




Doubtful ballot papers – allowed votes




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3	PURPLE PARTY 1. Eilleen Iris Alsop 2. Indria Anitia Gupta 3. Robery Henry Anderton 4. Victor Daniel Amos 5. Andrew Wilson 6. Harry Townsend 7. Eric Williamson 8. Monica Merekson	
4	MANMEET SINGH Independent	




Allow for Singh – Levers v Morris [1971] 3 All ER QBD; Woodward v Sarsons [1875] LR 10 CP 733; and Rule 55(2)(a)

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Allow for Purple Party – Rule 55(3)

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Allow for Purple Party – Rule 55(2)(a),(b)

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Allow for Singh – Ruffle v Rogers [1982] QB 1220; and Rule 55(2)

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Allow for Bloggs Party – Rule 55(2)(b)

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Allow for Singh – Cirencester case, Lawson v Chester Master [1893]; Eley v Durant [1900] 4 SJ 430; and Rule 55(2)(c)

Doubtful ballot papers – rejected votes

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Reject – voting for more than one registered party or individual candidate. Rule 55(1)(b)

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4	MANMEET SINGH Independent		AB561

Reject – voter could be identified. Woodward v Sarsons [1875] LR 10 CP 733 and Rule 55(1)(c)

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4	MANMEET SINGH Independent		J Smith 97 Acacia Road

Reject – voter could be identified. Woodward v Sarsons; South Newington case, Lewis v Shepperdson [1948] 2 All ER 503; and Rule 55(1)(c)

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Reject – voter's intention uncertain. Rowe v Cox [2001] M/294/01; and Rule 55(1)(d)

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4	MANMEET SINGH Independent		None of the above ✓

Reject – void for uncertainty. Rule 55(1)(d)