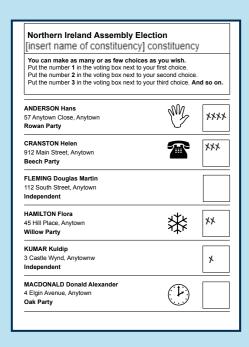
Doubtful ballot papers – allowed votes

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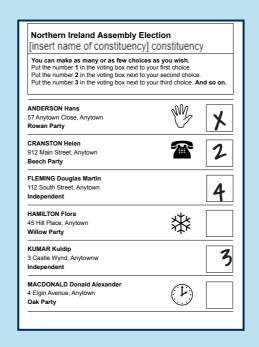
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Allow for Kumar, Hamilton, Cranston and Anderson as first, second third and fourth preference respectively – Assembly rule 44C(1) and Local rule 46(1)

[insert name of constituent	Ly] constituency
You can make as many or as few choi Put the number 1 in the voting box next the number 2 in the voting box next the number 3 in the number 3 i	to your first choice. to your second choice.
ANDERSON Hans 57 Anytown Close, Anytown Rowan Party	2
CRANSTON Helen 912 Main Street, Anytown Beech Party	**
FLEMING Douglas Martin 112 South Street, Anytown Independent	4
HAMILTON Flora 45 Hill Place, Anytown Willow Party	*
KUMAR Kuldip 3 Castle Wynd, Anytownw Independent	3
MACDONALD Donald Alexander 4 Elgin Avenue, Anytown Oak Party	(L)

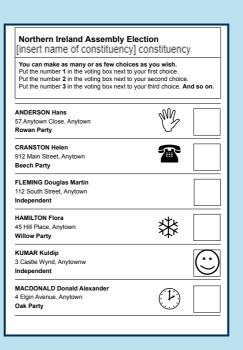
Allow for Cranston, Anderson, Kumar and Fleming as first, second, third and fourth preference respectively. Assembly rule 44C(1) and Local rule 46(1)



Allow – 'X' is taken as a first preference for Anderson. Allow for Cranston, Kumar and Fleming as second, third and fourth preference respectively. Assembly rule 44C(1) and Local rule 46(1)

Northern Ireland Assembly Ei [insert name of constituency	
You can make as many or as few choices as you wish. Put the number 1 in the voting box next to your first choice. Put the number 2 in the voting box next to your second choice. Put the number 3 in the voting box next to your third choice. And so on.	
ANDERSON Hans 57 Anytown Close, Anytown Rowan Party	W.
CRANSTON Helen 912 Main Street, Anytown Beech Party	
FLEMING Douglas Martin 112 South Street, Anytown Independent	
HAMILTON Flora 45 Hill Place, Anytown Willow Party	*
KUMAR Kuldip 3 Castle Wynd, Anytownw Independent	Kum
MACDONALD Donald Alexander 4 Elgin Avenue, Anytown Oak Party	

Allow for Kumar as first preference (provided there is no other candidate called Kumar.)
Assembly rule 44C(1) and Local rule 46(1) and Ruffle v Rogers



Allow as first preference for Kumar. Assembly rule 44C(1) and Local rule 46(1)

Northern Ireland Assembly E [Insert name of constituency You can make as many or as few choic Put the number 1 in the voting box next to Put the number 2 in the voting box next to Put the number 3 in the voting box next to	ces as you wish. by your first choice. by your second choice.
ANDERSON Hans 57 Anytown Close, Anytown Rowan Party	5
CRANSTON Helen 912 Main Street, Anytown Beech Party	* 6
FLEMING Douglas Martin 112 South Street, Anytown Independent	2
HAMILTON Flora 45 Hill Place, Anytown Willow Party	* [
KUMAR Kuldip 3 Castle Wynd, Anytownw Independent	3
MACDONALD Donald Alexander 4 Elgin Avenue, Anytown Oak Party	

Partially allow – allow for Hamilton, Fleming and Kumar as first, second and third preference respectively. Assembly rule 44C(1) and Local rule 46(1)



You can make as many or as few choices as you wish. Put the number 1 in the voting box next to your first choice. Put the number 2 in the voting box next to your second choice. Put the number 3 in the voting box next to your third choice. And so on		
ANDERSON Hans 57 Anytown Close, Anytown Rowan Party	W.	two
CRANSTON Helen	A	
912 Main Street, Anytown Beech Party	***	one
FLEMING Douglas Martin		
112 South Street, Anytown		
Independent		
HAMILTON Flora	.,\\	
45 Hill Place, Anytown	> X	
Willow Party	1ትቦ	
KUMAR Kuldip		ш.
3 Castle Wynd, Anytownw		thre
Independent		
MACDONALD Donald Alexander		
4 Elgin Avenue, Anytown	(4)	four
Oak Party	<i>ار. نیا</i>	1.04.

Allow for Cranston, Anderson, Kumar and MacDonald as first, second, third and fourth preference respectively. Assembly rule 44C(1) and Local rule 46(1)

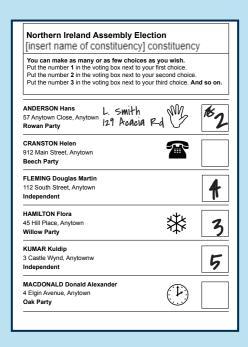
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Put the number 2 in the voting box next to		
Put the number 3 in the voting box next to	your third choice. An	a so or
ANDERSON Hans	WW	
57 Anytown Close, Anytown	7/2	
Rowan Party		
CRANSTON Helen		
912 Main Street, Anytown		
Beech Party		
FLEMING Douglas Martin		
112 South Street, Anytown		10
Independent		ı
HAMILTON Flora	.141.	
45 Hill Place, Anytown	> ₩\$	
Willow Party	^ኅ ሉቦ	
KUMAR Kuldip		
3 Castle Wynd, Anytownw		
Independent		
MACDONALD Donald Alexander		
4 Elgin Avenue, Anytown	(· 🋂 :)	
Oak Party	٧٪	1

Allow - yes is taken as first preference for Fleming. Assembly rule 44C(1) and Local rule 46(1) and *Ruffle v Rogers*

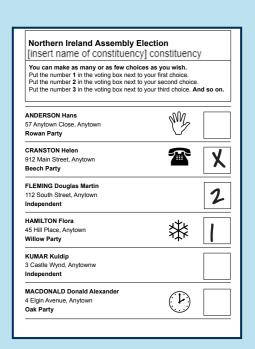
Doubtful ballot papers – rejected votes

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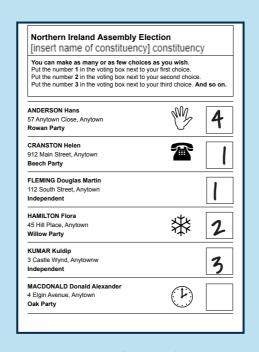
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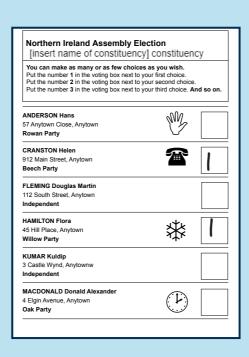
Reject - voter can be identified. Assembly rule 44C(1)(d) and Local rule 46(1)(d) and Woodward v Sarsons, South Newington case.



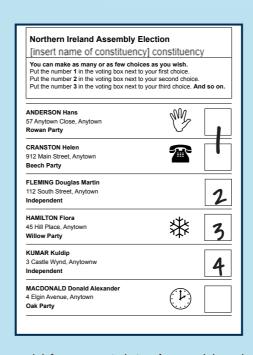
Reject –void for uncertainty. Assembly rule 44C(1)(e) and Local rule 46(1)(e)



Reject - more than one first preference. Assembly rule 44C(1)(c) and Local rule 46(1)(c)



Reject – more than one first preference. Assembly rule 44C (1)(c) and Local rule 46(1)(c)



Reject – void for uncertainty. Assembly rule 44C(1)(e) and Local rule 46(1)(e) and Buckrose case

Northern Ireland Assembly E [insert name of constituency		
You can make as many or as few choices as you wish. Put the number 1 in the voting box next to your first choice. Put the number 2 in the voting box next to your second choice. Put the number 3 in the voting box next to your third choice. And so on.		
ANDERSON Hans 57 Anytown Close, Anytown Rowan Party	W [
CRANSTON Helen 912 Main Street, Anytown Beech Party		
FLEMING Douglas Martin 112 South Street, Anytown Independent		3
HAMILTON Flora 45 Hill Place, Anytown Willow Party	₩ [
KUMAR Kuldip 3 Castle Wynd, Anytownw Independent		
MACDONALD Donald Alexander 4 Elgin Avenue, Anytown Oak Party	(1)	

Reject – no first preference and not marked otherwise by means of a figure. Assembly rule 44C(1)(c) and Local rule 46(1)(b)



[insert name of constituency] constituency	
You can make as many or as few choic Put the number 1 in the voting box next to Put the number 2 in the voting box next to Put the number 3 in the voting box next to	your first choice. your second choice.
ANDERSON Hans 57 Anytown Close, Anytown Rowan Party	W.
CRANSTON Helen 912 Main Street, Anytown Beech Party	
FLEMING Douglas Martin 112 South Street, Anytown Independent	
HAMILTON Flora 45 Hill Place, Anytown Willow Party	*
KUMAR Kuldip 3 Castle Wynd, Anytownw Independent	
MACDONALD Donald Alexander 4 Elgin Avenue, Anytown Oak Party	None of

Reject – void for uncertainty. Assembly rule 44C(1)(e) and Local rule 46(1)(e)

Northern Ireland Assembly Election [insert name of constituency] constituency You can make as many or as few choices as you wish. Put the number 1 in the voting box next to your first choice. Put the number 2 in the voting box next to your second choice. Put the number 3 in the voting box next to your third choice. And so on.	
Rowan Party	V
CRANSTON Helen 912 Main Street, Anytown Beech Party	*
FLEMING Douglas Martin 112 South Street, Anytown Independent	
HAMILTON Flora 45 Hill Place, Anytown Willow Party	*
KUMAR Kuldip 3 Castle Wynd, Anytownw Independent	
MACDONALD Donald Alexander 4 Elgin Avenue, Anytown Oak Party	(L)

Reject – unmarked. Assembly rule 44C (1)(e) and Local rule 46(1)(e)