

Dealing with doubtful ballot papers

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1 Introduction

1.1 This booklet is designed to assist Constituency Returning Officers (CROs) in adjudicating doubtful ballot papers at Greater London Authority elections.

1.2 Each person entitled to vote as an elector is permitted one vote per ballot paper:

- London Mayoral and Constituency Assembly Member seats are allocated by a simple majority system (First past the post)
- London-wide Assembly Member seats are allocated according to a modified d'Hondt formula

1.3 This booklet should also be read in conjunction with the protocol agreed with the GLRO and our general [guidance on managing the count](#) which can be found on our website.

1.4 The CRO may delegate the final decision on adjudication to one or more deputies, but this must be done explicitly in writing.¹

1.5 Because the CRO discharges a statutory function in adjudicating doubtful votes, the CRO or authorised Deputy CRO, and not other staff employed by the CRO at the count, must carry out this function.

1.6 One of the aims of this booklet is to help to ensure consistency of approach across the Greater London Authority elections.

1.7 This booklet has been developed in consultation with London Elects and the GLRO and the Electoral Commission is grateful for their assistance throughout this process.

1.8 When undertaking the adjudication of ballot papers it is important to ensure that the process is carried out in full view of all candidates and agents present, as well as in the presence of any Commission representatives and accredited observers in attendance.

1.9 Throughout this resource we are using the following abbreviations in respect of each Schedule from The Greater London Authority Elections 2007 Rules:

- CMER – Schedule 1 (Constituency Assembly Member elections)
- LMER - Schedule 2 (London-wide Assembly Member elections)
- MER - Schedule 3 (Mayor of London election)

Schedule 4 amends the rules for the manual count across the 3 schedules.

¹ Section 35(4) Representation of the People Act 1983

Managing the adjudication at Greater London Authority elections

1.10 CROs should not wait until towards the end of the count before starting the adjudication process; this should be carried out regularly throughout the count process in clear view of those entitled to be present.

1.11 Those ballot papers in the Constituency Assembly and London-wide Assembly member elections that have been rejected must be stamped with the word 'rejected'² and placed in the appropriate package. It is recommended that those ballot papers in the London Mayoral election that have been rejected are also stamped with the word 'rejected' for audit purposes and clarity.

1.12 All other ballot papers must be counted.

1.13 A statement must be prepared showing the number of ballot papers rejected under each of the following headings:³

Constituency Assembly member and London-wide Assembly member election

- want of an official mark
- voting for more than one candidate
- writing or mark by which the voter could be identified
- unmarked ballot paper, or
- void for uncertainty

Mayor of London election

- want of an official mark
- voting for more than one candidate
- writing or mark by which the voter could be identified
- unmarked or void for uncertainty

² Rule 50(4) as amended by Sch. 4 CMER, rule 51(4) as amended by Sch.4 LMER, rule 50(4) MER

³ Rule 50(11) CMER, rule 51(11) LMER, rule 50(13) (as amended by Sch.4) MER

2 Principles of adjudication

2.1 Any doubtful ballot papers should be placed in a tray for the supervisor to take to the CRO for adjudication. The whole of the ballot paper needs to be considered when adjudicating doubtful votes in case the voter has made any marks outside of the voting boxes.

2.2 The CRO may only reject a ballot paper on the following grounds (subject to 2.3)⁴:

- it does not contain an official mark
- a vote has been given for more than one candidate
- it contains a mark or writing by which the voter can be identified (except the ballot paper number and unique identifying mark)
- it is unmarked
- it is void for uncertainty

2.3 A ballot paper should not be rejected because the vote is:⁵

- not marked in the proper place
- marked other than by a cross
- marked by more than one mark

A ballot paper should not be rejected if the intention to vote for not more than one candidate or party clearly appears on the ballot paper, as long as the voter cannot be identified by any writing or mark on the paper, and it is not shown that the voter can be identified by it.

2.4 Therefore, the following ballot papers will need to be passed to the CRO for adjudication:

- those that appear to have no official mark (not the unique identifying mark)
- those appearing to contain more than one vote
- those with any writing or mark by which the voter may be identified
- those where there is no mark
- those where there is uncertainty

2.5 In addition, in order to help maintain the integrity of the election, the following ballot papers should be passed to the CRO for further consideration:

- any paper torn or damaged in any way
- any paper with anything unusual about it (for example, any paper that appears to have been altered, either with a clearly different writing instrument or with correction fluid)

⁴ Rule 50(1) CMER, rule 51(1) LMER, rule 50(1) MER

⁵ Rule 50(2) CMER, rule 51(2) LMER, rule 50(2) MER

2.6 In the case of ballot papers that appear to have been altered, CROs may consider packaging them separately in case of later challenge or investigation.

Want of official mark

2.7 Absence of the official mark must lead to an automatic rejection. The CRO has no discretion.

2.8 However, where instead of a pre-printed official mark a stamping instrument has been used, and a partial piercing or embossing of the ballot paper should not in itself result in a rejection. As long as it is clear that the ballot paper has been stamped by polling station staff, the fact that not all the pins have stamped through the ballot paper or that the perforation is not wholly on the paper is immaterial.

Voting for more than one candidate

2.9 This is a matter for the CRO's judgment.

2.10 Additional marks must not lead to a rejection if it is clear that those marks were not intended as a vote.

2.11 A paper on which each of the candidates is marked 1, 2, 3, 4 etc. instead of with a cross (see example 15 for each separate election) should not be rejected on the grounds of voting for more candidates than the voter is entitled to vote for. It is reasonable to conclude that in ranking the candidates the voter is putting them into order of preference and a ballot paper marked in this way should therefore be accepted as a valid vote for the candidate against which the number 1 is marked. This position is consistent with the position set out in the legislation for Scottish Parliamentary elections which states that a paper marked 1, 2 and 3 etc. instead of with a cross must be allowed as a good vote for the candidate or party against which the number 1 is marked.⁶

Writing or mark by which the voter can be identified

2.12 There are two aspects to this:

- either any writing or mark on the ballot paper which, of itself, identifies the voter, or
- the voter can be identified by such writing or mark

2.13 It is important to bear in mind that the legislation states that the voter **can be**, not may be or might possibly be, identified (which does not include the ballot paper number and unique identifying mark on the back of the ballot paper).

⁶ Woodward v. Sarsons (1875), LR 10, CP74 and Cirencester case (1893).

Writing or mark which, of itself, identifies the voter

2.14 A ballot paper should be rejected if:

- the electoral number of the voter written on the ballot paper unequivocally identifies the voter
- it may reasonably be held to bear the name (or signature) or unique address of the voter on its front

The voter can be indirectly identified by any writing or mark on the ballot paper

2.15 The CRO is not required to investigate the matter or require evidence to be produced to identify the writing or mark. But, the CRO should consider any evidence that is given to them at the time.

2.16 Where there is doubt about the identity of the person who marked the ballot paper, the CRO should allow rather than reject the ballot paper.

Unmarked ballot papers

2.17 Unmarked ballot papers should be rejected.

2.18 A ballot paper marked by means other than a pencil should not be rejected simply because of that.

2.19 Marks other than a cross, however faint, may still be valid.

Void for uncertainty

2.20 Establishing voter intention is crucial when determining doubtful ballot papers.

2.21 The key phrases in the Rules are:

- CMER and MER 'A ballot paper on which the vote is marked [...] must not for such reason be void if an intention that the vote be given for one only of the candidates clearly appears'.⁷
- LMER 'A ballot paper on which the vote is marked [...] must not for such reasons be void if an intention that that vote be given for one only of the party or individual candidates clearly appears'⁸

2.22 Each ballot paper should be considered on its own merits and decisions should be taken on a case-by-case basis.

2.23 The key question a CRO should ask is whether the voter has, on the face of the paper, indicated a reasonably clear intention to vote for a candidate or party.

⁷ Rule 50(2) CMER, rule 50(2) MER

⁸ Rule 51(2) LMER,

Decisions on ballot papers

2.24 The decision of the CRO is final, but may be subject to review on election petition.⁹

⁹ Rule 51 CMER, rule 52 LMER, rule 51 MER

3 Summary

3.1 The principles to be applied are set out above. In practical terms, the general approach can be summarised as follows:

- Always be clear and consistent.
- Take time to ensure that a considered decision is given in every case.
- Determine whether the intention of the vote clearly appears on the ballot paper. As part of this, CROs will need to:
 - consider the whole of the ballot paper
 - consider whether the way a ballot paper has been marked means that a vote for one candidate is clearly apparent

4 Examples

4.1 The examples provided here under 'allowed' and 'rejected' are based on previous case law or are taken from the specific rules for the Greater London Authority elections.

4.2 Ultimately, the decision on any particular ballot paper, including the question as to whether an intention to vote for a particular candidate appears, rests with the CRO.

Case law references

4.3 Abbreviated case law references have been used throughout this booklet. The following table lists the full case law references.

Abbreviation	Full reference
Berwick-upon-Tweed case	Berwick-upon-Tweed case [1880] 3 O'M&H 178
Buckrose case	Buckrose case, Sykes v. McArthur [1886] 5 O'M&H 110
Cirencester case	Lawson v. Chester Master [1893]
Cornwell v. Marshall	Cornwell v. Marshall [1977] 75 LGR 676 DC
Ely v. Durant	Ely v. Durant [1900] 4SJ 430
Levers v. Morris	Levers v. Morris [1971] 3 All ER QBD
Richmond case	Richmond London, Election, Re [1976] Times, 6 August
Rowe v. Cox	Rowe v. Cox [2001] QBD, Case M/294/01
Ruffle v. Rogers	Ruffle v. Rogers [1982] QB 1220
South Newington case	South Newington case, Lewis v. Shepperdson [1948] 2 All ER 503
West Bromwich case	West Bromwich case, Hazel v. Viscount Lewisham [1911] 6 O'M&H 256
Woodward v. Sarsons	Woodward v. Sarsons [1875] LR10 CP 733

Allowed votes - Mayor of London

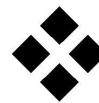
The following are suggested examples of allowed votes.

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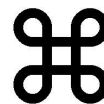
Election of the Mayor of London

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party



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63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
League of Line Dancers



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Independent

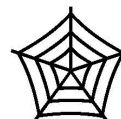
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Mad Hatter's Tea Party



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Allow for Boots – Cirencester case, *Ely v. Durant* and MER rule 50(2)(c)

MER Example 2

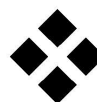
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~~**CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary**~~

~~9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 501~~

~~**Independent**~~

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HOOD, Robin

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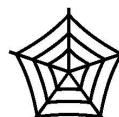
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Allow for Miller – *Woodward v. Sarsons* and MER rule 50(2)(c)

MER Example 3

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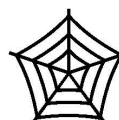
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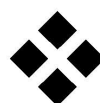
Allow for Hood –MER rule 50(2)(c)

MER Example 4

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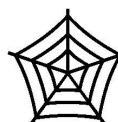


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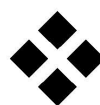
Allow for Hood – *Ruffle v. Rogers* and MER rule 50(2)(b)

MER Example 5

Election of the Mayor of London

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

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5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party



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Allow for Miller – West Bromwich case and MER rule 50(2)(a)

MER Example 6

Election of the Mayor of London

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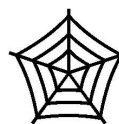
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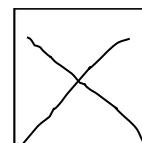
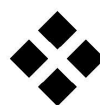
Allow for Clover –MER rule 50(2)(b)

MER Example 7

Election of the Mayor of London

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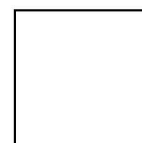
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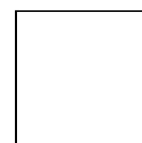
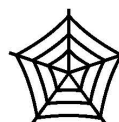
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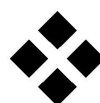
Allow for Barber – Berwick-upon-Tweed case and MER rule 50(2)(a)

MER Example 8

Election of the Mayor of London

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Pelican Party



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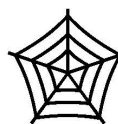
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 *Yes*

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Allow for Grey –MER rule 50(2)(b)

MER Example 9

Election of the Mayor of London

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Pelican Party



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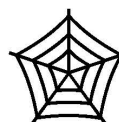
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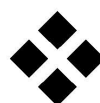
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MER Example 10

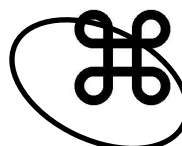
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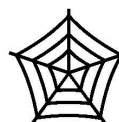
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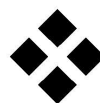
Allow for Boots – MER rule 50(2)(a) and (b)

MER Example 11

Election of the Mayor of London

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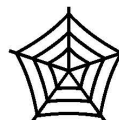
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ELECT BARBER


Allow for Barber – *Ruffle v. Rogers* and MER rule 50(2)(a) and (b) [provided there is no other candidate by the name of Barber].

MER Example 12


Election of the Mayor of London

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

~~**BARBER, Ali**~~
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Pelican Party



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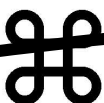
Allow for Barber – *Levers v. Morris* and MER rule 50(2)(a)

MER Example 13


Election of the Mayor of London

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GREY, Earl
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7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK
Alternative Power Forum 

Allow for Clover – *Levers v. Morris* and MER rule 50(2)(b) and (c)
See also *Schofield's Election Law*, Volume 5, Appendix E, E20 (Shaw & Sons, 2008 as updated by supplement issue no.1).

MER Example 14

Election of the Mayor of London

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party 

BOOTS, Dusty
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
League of Line Dancers 

CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary
9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34
Independent

GREY, Earl
(address in [relevant area])
Mad Hatter's Tea Party 

HOOD, Robin
64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT
The Forest Party 

MILLER, Windy
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK
Alternative Power Forum 

Allow for Boots – *Levers v. Morris* MER rule 50(2)(c)
See also *Schofield's Election Law*, Volume 5, Appendix E, E20 (Shaw & Sons, 2008 as updated by supplement issue no.1).

MER Example 15

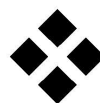
Election of the Mayor of London

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali

5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY

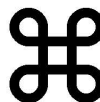
Pelican Party



BOOTS, Dusty

63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ

League of Line Dancers



CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary

9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34

Independent

GREY, Earl

(address in [relevant area])

Mad Hatter's Tea Party



HOOD, Robin

64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT

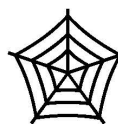
The Forest Party



MILLER, Windy

7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK

Alternative Power Forum



Allow for Clover – vote marked otherwise than by means of a cross MER rule 50(2)(b)

Allowed votes - Constituency Assembly member

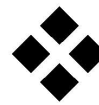
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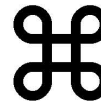
Election of the London Assembly Constituency Member for the constituency of *[insert name of constituency]*

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party



BOOTS, Dusty
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
League of Line Dancers



CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary
9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34
Independent

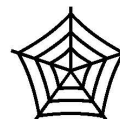
GREY, Earl
(address in [relevant area])
Mad Hatter's Tea Party



HOOD, Robin
64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT
The Forest Party



MILLER, Windy
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK
Alternative Power Forum



Allow for Boots – Cirencester case, *Ely v. Durant* and CMER Rule 50(2)(c)

CMER Example 2

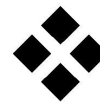
**Election of the London Assembly Constituency Member
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Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali

5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY

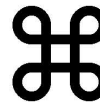
Pelican Party



BOOTS, Dusty

63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ

League of Line Dancers



CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary

9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 5B4

Independent



GREY, Earl

(address in [relevant area])

Mad Hatter's Tea Party



HOOD, Robin

64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT

The Forest Party



MILLER, Windy

7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK

Alternative Power Forum



Allow for Miller – *Woodward v. Sarsons* and CMER Rule 50(2)(c)

CMER Example 3

**Election of the London Assembly Constituency Member
for the constituency of [*insert name of constituency*]**

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party



BOOTS, Dusty
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
League of Line Dancers



CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary
9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34
Independent

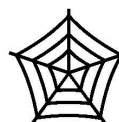
GREY, Earl
(address in [relevant area])
Mad Hatter's Tea Party



HOOD, Robin
64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT
The Forest Party



MILLER, Windy
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK
Alternative Power Forum



Allow for Hood – CMER Rule 50(2)(c)

CMER Example 4

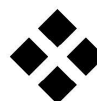
**Election of the London Assembly Constituency Member
for the constituency of [insert name of constituency]**

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali

5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY

Pelican Party



BOOTS, Dusty

63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ

League of Line Dancers



CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary

9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34

Independent

GREY, Earl

(address in [relevant area])

Mad Hatter's Tea Party



HOOD, Robin

64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT

The Forest Party



Hood
The Forest
Party!

MILLER, Windy

7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK

Alternative Power Forum








Allow for Hood – *Ruffle v. Rogers* and CMER Rule 50(2)(b)

CMER Example 5

Election of the London Assembly Constituency Member for the constituency of *[insert name of constituency]*

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl (address in [relevant area]) Mad Hatter's Tea Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum		<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Miller – West Bromwich case and CMER Rule 50(2)(a)

CMER Example 6

**Election of the London Assembly Constituency Member
for the constituency of [*insert name of constituency*]**

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party



BOOTS, Dusty
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
League of Line Dancers



CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary
9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34
Independent

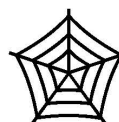
GREY, Earl
(address in [relevant area])
Mad Hatter's Tea Party



HOOD, Robin
64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT
The Forest Party



MILLER, Windy
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK
Alternative Power Forum



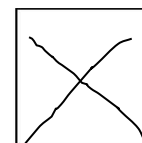
Allow for Clover – CMER Rule 50(2)(b)

CMER Example 7

**Election of the London Assembly Constituency Member
for the constituency of *[insert name of constituency]***

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party



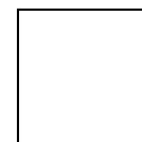
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League of Line Dancers



CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary
9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34
Independent



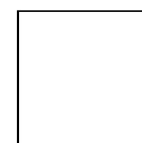
GREY, Earl
(address in [relevant area])
Mad Hatter's Tea Party



HOOD, Robin
64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT
The Forest Party



MILLER, Windy
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK
Alternative Power Forum



Allow for Barber – Berwick-upon-Tweed case and CMER Rule 50(2)(a)

CMER Example 8

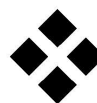
**Election of the London Assembly Constituency Member
for the constituency of *[insert name of constituency]***

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali

5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY

Pelican Party



BOOTS, Dusty

63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ

League of Line Dancers



CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary

9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34

Independent

GREY, Earl

(address in [relevant area])

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

 *Yes*

HOOD, Robin

64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT

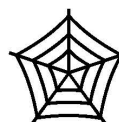
The Forest Party



MILLER, Windy

7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK

Alternative Power Forum



Allow for Grey – CMER Rule 50(2)(b)

CMER Example 9

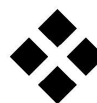
**Election of the London Assembly Constituency Member
for the constituency of [insert name of constituency]**

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali

5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY

Pelican Party



BOOTS, Dusty

63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ

League of Line Dancers



CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary

9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34

Independent

GREY, Earl

(address in [relevant area])

Mad Hatter's Tea Party



HOOD, Robin

64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT

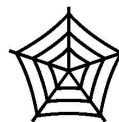
The Forest Party



MILLER, Windy

7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK

Alternative Power Forum



Allow for Miller – CMER Rule 50(2)(a) and (b)

CMER Example 10

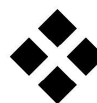
**Election of the London Assembly Constituency Member
for the constituency of [*insert name of constituency*]**

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali

5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY

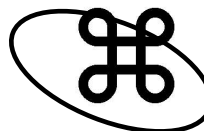
Pelican Party



BOOTS, Dusty

63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ

League of Line Dancers



CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary

9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34

Independent

GREY, Earl

(address in [relevant area])

Mad Hatter's Tea Party



HOOD, Robin

64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT

The Forest Party



MILLER, Windy

7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK

Alternative Power Forum



Allow for Boots – CMER Rule 50(2)(a) and (b)

CMER Example 11

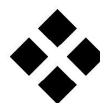
**Election of the London Assembly Constituency Member
for the constituency of [insert name of constituency]**

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali

5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY

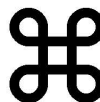
Pelican Party



BOOTS, Dusty

63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ

League of Line Dancers



CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary

9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34

Independent

GREY, Earl

(address in [relevant area])

Mad Hatter's Tea Party



HOOD, Robin

64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT

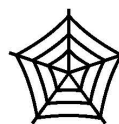
The Forest Party



MILLER, Windy

7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK

Alternative Power Forum



ELECT BARBER


Allow for Barber – *Ruffle v. Rogers* and CMER Rule 50(2)(a) and (b) [provided there is no other candidate by the name of Barber].

CMER Example 12

**Election of the London Assembly Constituency Member
for the constituency of [insert name of constituency]**

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

~~BARBER, Ali~~
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party



BOOTS, Dusty
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
League of Line Dancers



CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary
9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34
Independent


GREY, Earl
(address in [relevant area])
Mad Hatter's Tea Party



HOOD, Robin
64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT
The Forest Party



MILLER, Windy
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK
Alternative Power Forum





Allow for Barber – *Levers v. Morris* and CMER Rule 50(2)(a)

CMER Example 13


**Election of the London Assembly Constituency Member
for the constituency of [insert name of constituency]**

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party 

BOOTS, Dusty
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
League of Line Dancers 

CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary
9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34
Independent

GREY, Earl
(address in [relevant area])
Mad Hatter's Tea Party 

HOOD, Robin
64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT
The Forest Party 

MILLER, Windy
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK
Alternative Power Forum 


Allow for Clover – *Levers v. Morris* and CMER Rule 50(2)(b) and (c)
See also *Schofield's Election Law*, Volume 5, Appendix E, E20 (Shaw & Sons, 2008 as updated by supplement issue no.1).

CMER Example 14

**Election of the London Assembly Constituency Member
for the constituency of [insert name of constituency]**

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.


BARBER, Ali
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party



BOOTS, Dusty
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
League of Line Dancers



CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary
9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34
Independent




GREY, Earl
(address in [relevant area])
Mad Hatter's Tea Party



HOOD, Robin
64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT
The Forest Party



MILLER, Windy
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK
Alternative Power Forum



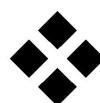
Allow for Boots – *Levers v. Morris* and CMER Rule 50(2)(c)
See also *Schofield's Election Law*, Volume 5, Appendix E, E20 (Shaw & Sons, 2008 as updated by supplement issue no.1).

CMER Example 15

Election of the London Assembly Constituency Member for the constituency of *[insert name of constituency]*

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party

 6

BOOTS, Dusty
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
League of Line Dancers

 3

CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary
9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34
Independent

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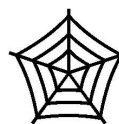
GREY, Earl
(address in [relevant area])
Mad Hatter's Tea Party

 2

HOOD, Robin
64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT
The Forest Party

 5

MILLER, Windy
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK
Alternative Power Forum

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Allow for Clover – vote marked otherwise than by means of a cross. CMER Rule 50(2)(b)





Allowed votes - London-wide Assembly member

The following are suggested examples of allowed votes.

LMER Example 1

Election of the London Assembly Member

Vote only once by putting a cross in the box next to your choice





Angle Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Clover Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Moon Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Triangle Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin (address in [relevant area])		<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK		<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Clover Party – Cirencester case, *Ely v. Durant* and LMER rule 51(2)(c)

LMER Example 2

Election of the London Assembly Member

Vote only once by putting a cross in the box next to your choice





Angle Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Clover Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Moon Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Triangle Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin (address in [relevant area])		<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Miller – *Woodward v. Sarsons* and LMER rule 51(2)(c)

LMER Example 3

Election of the London Assembly Member

Vote only once by putting a cross  in the box next to your choice

Angle Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Clover Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Moon Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Triangle Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin (address in [relevant area])		<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK		<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Triangle Party – LMER rule 51(2)(c)

LMER Example 4

Election of the London Assembly Member

Vote only once by putting a cross in the box next to your choice

Angle Party



Clover Party



Moon Party



Triangle Party



HOOD, Robin
(address in [relevant area])

Hood
Is the one

MILLER, Windy
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK

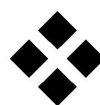
Allow for Hood – *Ruffle v. Rogers* and LMER rule 51(2)(b)

LMER Example 5

Election of the London Assembly Member

Vote only once by putting a cross  in the box next to your choice

Angle Party



Clover Party



Moon Party



Triangle Party



HOOD, Robin
(address in [relevant area])

~~MILLER, Wendy~~
~~7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK~~

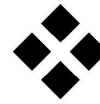
Allow for Miller – West Bromwich case and LMER rule 51(2)(a)

LMER Example 6

Election of the London Assembly Member

Vote only once by putting a cross in the box next to your choice

Angle Party



Clover Party



Moon Party



Triangle Party



HOOD, Robin
(address in [relevant area])





MILLER, Windy
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK

Allow for Moon Party – LMER rule 51(2)(b)

LMER Example 7

Election of the London Assembly Member

Vote only once by putting a cross  in the box next to your choice





Angle Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Clover Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Moon Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Triangle Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin (address in [relevant area])		<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK		<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Angle Party– Berwick-upon-Tweed case and LMER rule 51(2)(a)

LMER Example 8

Election of the London Assembly Member

Vote only once by putting a cross in the box next to your choice

Angle Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Clover Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Moon Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Triangle Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Yes</i>
HOOD, Robin (address in [relevant area])		<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK		<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Triangle Party – LMER rule 51(2)(b)

LMER Example 9

Election of the London Assembly Member

Vote only once by putting a cross in the box next to your choice

Angle Party



Clover Party



Moon Party



Triangle Party



HOOD, Robin
(address in [relevant area])

MILLER, Windy
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown. AT98 7RK

Allow for Miller – LMER rule 51(2)(a) and (b)

LMER Example 10

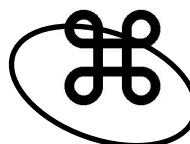
Election of the London Assembly Member

Vote only once by putting a cross in the box next to your choice

Angle Party



Clover Party



Moon Party



Triangle Party



HOOD, Robin

(address in [relevant area])

MILLER, Windy

7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK

Allow for Clover Party – LMER rule 51(2)(a) and (b)

LMER Example 11

Election of the London Assembly Member

Vote only once by putting a cross in the box next to your choice

Angle Party



Clover Party



Moon Party



Triangle Party



HOOD, Robin
(address in [relevant area])

MILLER, Windy
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK





ELECT MILLER

Allow for Miller – *Ruffle v. Rogers* and LMER rule 51(2)(a) and (b) provided there is no other candidate by the name of Miller

LMER Example 12

Election of the London Assembly Member

Vote only once by putting a cross in the box next to your choice




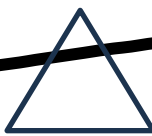
Angle Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Clover Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Moon Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Triangle Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin (address in [relevant area])		<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK		<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Angle Party – *Levers v. Morris* and LMER rule 51(2)(a)

LMER Example 13

Election of the London Assembly Member

Vote only once by putting a cross in the box next to your choice

Angle Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Clover Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Moon Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Triangle Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin (address in [relevant area])		<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK		<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Moon Party– *Levers v. Morris* and LMER rule 51(2)(b)
See also *Schofield's Election Law*, Volume 5, Appendix E, E20 (Shaw & Sons, 2008 as updated by supplement issue no.1).


LMER Example 14

Election of the London Assembly Member

Vote only once by putting a cross in the box next to your choice

Angle Party 

Clover Party 

Moon Party 

Triangle Party 

HOOD, Robin
(address in [relevant area])





MILLER, Windy
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK

Allow for Clover Party – *Levers v. Morris* and LMER rule 51(2)(c)
See also *Schofield's Election Law*, Volume 5, Appendix E, E20 (Shaw & Sons, 2008 as updated by supplement issue no.1).

LMER Example 15

Election of the London Assembly Member

Vote only once by putting a cross in the box next to your choice

Angle Party		<input type="checkbox" value="6"/>
Clover Party		<input type="checkbox" value="3"/>
Moon Party		<input type="checkbox" value="1"/>
Triangle Party		<input type="checkbox" value="2"/>
HOOD, Robin (address in [relevant area])		<input type="checkbox" value="5"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK		<input type="checkbox" value="4"/>

Allow for Moon Party – vote marked otherwise than by means of a cross LMER rule 51(2)(b)

Rejected votes – Mayor of London

The following are suggested examples of rejected votes.

MER Example 16

Election of the Mayor of London

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl (address in [relevant area]) Mad Hatter's Tea Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum		<input type="checkbox"/>

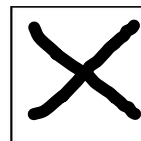
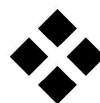
Reject – voter's intention uncertain. Buckrose case and MER rule 50(1)(d)

MER Example 17

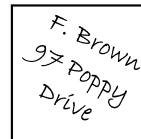
Election of the Mayor of London

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party



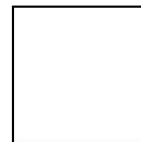
BOOTS, Dusty
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
League of Line Dancers



CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary
9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34
Independent



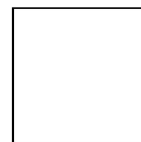
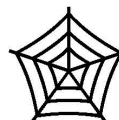
GREY, Earl
(address in [relevant area])
Mad Hatter's Tea Party



HOOD, Robin
64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT
The Forest Party



MILLER, Windy
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK
Alternative Power Forum








Reject – voter can be identified. *Woodward v. Sarsons*, South Newington case and MER rule 50(1)(b)

MER Example 18

Election of the Mayor of London

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl (address in [relevant area]) Mad Hatter's Tea Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum		<input type="checkbox"/>

Reject – voter's intention is uncertain. *Rowe v. Cox* and MER rule 50(1)(d)

MER Example 19

Election of the Mayor of London

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party



BOOTS, Dusty
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
League of Line Dancers



CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary
9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34
Independent

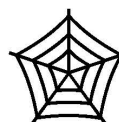
GREY, Earl
(address in [relevant area])
Mad Hatter's Tea Party



HOOD, Robin
64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT
The Forest Party



MILLER, Windy
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK
Alternative Power Forum



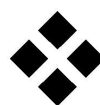
Reject – voting for more than one candidate. MER rule 50(1)(aa)

MER Example 20

Election of the Mayor of London

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party



BOOTS, Dusty
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
League of Line Dancers



CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary
9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34
Independent

GREY, Earl
(address in [relevant area])
Mad Hatter's Tea Party

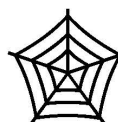


HOOD, Robin
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The Forest Party



M. JONES
AB 561

MILLER, Windy
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK
Alternative Power Forum



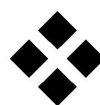
Reject – voter can be identified. *Woodward v. Sarsons* and MER rule 50(1)(b)

MER Example 21

Election of the Mayor of London

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party



BOOTS, Dusty
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
League of Line Dancers



CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary
9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34
Independent

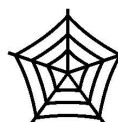
GREY, Earl
(address in [relevant area])
Mad Hatter's Tea Party



HOOD, Robin
64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT
The Forest Party



MILLER, Windy
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK
Alternative Power Forum


None of the above ✓

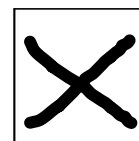
Reject – void for uncertainty. MER rule 50(1)(d)

MER Example 22

Election of the Mayor of London

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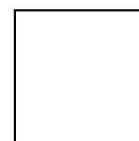
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Pelican Party



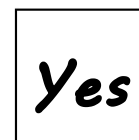
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League of Line Dancers



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Independent



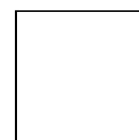
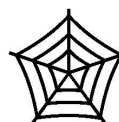
GREY, Earl
(address in [relevant area])
Mad Hatter's Tea Party



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64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT
The Forest Party



MILLER, Windy
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK
Alternative Power Forum



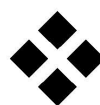
Reject – voting for more than one candidate. MER rule 50(1)(aa)

MER Example 23

Election of the Mayor of London

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party



BOOTS, Dusty
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
League of Line Dancers



CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary
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Independent

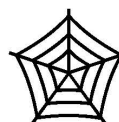
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(address in [relevant area])
Mad Hatter's Tea Party



HOOD, Robin
64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT
The Forest Party



MILLER, Windy
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK
Alternative Power Forum



Reject – voting for more than one candidate. MER rule 50(1)(aa)

Rejected votes – Constituency Assembly Member

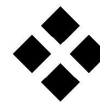
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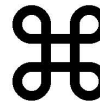
Election of the London Assembly Constituency Member for the constituency of *[insert name of constituency]*

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party



BOOTS, Dusty
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
League of Line Dancers



CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary
9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34
Independent

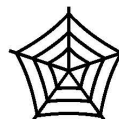
GREY, Earl
(address in [relevant area])
Mad Hatter's Tea Party



HOOD, Robin
64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT
The Forest Party



MILLER, Windy
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK
Alternative Power Forum



Reject – voter's intention uncertain. Buckrose case and CMER Rule 50(1)(e)

CMER Example 17

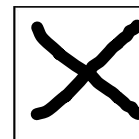
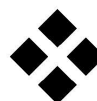
**Election of the London Assembly Constituency Member
for the constituency of *[insert name of constituency]***

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali

5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY

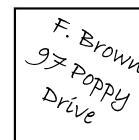
Pelican Party



BOOTS, Dusty

63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ

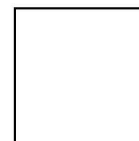
League of Line Dancers



CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary

9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34

Independent



GREY, Earl

(address in [relevant area])

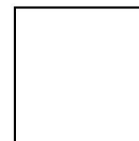
Mad Hatter's Tea Party



HOOD, Robin

64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT

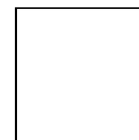
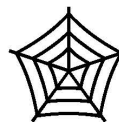
The Forest Party



MILLER, Windy

7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK

Alternative Power Forum








Reject – voter can be identified. *Woodward v. Sarsons*, South Newington case and CMER Rule 50(1)(c)

CMER Example 18

**Election of the London Assembly Constituency Member
for the constituency of *[insert name of constituency]***

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl (address in [relevant area]) Mad Hatter's Tea Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum		<input type="checkbox"/>

Reject – voter's intention is uncertain. *Rowe v. Cox* and CMER Rule 50(1)(e)

CMER Example 19

**Election of the London Assembly Constituency Member
for the constituency of *[insert name of constituency]***

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party



BOOTS, Dusty
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
League of Line Dancers



CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary
9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34
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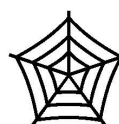
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(address in [relevant area])
Mad Hatter's Tea Party



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The Forest Party



MILLER, Windy
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Alternative Power Forum








Reject – voting for more than one candidate. CMER Rule 50(1)(b)

CMER Example 20

**Election of the London Assembly Constituency Member
for the constituency of *[insert name of constituency]***

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl (address in [relevant area]) Mad Hatter's Tea Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M. Jones AB 561
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum		<input type="checkbox"/>

Reject – voter can be identified. *Woodward v. Sarsons* and CMER Rule 50(1)(c)

CMER Example 21

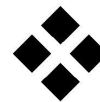
**Election of the London Assembly Constituency Member
for the constituency of *[insert name of constituency]***

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali

5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY

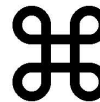
Pelican Party



BOOTS, Dusty

63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ

League of Line Dancers



CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary

9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34

Independent

GREY, Earl

(address in [relevant area])

Mad Hatter's Tea Party



HOOD, Robin

64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT

The Forest Party



MILLER, Windy

7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK

Alternative Power Forum








None of the above ✓

Reject – void for uncertainty. CMER Rule 50(1)(e)

CMER Example 22

**Election of the London Assembly Constituency Member
for the constituency of *[insert name of constituency]***

Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl (address in [relevant area]) Mad Hatter's Tea Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum		<input type="checkbox"/>

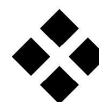
Reject – voting for more than one candidate. CMER Rule 50(1)(b)

CMER Example 23

**Election of the London Assembly Constituency Member
for the constituency of *[insert name of constituency]***

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party



BOOTS, Dusty
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
League of Line Dancers



CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary
9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34
Independent

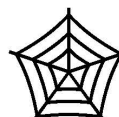
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(address in [relevant area])
Mad Hatter's Tea Party



HOOD, Robin
64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT
The Forest Party



MILLER, Windy
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK
Alternative Power Forum



Reject – voting for more than one candidate. CMER Rule 50(1)(b)

Rejected votes – London-wide Assembly Member

The following are suggested examples of rejected votes.

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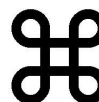
Election of the London Assembly Member

Vote only once by putting a cross in the box next to your choice

Angle Party



Clover Party



Moon Party



Triangle Party



HOOD, Robin

(address in [relevant area])

MILLER, Windy

7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK

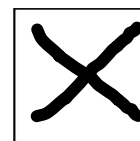
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LMER Example 17

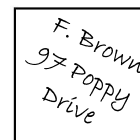
Election of the London Assembly Member

Vote only once by putting a cross in the box next to your choice

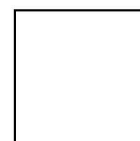
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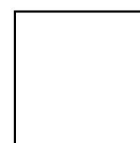
Moon Party



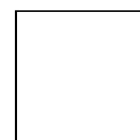
Triangle Party



HOOD, Robin
(address in [relevant area])



MILLER, Windy
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK







Reject – voter can be identified. *Woodward v. Sarsons*, South Newington case and LMER rule 51(1)(c)

LMER Example 18

Election of the London Assembly Member

Vote only once by putting a cross in the box next to your choice





Angle Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Clover Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Moon Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Triangle Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin (address in [relevant area])		<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK		<input type="checkbox"/>

Reject – voter’s intention is uncertain. *Rowe v. Cox* and LMER rule 51(1)(e)

LMER Example 19

Election of the London Assembly Member

Vote only once by putting a cross in the box next to your choice





Angle Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Clover Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Moon Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Triangle Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin (address in [relevant area])		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Reject – voting for more than one candidate. LMER rule 51(1)(b)

LMER Example 20

Election of the London Assembly Member

Vote only once by putting a cross in the box next to your choice





Angle Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Clover Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Moon Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Triangle Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin (address in [relevant area])		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M. JONES AB 561
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK		<input type="checkbox"/>

Reject – voter can be identified. *Woodward v. Sarsons* and LMER rule 51(1)(c)

LMER Example 21

Election of the London Assembly Member

Vote only once by putting a cross in the box next to your choice

Angle Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Clover Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Moon Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Triangle Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin (address in [relevant area])		<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None of the above ✓

Reject – void for uncertainty. LMER rule 51(1)(e)

LMER Example 22

Election of the London Assembly Member

Vote only once by putting a cross in the box next to your choice

Angle Party



Clover Party



Moon Party



Triangle Party



HOOD, Robin
(address in [relevant area])





MILLER, Windy
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK

Reject – voting for more than one candidate. LMER rule 51(1)(b)

LMER Example 23

Election of the London Assembly Member

Vote only once by putting a cross in the box next to your choice

Angle Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Clover Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
Moon Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Triangle Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin (address in [relevant area])		<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK		<input type="checkbox"/>

Reject – voting for more than one candidate. LMER rule 51(1)(b)

Annex - Legislation

The Greater London Authority Elections Rules 2007

The relevant rules for Schedule 1 (CMER) (as amended by Schedule 4) are as follows:

Rejected ballot papers

Rule 50. –

(1) Any ballot paper –

- (a) which does not bear the official mark,
- (b) on which votes are given for more than one candidate,
- (c) on which anything is written or marked by which the voter can be identified (except the printed number and other unique identifying mark on the back),
- (d) which is unmarked, or
- (e) which is void for uncertainty

is, subject to paragraph (2), void and must not be counted.

(2) A ballot paper on which the vote is marked –

- (a) elsewhere than in the proper place, or
- (b) otherwise than by means of a cross, or
- (c) by more than one mark, or

[must not for such reason be void if an intention that the vote be given for one only of the candidates clearly appears, and the way the paper is marked does not itself identify the voter and is not shown that he can be identified by it.]

(3) Where the electronic counting system identifies a ballot paper that has been marked, but which appears for whatever reason to be void, it must be examined by a clerk appointed by the CRO in the manner referred to in paragraph (6).

(4) The CRO must endorse the word “rejected” on any ballot paper which under this rule is not to be counted, and must add to the endorsement the words “rejection objected to” if any objection to his decision is made by a counting agent.

[...]

(11) The CRO must draw up a statement showing the number of ballot papers rejected, under the several heads of—

- (a) want of an official mark;
- (b) voting for more than one candidate
- (c) writing or mark by which the voter could be identified;
- (d) unmarked ballot paper or
- (e) void for uncertainty

(12) As soon as practicable after the completion of the statement under paragraph (11) the CRO must inform—

- (a) such candidates, election agents and counting agents as are present at the count, and
- (b) the GLRO,

of its contents.

Decisions on ballot papers

Rule 51. -

The decision of the CRO on any question arising in respect of a ballot paper is final, but may be subject to review on an election petition.

[...]

The relevant rules for Schedule 2 (LMER) (as amended by Schedule 4) s are as follows:

Rejected ballot papers

Rule 51. –

(1) Any ballot paper –

- (a) which does not bear the official mark,
- (b) on which votes are given for more than one party or individual candidate,
- (c) on which anything is written or marked by which the voter can be identified (except the printed number and other unique identifying mark on the back),
- (d) which is unmarked, or
- (e) which is void for uncertainty

is, subject to paragraph (2), void and must not be counted.

(2) A ballot paper on which the vote is marked –

- (a) elsewhere than in the proper place, or
- (b) otherwise than by means of a cross, or
- (c) by more than one mark,

[must not for such reason be void if an intention that the vote be given for one only of the party or individual candidates clearly appears, and the way the paper is marked does not itself identify the voter and is not shown that he can be identified by it.]

(3) Where the electronic counting system identifies a ballot paper that has been marked, but which appears for whatever reason to be void, it must be examined by a clerk appointed by the CRO in the manner referred to in paragraph (6).

(4) The CRO must endorse the word “rejected” on any ballot paper which under this rule is not to be counted, and must add to the endorsement the words “rejection objected to” if any objection to his decision is made by a counting agent.

[...]

(11) The CRO must draw up a statement showing the number of ballot papers rejected, under the several heads of—

- (a) want of an official mark;
- (b) voting for more than one party or individual candidate
- (c) writing or mark by which the voter could be identified;
- (d) unmarked ballot paper, or
- (e) void for uncertainty

(12) As soon as practicable after the completion of the statement under paragraph (11) the CRO must inform—

- (a) such candidates, election agents and counting agents as are present at the count, and
- (b) the GLRO,

of its contents.

Decisions on ballot papers

Rule 52. -

The decision of the CRO on any question arising in respect of a ballot paper is final, but may be subject to review on an election petition.

The relevant rules for Schedule 3 (MER) (as amended by Schedule 4) s are as follows:

Rejected ballot papers

Rule 50. –

(1) Any ballot paper –

- (a) which does not bear the official mark,
- (aa) on which votes are given for more than one candidate,

- (b) on which anything is written or marked by which the voter can be identified (except the printed number and other unique identifying mark on the back),
- (c) which is unmarked,
- (d) which is void for uncertainty

is, subject to paragraph (2), void and must not be counted.

(2) A ballot paper on which the vote is marked –

- (a) elsewhere than in the proper place, or
- (b) otherwise than by means of a cross, or
- (c) by more than one mark,

[must not for such reason be void if an intention that the vote is for one only of the candidates clearly appears.]

[...]

(4) Where the electronic counting system identifies a ballot paper that has been marked, but which appears [to be void then that ballot paper must be examined by a clerk appointed by the CRO in the manner referred to in paragraph (7).

[...]

(13) The CRO must draw up a statement showing the number of rejected ballot papers , under the several heads of—

- (a) want of official mark;
- (b) voting for more than one candidate
- (c) writing or mark by which the voter could be identified;
- (d) unmarked or void for uncertainty

(14) As soon as practicable after the completion of the statement under paragraph (13) the CRO must inform—

- (a) such candidates, election agents and counting agents as are present at the count, and
- (b) the GLRO,

of its contents.

Decisions on ballot papers

Rule 51. -

The decision of the CRO on any question arising in respect of a ballot paper is final, but may be subject to review on an election petition.

[...]