anthony Frankel 47 Warren Road, Anytown AT99 7PL Labour Party	
4	JORDAN Kylie Jade Jordan 99 High Street, Anytown AT67 7YT Independent	None of the above ✓

Reject – void for uncertainty
Rule 47(1)(d)