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# Dealing with doubtful ballot papers

## Supporting local government elections in Wales

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# 1 Introduction

1.1 This booklet is designed to assist Returning Officers (ROs) and their deputies in adjudicating doubtful ballot papers at local government elections in Wales.

This booklet should also be read in conjunction with our general guidance on managing the verification and count which can be found on our website.

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

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

1.4 One of the aims of this booklet is to help to ensure consistency of approach across Wales.

1.5 This booklet has been developed in consultation with representatives of the electoral community, including members of the Elections, Referendum and Registration Working Group and the UK Electoral Coordination and Advisory Board, and the Electoral Commission is grateful for their assistance throughout this process.

1.6 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.

# Managing the adjudication at local government elections in Wales

1.7 ROs 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.

1.8 Those ballot papers that have been rejected should be stamped with the word ‘rejected’ and placed in the appropriate package. All other ballot papers must be counted.

1.9 In wards where more than one candidate is to be elected, a ballot paper can be rejected in part. Those ballot papers that have been rejected in part should be endorsed with the words ‘rejected in part’ and with a note indicating which vote or votes have been counted. ROs must ensure that partially rejected ballot papers move forward to the count so that the good vote(s) can be counted.

[1] Section 35(4), Representation of the People Act 1983.

1.10 A statement must be prepared showing the number of ballot papers rejected under each of the following headings:[2]

- want of official mark
- voting for more candidates than the voter is entitled to
- writing or mark by which the voter could be identified
- unmarked or void for uncertainty

[2] Rule 56(7) and (8), Schedule 1, Local Elections (Principal Areas) (Wales) Rules 2021 (Principal Areas Rules 2021),

# 2 Principles of adjudication

2.1 Any doubtful ballot papers should be placed in a tray for the supervisor to take to the RO for adjudication.

2.2 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.

2.3 The RO may only reject a ballot paper on the following grounds:

- want of official mark (not the unique identifying mark)
- voting for more candidates than the voter is entitled to vote for
- those where the voter's intention is uncertain
- those that appear unmarked
- having any writing or mark by which the voter can be identified

2.4 A ballot paper should not be rejected because the vote is:[3]

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

  A ballot paper can be rejected in part if more than one candidate is to be elected to the ward. If the voter is entitled to vote for more than one candidate, good votes must not be rejected because another vote on the ballot paper is uncertain.[4]

2.5 Therefore, the following ballot papers will need to be passed to the RO for adjudication:

- those that appear to have no official mark
- those that appear to contain more votes than the voter is entitled to vote for
- those with any writing or mark by which the voter may be identified
- those where there is no mark or uncertainty as to the vote

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

- any ballot paper torn or damaged in any way
- any ballot 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)

[3] Rule 56(3), Schedule 1, Principal Areas Rules 2021
[4] Rule 56(2) Sch 1, Principal Areas Rules 2021, Rule 47(2) Sch 2 Parishes and Communities Rules 2006.

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

# Want of official mark

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

2.9 However, where instead of a pre-printed official mark a stamping instrument has been used, a partial piercing or embossing of the ballot paper should not in itself result in a rejection.[5] 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 candidates than the voter is entitled to vote for

2.10 This is a matter for the RO's judgment.

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

2.12 A paper on which each of the candidates is marked 1, 2, 3, 4 etc. instead of with a cross (see examples 15, 39 and 63 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 in single-member wards, the candidates against which the numbers 1 and 2 are marked (in two-member wards) and against which the numbers 1, 2 and 3 are marked (in three-member wards). 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

2.13 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

[5] Cirencester case, Lawson v. Chester-Master (1893) 4 O'M&H 194 and Newington case, Lewis v. Shepperdson (1948) 2 All ER 503.
[6] Woodward v. Sarsons (1875), LR 10, CP74 and Cirencester case (1893).

2.14 It is important to bear in mind that the legislation states that the voter **can be** identified from anything written or marked on the ballot paper (this does not include the ballot paper number or the unique identifying mark on the back of the ballot paper). It is therefore not sufficient that the voter 'may be' or 'might possibly be' identified.

### Writing or mark which, of itself, identifies the voter

2.15 A ballot paper must 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

2.16 The RO is not required to investigate the matter or require evidence to be produced to identify the writing or mark. The RO needs to be satisfied that the voter cannot be identified from the ballot paper.

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

## Unmarked ballot papers

2.18 Unmarked ballot papers must be rejected.

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

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

## Void for uncertainty

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

2.22 The key phrase in the Rules is: 'A ballot paper […] is not […] to be treated as void if it is clear from the ballot paper that the voter intended to vote for one or the other of the candidates '.[7]

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

[7] Rule 56(4), Schedule 1, Principal Areas Rules 2021

2.24 In wards where more than one candidate is to be elected, a ballot paper can be rejected in part. If the voter is entitled to vote for more than one candidate, good votes should not be rejected because another vote on the ballot paper is uncertain.

2.25 The key question a Returning Officer should ask is whether the voter has, on the face of the paper, indicated a reasonably clear intention to vote for a candidate or candidates.

# Decisions on ballot papers

2.26 The decision of the RO is final, but may be subject to review on election petition.[8]

[8] Rule 59, Schedule 1, Principal Area Rules 2021.

# 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, ROs 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 a 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 local government elections in Wales.

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 RO.

# 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 |
| Eley v. Durant | Eley 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 |

# Single-member wards

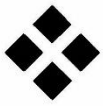
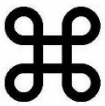
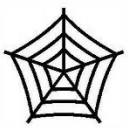
## Allowed votes

The following are suggested examples of allowed votes.

### Example 1

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

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

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

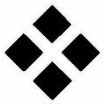
Allow for Boots – Cirencester case, *Eley v. Durant* and Rule 56(3)(c).

### Example 2

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

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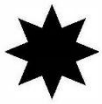


**BOOTS, Dusty**
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
**League of Line Dancers**



**CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary**
9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 7B1
**Independent**

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



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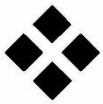
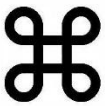
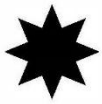


Allow for Miller – *Woodward v. Sarsons* and Rule 56(3)(c).

### Example 3

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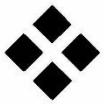
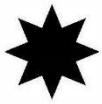
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Allow for Hood – Rule 56(3)(c).

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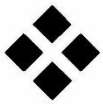
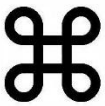
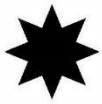
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| **MILLER, Windy**<br>7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK<br>**Alternative Power Forum** |  | |

Allow for Hood – *Ruffle v. Rogers* and Rule 56(3)(b).

**Example 5**

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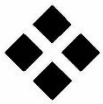
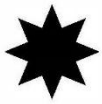
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Allow for Miller – West Bromwich case and Rule 56(3)(a).

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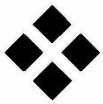
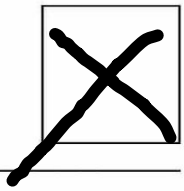
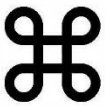
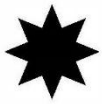
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Allow for Clover – Rule 56(3)(b).

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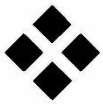
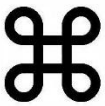
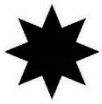
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Allow for Barber – Berwick-upon-Tweed case and Rule 56(3)(a).

### Example 8

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

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

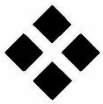
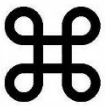
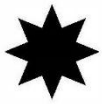
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| **BARBER, Ali**<br>5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY<br>**Pelican Party** |  | |
| **BOOTS, Dusty**<br>63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ<br>**League of Line Dancers** |  | |
| **CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary**<br>9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34<br>**Independent**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

Allow for Grey – Rule 56(3)(b).

### Example 9

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

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

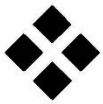
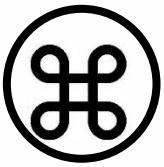
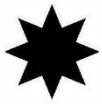
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| **BOOTS, Dusty**<br>63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ<br>**League of Line Dancers** |  | |
| **CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary**<br>9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34<br>**Independent** | | |
| **GREY, Earl**<br>(address in [relevant area])<br>**Mad Hatter's Tea Party** |  | |
| **HOOD, Robin**<br>64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT<br>**The Forest Party** |  | |
| **MILLER, Windy**<br>7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK<br>**Alternative Power Forum** |  | |

Allow for Miller – Rule 56(3)(a) and (b).

**Example 10**

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

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

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

Allow for Boots – Rule 56(3)(a) and (b).

**Example 11**

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross [X] 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**

**MILLER, Windy**
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ELECT BARBER

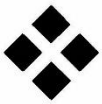
Allow for Barber – *Ruffle v. Rogers* and Rule 56(3)(a) and (b) [provided there is no other candidate by the name of Barber].

**Example 12**

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

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

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

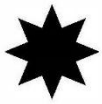


**BOOTS, Dusty**
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
**League of Line Dancers**



**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**

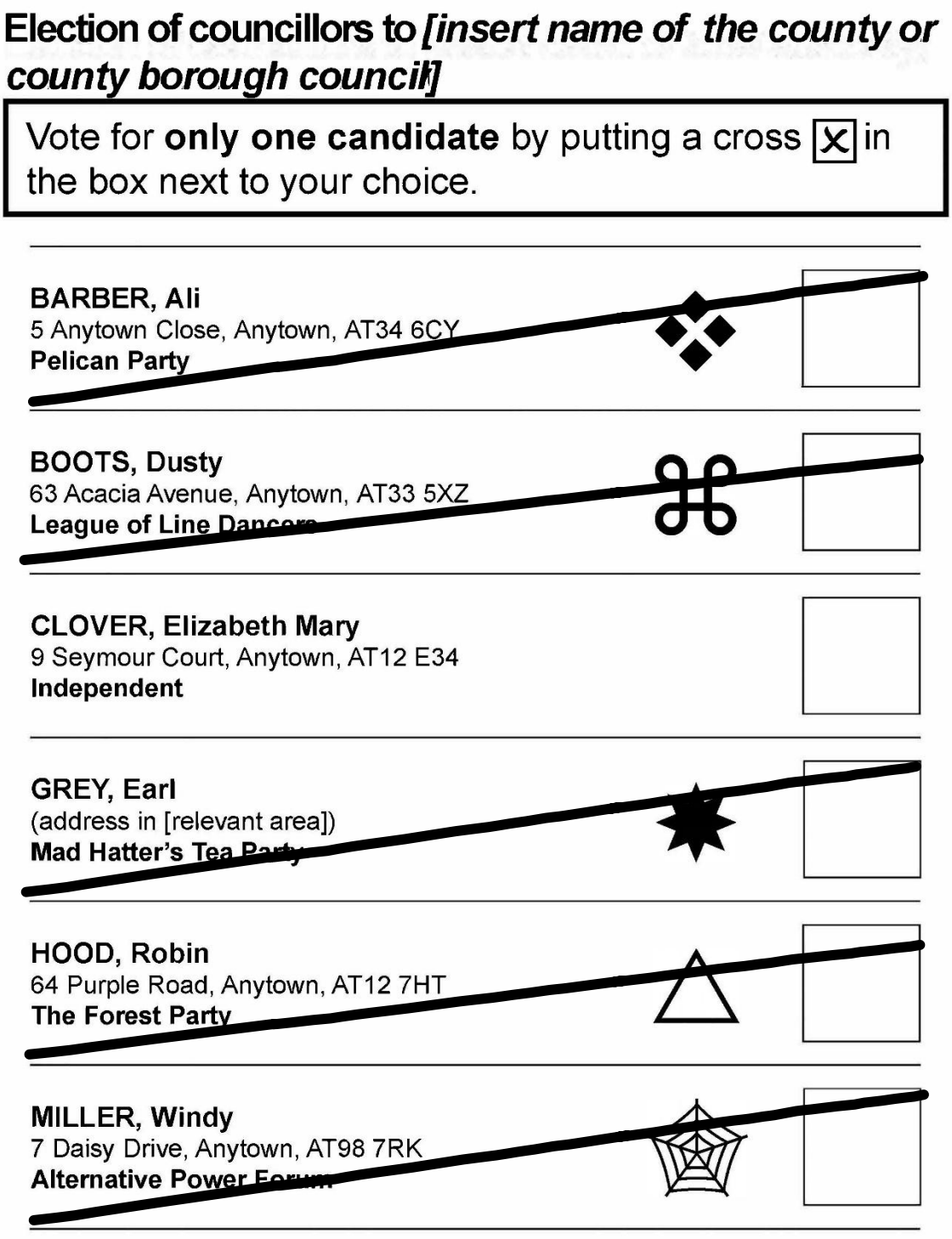


**MILLER, Windy**
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK
**Alternative Power Forum**



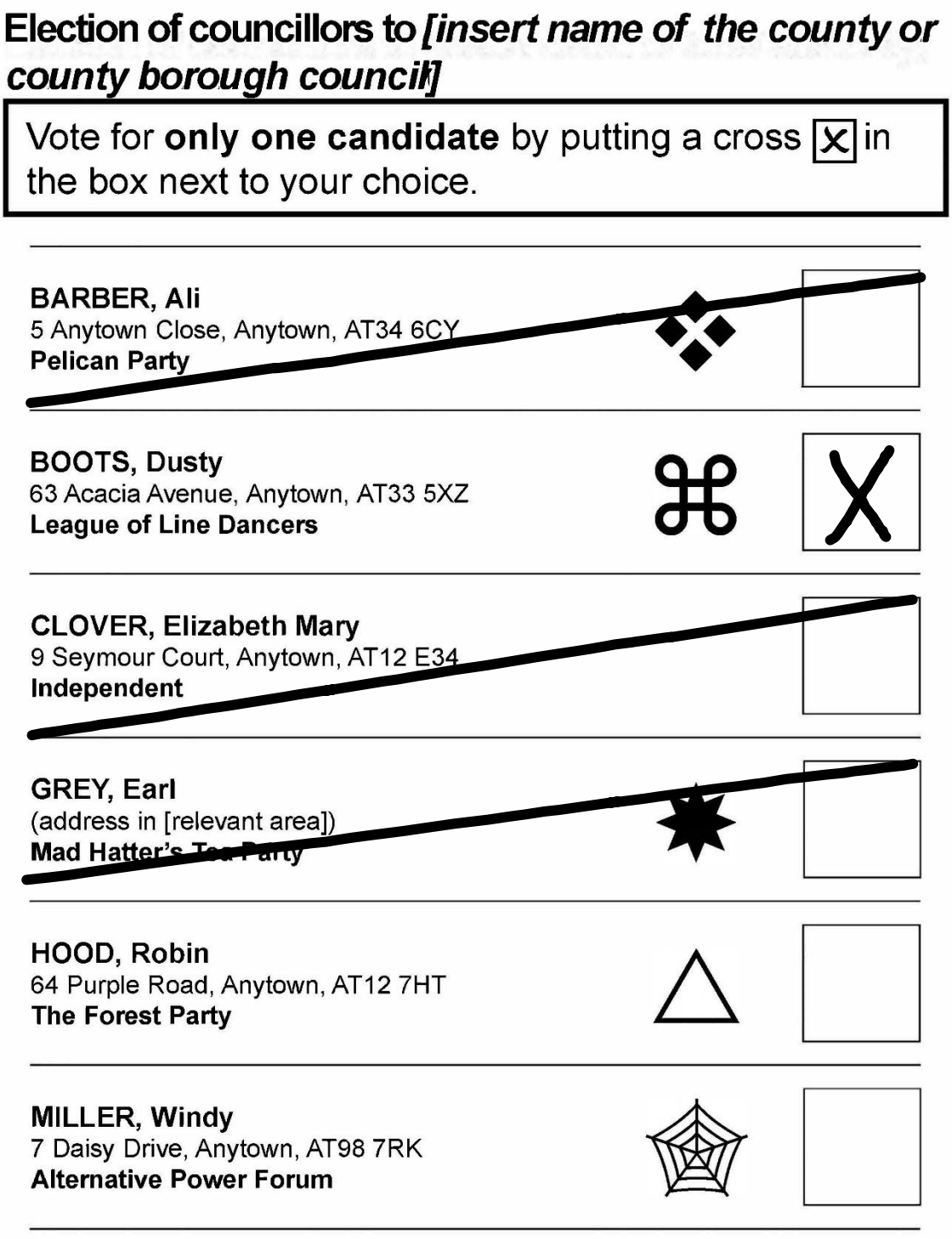
Allow for Barber – *Levers v. Morris* and Rule 56(3)(a).

**Example 13**




Allow for Clover – *Levers v. Morris* and Rule 56(3)(b) and (c). See also *Schofield's Election Law,* Volume 5, Appendix E, E20 (Shaw & Sons, 2008 as updated by supplement issue no.1).

**Example 14**

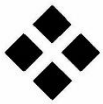
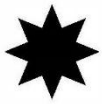



Allow for Boots – *Levers v. Morris* and Rule 56(3)(c). See also *Schofield's Election Law,* Volume 5, Appendix E, E20 (Shaw & Sons, 2008 as updated by supplement issue no.1).

**Example 15**

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

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

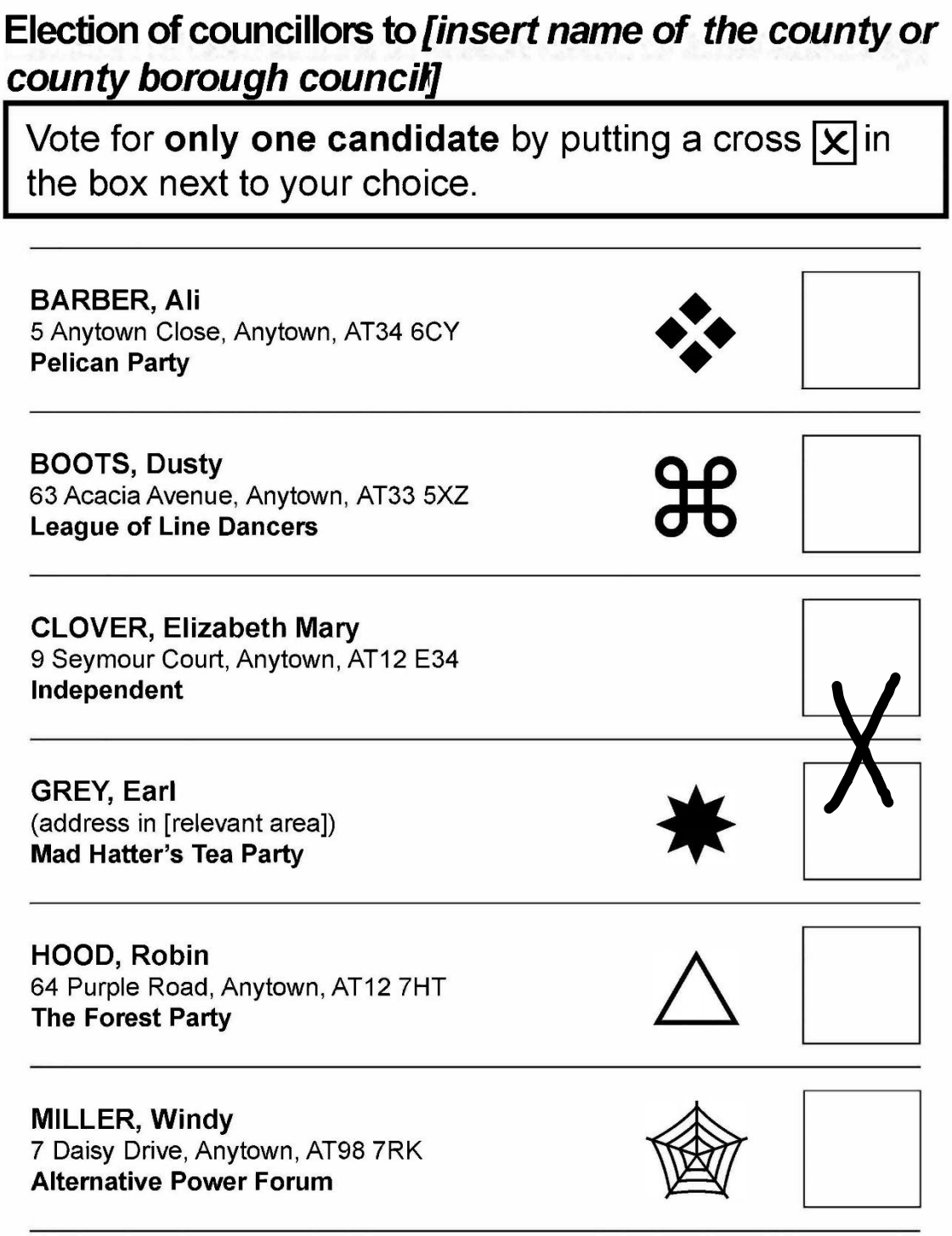
| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **BARBER, Ali**<br>5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY<br>**Pelican Party** |  | 6 |
| **BOOTS, Dusty**<br>63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ<br>**League of Line Dancers** |  | 3 |
| **CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary**<br>9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34<br>**Independent** | | 1 |
| **GREY, Earl**<br>(address in [relevant area])<br>**Mad Hatter's Tea Party** |  | 2 |
| **HOOD, Robin**<br>64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT<br>**The Forest Party** |  | 5 |
| **MILLER, Windy**<br>7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK<br>**Alternative Power Forum** |  | 4 |

Allow for Clover – vote marked otherwise than by means of a cross. Rule 56(3)(b).

# Rejected votes

The following are suggested examples of rejected votes.

### Example 16

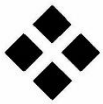
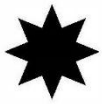



Reject – voter's intention uncertain. Buckrose case and Rule 56(1)(d).

### Example 17

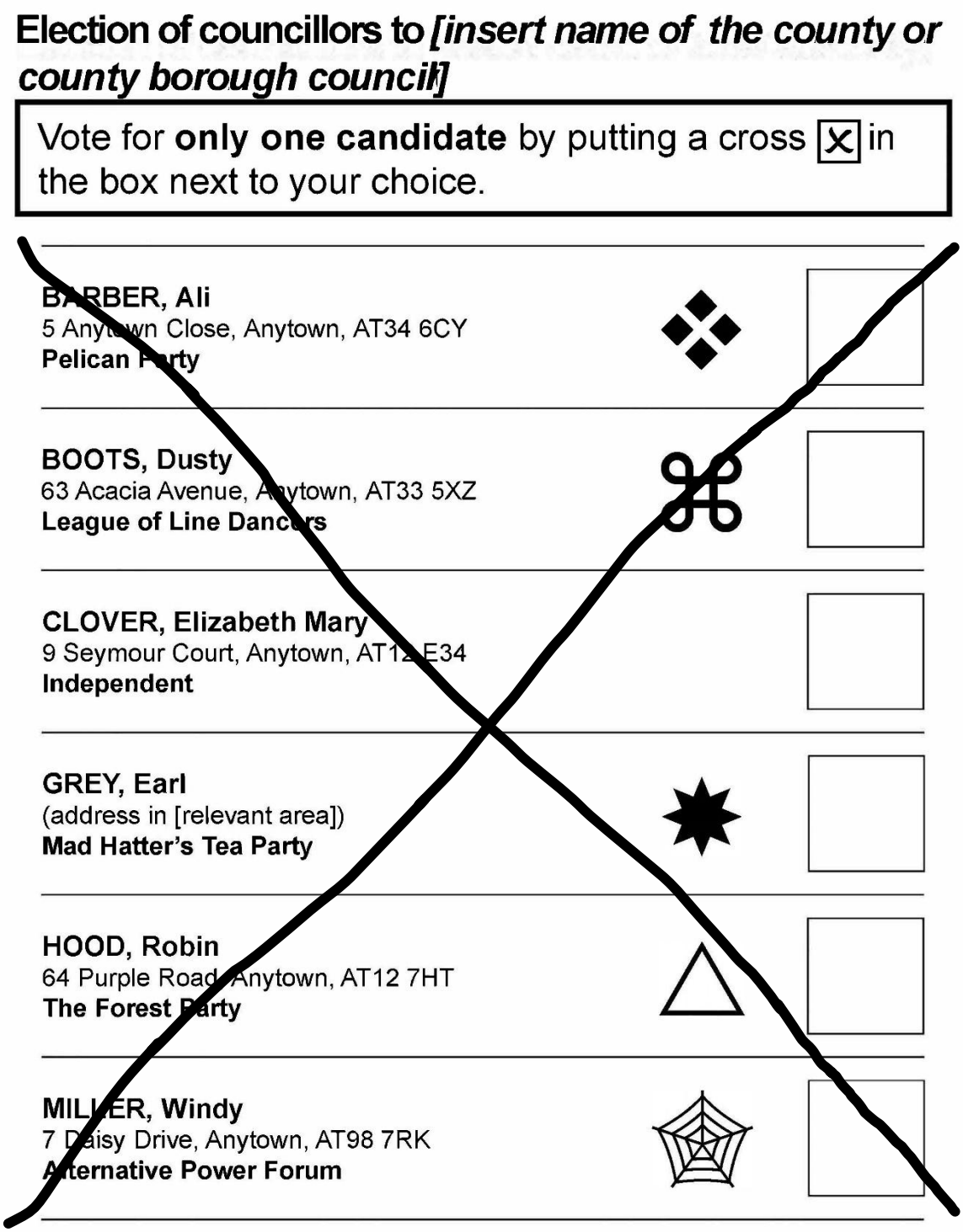
**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

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

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

Reject – voter can be identified. *Woodward v. Sarsons*, South Newington case and Rule 56(1)(c).

### Example 18

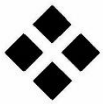
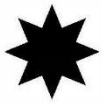



Reject – voter's intention is uncertain. *Rowe v. Cox* and Rule 56(1)(d).

### Example 19

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

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

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

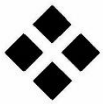
Reject – voting for more candidates than the voter is entitled to vote for. Rule 56(1)(b).

**Example 20**

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

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

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

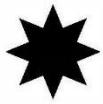


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**League of Line Dancers**



**CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary**
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**Independent**

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



**HOOD, Robin**
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**The Forest Party**



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**MILLER, Windy**
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK
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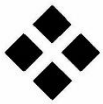
Reject – voter can be identified. *Woodward v. Sarsons* and Rule 56(1)(c).

**Example 21**

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

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

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

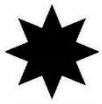


**BOOTS, Dusty**
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
**League of Line Dancers**



**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**



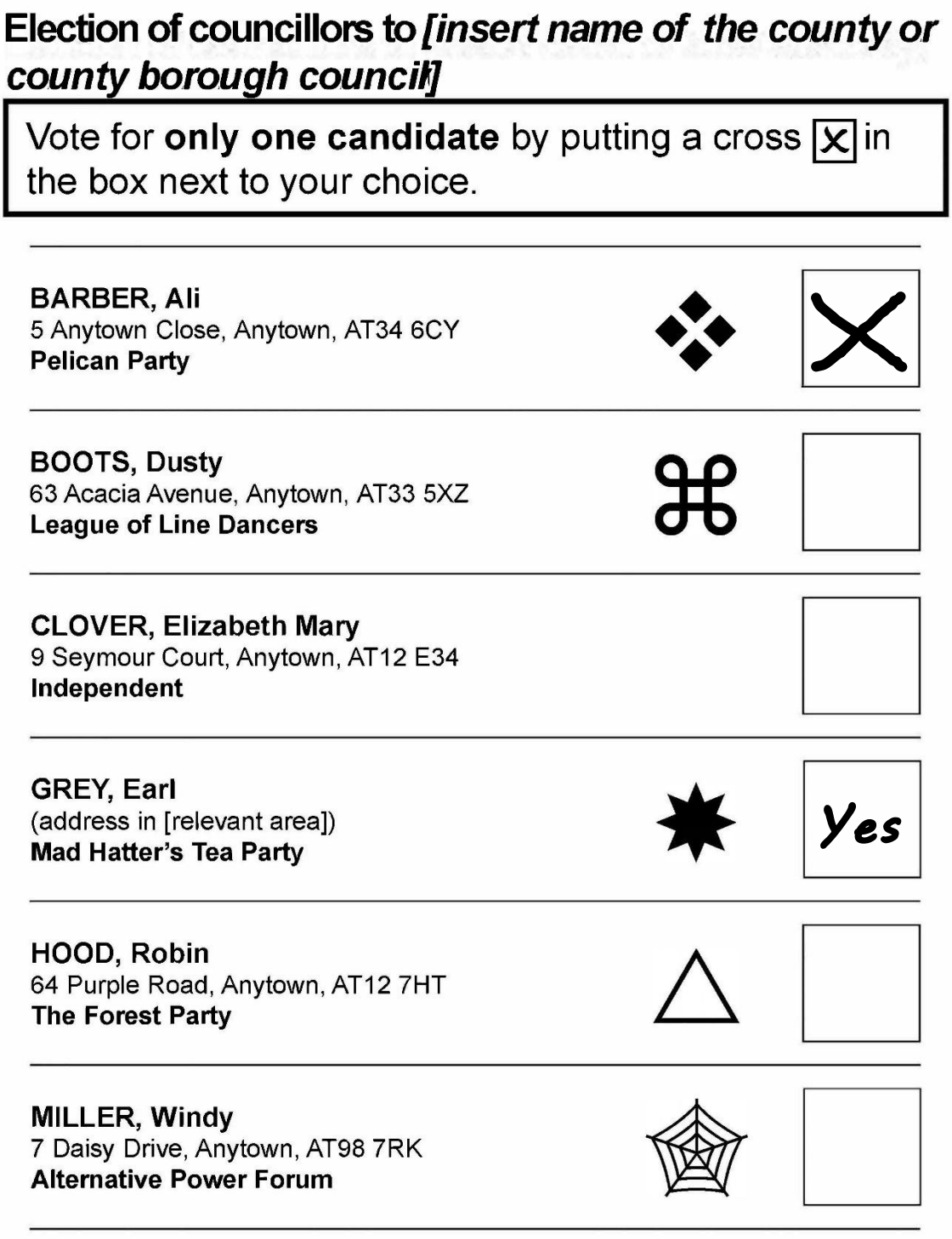
**MILLER, Windy**
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**Alternative Power Forum**



None of the above ✔

Reject – void for uncertainty. Rule 56(1)(d).

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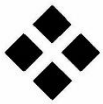
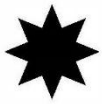



Reject – voting for more candidates than the voter is entitled to vote for. Rule 56(1)(b).

### Example 23

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

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

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

Reject – voting for more candidates than the voter is entitled to vote for. Rule 56(1)(b).

# Two-member wards

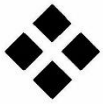
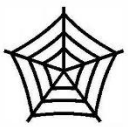
## Allowed votes

The following are suggested examples of allowed votes.

### Example 24

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than two candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

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

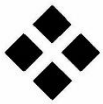
Allow for Clover and Miller – Cirencester case, *Eley v. Durant* and Rule 56(3)(c).

### Example 25

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than two candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

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



[X]

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

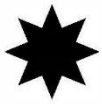


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**CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary**
9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34
**Independent**

[ ]

**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**



[X]

Allow for Barber and Miller – *Woodward v. Sarsons* and Rule 56(3)(c).

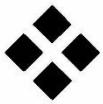
### Example 26

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than two candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

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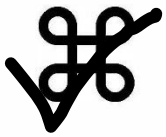
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**BOOTS, Dusty**
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**League of Line Dancers**



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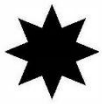
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**CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary**
9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34
**Independent**

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



[ ]

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



[X]

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



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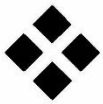
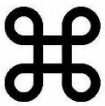
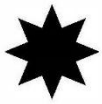
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Allow for Boots and Hood – Rule 56(3)(c).

### Example 27

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than two candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

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

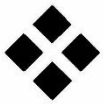
Allow for Boots and Hood – *Ruffle v. Rogers* and Rule 56(3)(b).

**Example 28**

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than two candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

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5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
**Pelican Party**

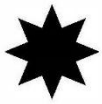


**BOOTS, Dusty**
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
**League of Line Dancers**



**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**

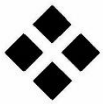
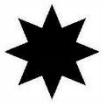


Allow for Boots and Miller – West Bromwich case and Rule 56(3)(a).

### Example 29

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than two candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

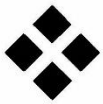
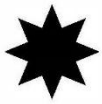
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|---|---|---|
| **BARBER, Ali**<br>5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY<br>**Pelican Party** |  | |
| **BOOTS, Dusty**<br>63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ<br>**League of Line Dancers** |  | |
| **CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary**<br>9 Seymour Court, Anytown,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

Allow for Hood and Miller – Rule 56(3)(b).

### Example 30

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than two candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

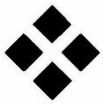
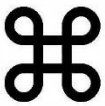
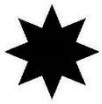
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|---|---|---|
| **BARBER, Ali**<br>5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY<br>**Pelican Party** |  | |
| **BOOTS, Dusty**<br>63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ<br>**League of Line Dancers** |  | X |
| **CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary**<br>9 Seymour Court, Anytown,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

Allow for Boots and Miller – Berwick-upon-Tweed case and Rule 56(3)(a).

**Example 31**

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than two candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

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

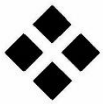
Allow for Clover and Grey – Rule 56(3)(b).

**Example 32**

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than two candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

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

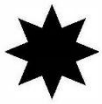


**BOOTS, Dusty**
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
**League of Line Dancers**



**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**



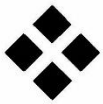
Allow for Grey and Miller – Rule 56(3)(a) and (b).

**Example 33**

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than two candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

**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**



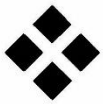
Allow for Boots and Grey – Rule 56(3)(a) and (b).

**Example 34**

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

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

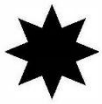


**BOOTS, Dusty**
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
**League of Line Dancers**



**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 MILLER & CLOVER

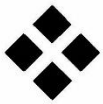
Allow for Miller and Clover – *Ruffle v. Rogers*. Rule 56(3)(a) and (b)
[provided there are no other candidates by the name of Miller or Clover]

**Example 35**

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

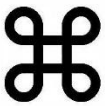
Vote for **no more than two candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

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



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~~6~~3 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
**League of Line Dancers**

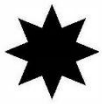


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**CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary**
9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34
**Independent**

[ ]

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



[ ]

~~H~~**OOD, Robin**
~~6~~4 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT
**The Forest Party**



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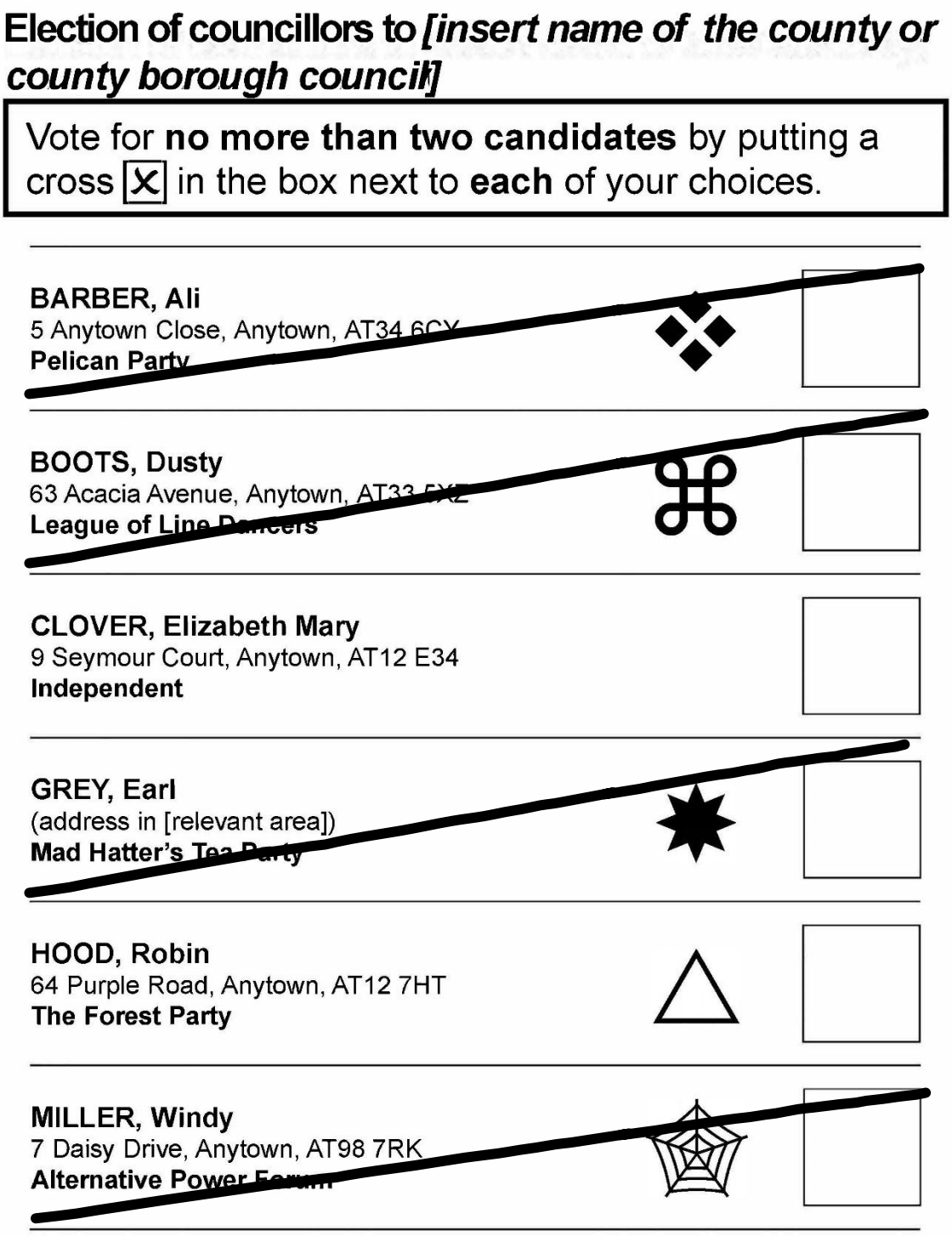
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7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK
**Alternative Power Forum**



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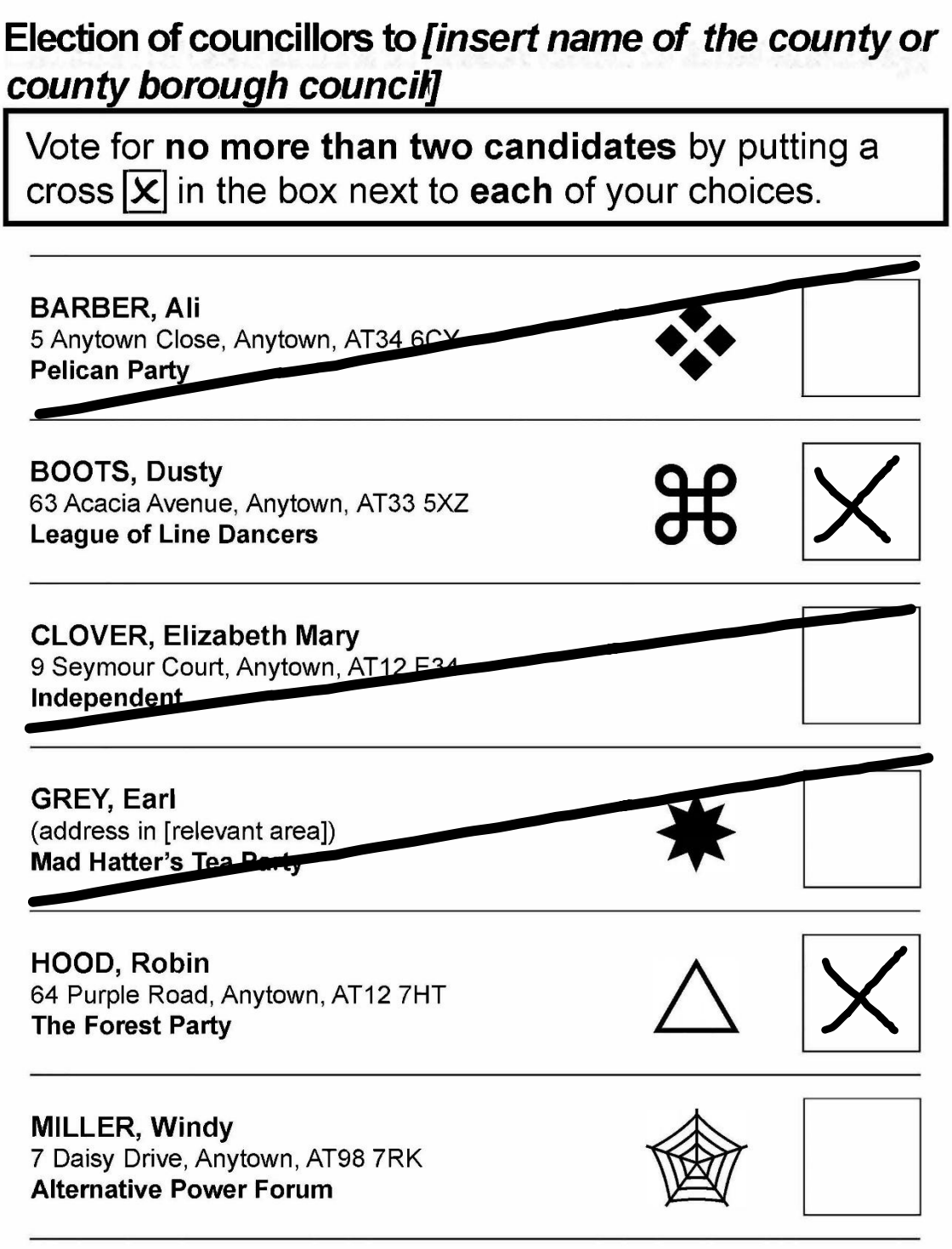
Allow for Boots and Hood – *Levers v. Morris* and Rule 56(3)(a).

### Example 36




Allow for Clover and Hood – *Levers v. Morris* and Rule 56(3)(b) and (c). See also *Schofield's Election Law*. Volume 5, Appendix E, E20 (Shaw & Sons, 2008 as updated by supplement issue no.1).

**Example 37**

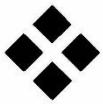
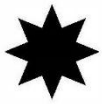



Allow for Boots and Hood – *Levers v. Morris* and Rule 56(3)(c). See also *Schofield's Election Law*. Volume 5, Appendix E, E20 (Shaw & Sons, 2008 as updated by supplement issue no.1).

**Example 38**

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than two candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **BARBER, Ali**<br>5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY<br>**Pelican Party** |  | 6 |
| **BOOTS, Dusty**<br>63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ<br>**League of Line Dancers** |  | 3 |
| **CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary**<br>9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34<br>**Independent** | | 1 |
| **GREY, Earl**<br>(address in [relevant area])<br>**Mad Hatter's Tea Party** |  | 2 |
| **HOOD, Robin**<br>64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT<br>**The Forest Party** |  | 5 |
| **MILLER, Windy**<br>7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK<br>**Alternative Power Forum** |  | 4 |

Allow for Clover and Grey – vote marked otherwise than by means of a cross. Rule 56(3)(b).

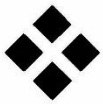
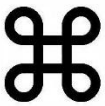
# Rejected votes

The following are suggested examples of rejected votes.

### Example 39

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than two candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

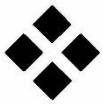
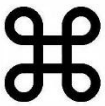
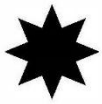
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|---|---|---|
| **BARBER, Ali**<br>5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY<br>**Pelican Party** |  | |
| **BOOTS, Dusty**<br>63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ<br>**League of Line Dancers** |  | |
| **CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary**<br>9 Seymour Court, Anytown,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

Reject – voter's intention is uncertain. Buckrose case and Rule 56(1)(d).

### Example 40

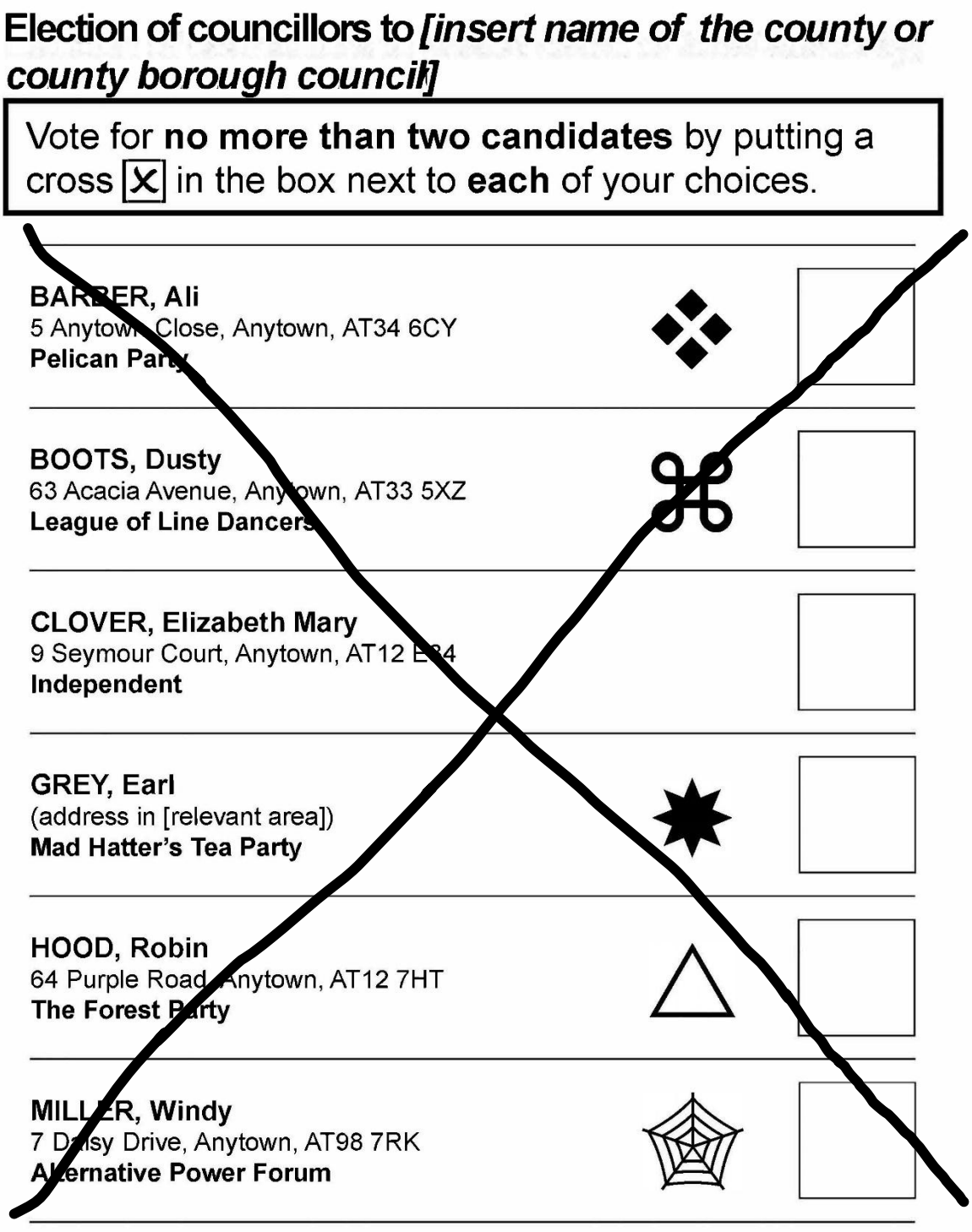
**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than two candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **BARBER, Ali**<br>5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY<br>**Pelican Party** |  | X |
| **BOOTS, Dusty**<br>63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ<br>**League of Line Dancers** |  | F. Brown 97 Poppy Drive |
| **CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary**<br>9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34<br>**Independent** | | |
| **GREY, Earl**<br>(address in [relevant area])<br>**Mad Hatter's Tea Party** |  | |
| **HOOD, Robin**<br>64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT<br>**The Forest Party** |  | X |
| **MILLER, Windy**<br>7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK<br>**Alternative Power Forum** |  | |

Reject – voter can be identified. *Woodward v. Sarsons*, South Newington case and Rule 56(1)(c).

### Example 41

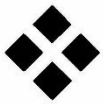
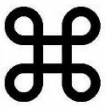
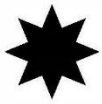



Reject – voter's intention is uncertain. *Rowe v. Cox* and Rule 56(1)(d).

### Example 42

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than two candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

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

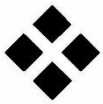
Reject – voting for more candidates than the voter is entitled to vote for. Rule 56(1)(b).

**Example 43**

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than two candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

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

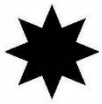


**BOOTS, Dusty**
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
**League of Line Dancers**



**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**



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

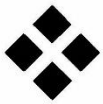
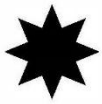


Reject – voter can be identified. *Woodward v. Sarsons* and Rule 56(1)(c).

### Example 44

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than two candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

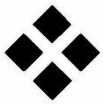
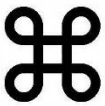
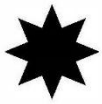
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|---|---|---|
| **BARBER, Ali**<br>5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY<br>**Pelican Party** |  | |
| **BOOTS, Dusty**<br>63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ<br>**League of Line Dancers** |  | |
| **CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary**<br>9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34<br>**Independent** | | |
| **GREY, Earl**<br>(address in [relevant area])<br>**Mad Hatter's Tea Party** |  | |
| **HOOD, Robin**<br>64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT<br>**The Forest Party** |  | |
| **MILLER, Windy**<br>7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK<br>**Alternative Power Forum** |  | None of the above ✓ |

Reject – void for uncertainty. Rule 56(1)(d).

### Example 45

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than two candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

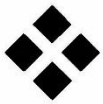
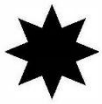
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| **BARBER, Ali**<br>5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY<br>**Pelican Party** |  | X |
| **BOOTS, Dusty**<br>63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ<br>**League of Line Dancers** |  | X |
| **CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary**<br>9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34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

Reject – voting for more candidates than the voter is entitled to vote for. Rule 56(1)(b).

### Example 46

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than two candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

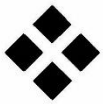
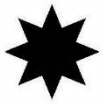
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|---|---|---|
| **BARBER, Ali**<br>5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY<br>**Pelican Party** |  | |
| **BOOTS, Dusty**<br>63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ<br>**League of Line Dancers** |  | |
| **CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary**<br>9 Seymour Court, Anytown,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

Reject – voting for more candidates than the voter is entitled to vote for. Rule 56(1)(b).

### Example 47

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than two candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

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

Reject – voting for more candidates than the voter is entitled to vote for. Rule 56(1)(b).

# Three-member wards

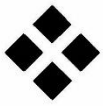
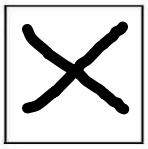
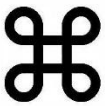
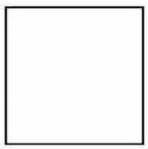
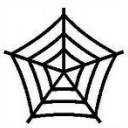
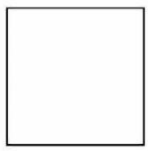
## Allowed votes

The following are suggested examples of allowed votes.

### Example 48

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than three candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

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

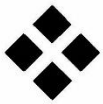
Allow for Barber, Boots and Grey – Cirencester case, *Eley v. Durant* and Rule 56(3)(c).

### Example 49

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than three candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

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



[X]

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



[X]

**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**



[X]

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



[ ]

Allow for Barber, Boots and Hood – *Woodward v. Sarsons* and Rule 56(3)(c).

### Example 50

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than three candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

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

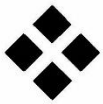
Allow for Barber, Grey and Hood – Rule 56(3)(c).

### Example 51

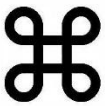
**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than three candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

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



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



Boots
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**



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



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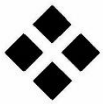
Allow for Boots, Hood and Miller – *Ruffle v. Rogers* and Rule 56(3)(b).

### Example 52

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than three candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

**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**

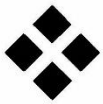
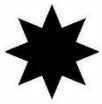


Allow for Boots, Grey and Hood – West Bromwich case and Rule 56(3)(a).

### Example 53

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than three candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

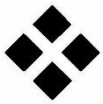
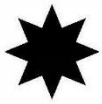
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| **BARBER, Ali**<br>5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY<br>**Pelican Party** |  |  |
| **BOOTS, Dusty**<br>63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ<br>**League of Line Dancers** |  | |
| **CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary**<br>9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34<br>**Independent**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

Allow for Barber, Hood and Miller – Rule 56(3)(b).

**Example 54**

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than three candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

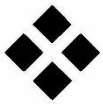
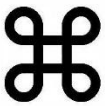
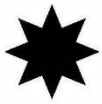
| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **BARBER, Ali**<br>5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY<br>**Pelican Party** |  | X |
| **BOOTS, Dusty**<br>63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ<br>**League of Line Dancers** |  | |
| **CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary**<br>9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34<br>**Independent** | | X |
| **GREY,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

Allow for Barber, Clover and Hood – Berwick-upon-Tweed case and Rule 56(3)(a).

### Example 55

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than three candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

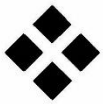
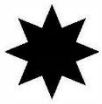
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| **BARBER, Ali**<br>5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY<br>**Pelican Party** |  | |
| **BOOTS, Dusty**<br>63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ<br>**League of Line Dancers** |  | |
| **CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary**<br>9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34<br>**Independent**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

Allow for Clover, Grey and Miller – Rule 56(3)(b).

**Example 56**

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than three candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

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

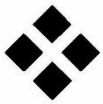
Allow for Barber, Grey and Miller – Rule 56(3)(a) and (b).

**Example 57**

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than three candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

**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, Grey and Hood – Rule 56(3)(a) and (b).

**Example 58**

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than three candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

**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 MILLER, CLOVER & Boots

Allow for Miller, Clover and Boots – *Ruffle v. Rogers*. Rule 56(3)(a) and (b) [provided there are no other candidates by the name of Miller, Clover or Boots.]

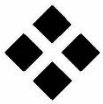
**Example 59**

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than three candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

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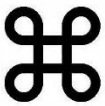
~~BARBER~~, **Ali**
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
**Pelican Party**



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



[ ]

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**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**



[ ]

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



[ ]

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

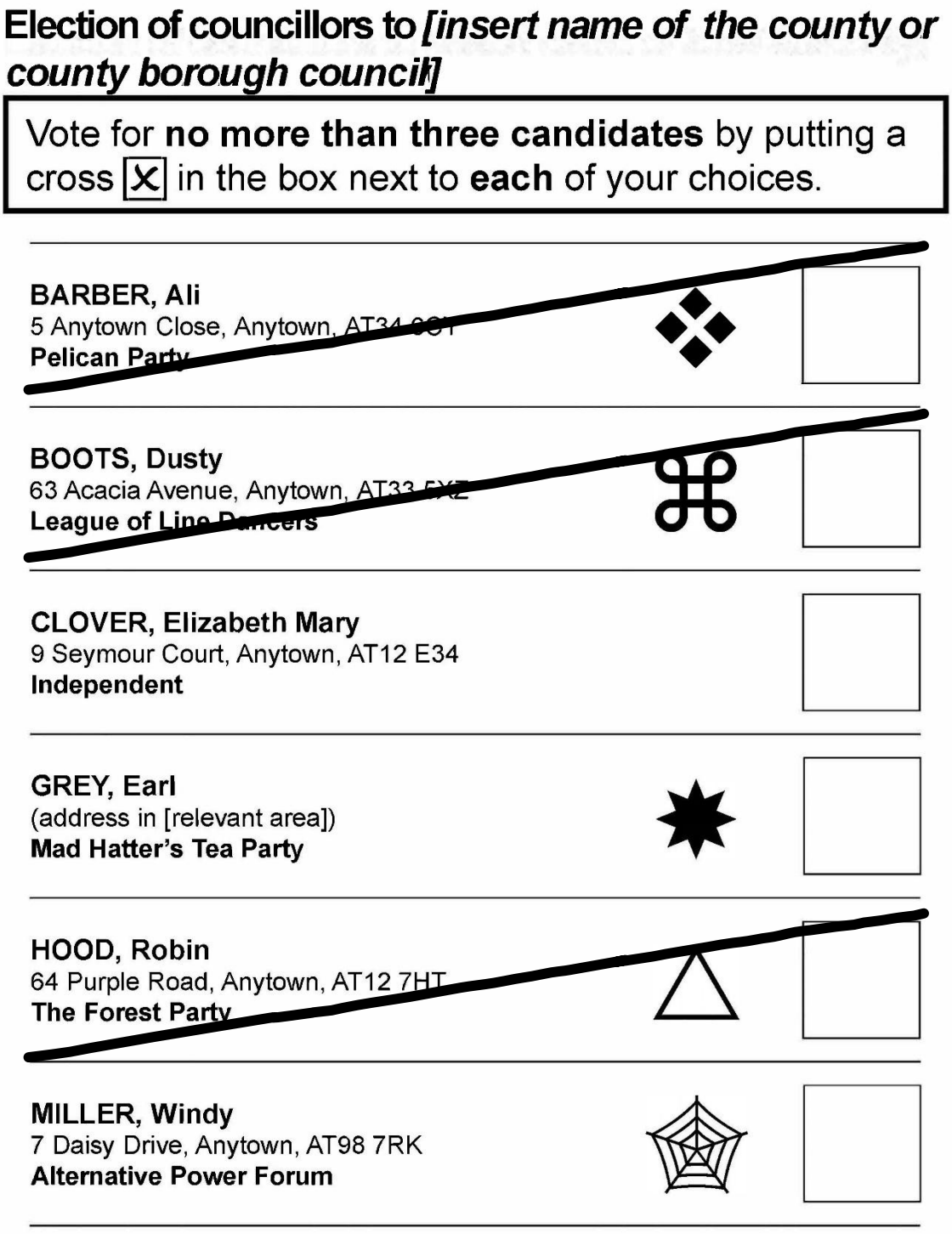


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Allow for Barber, Boots and Hood – *Levers v. Morris* and Rule 56(3)(a).

**Example 60**



**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than three candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

**BARBER, Ali**
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 9GT
**Pelican Party**

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

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

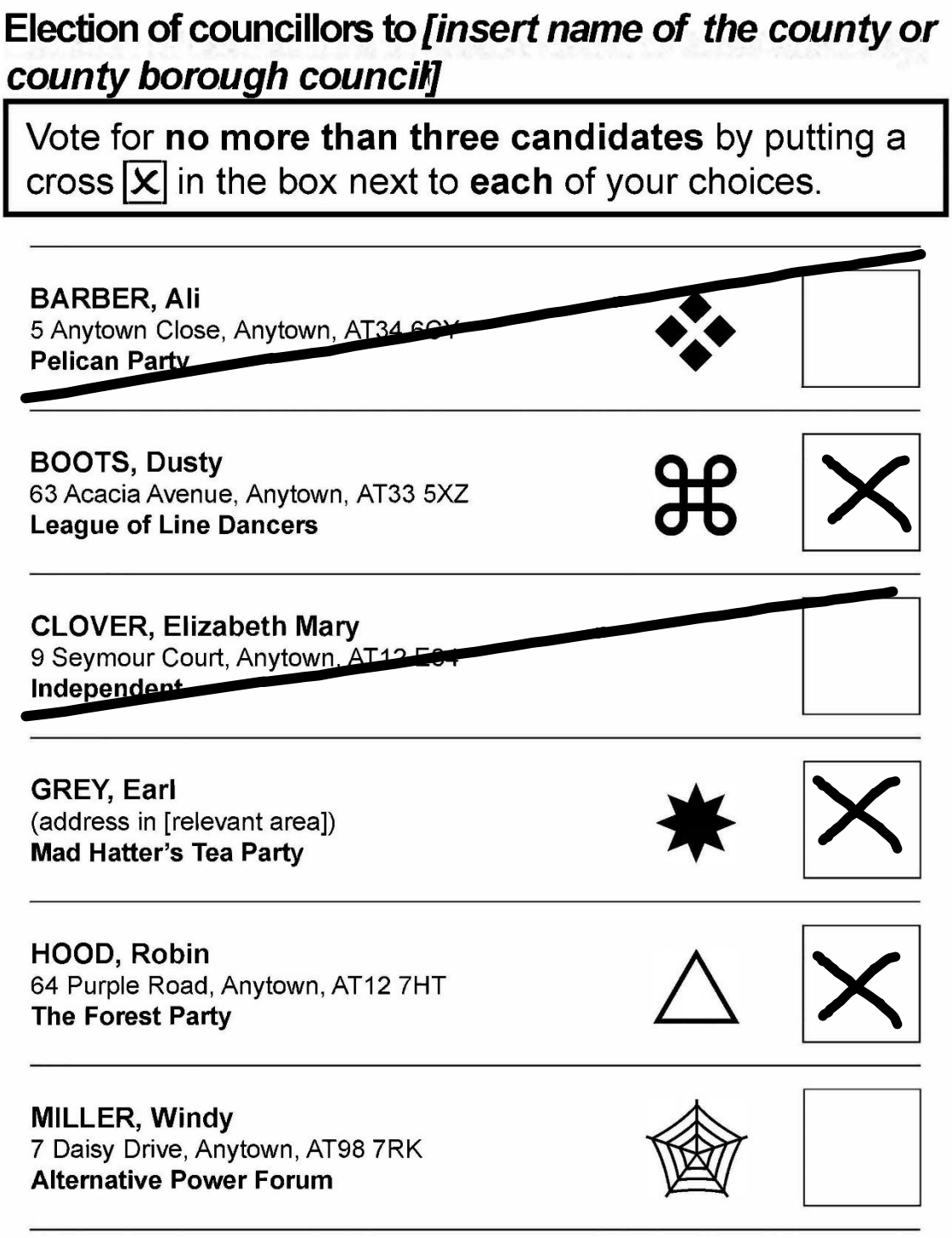
**GREY, Earl**
(address in [relevant area])
**Mad Hatter's Tea Party**

**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, Grey and Miller – *Levers v. Morris* and Rule 56(3)(c). See also *Schofield's Election Law*, Volume 5, Appendix E, E20 (Shaw & Sons, 2008 as updated by supplement no.1).

**Example 61**



**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than three candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

**BARBER, Ali**
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6QY
**Pelican Party**

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

**CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary**
9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 7GH
**Independent**

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

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

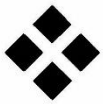
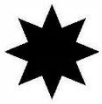
**MILLER, Windy**
7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK
**Alternative Power Forum**

Allow for Boots, Grey and Hood – *Levers v. Morris* and Rule 56(3)(c). See also *Schofield's Election Law*, Volume 5, Appendix E, E20 (Shaw & Sons, 2008 as updated by supplement issue no.1).

**Example 62**

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than three candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **BARBER, Ali**<br>5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY<br>**Pelican Party** |  | 6 |
| **BOOTS, Dusty**<br>63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ<br>**League of Line Dancers** |  | 3 |
| **CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary**<br>9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34<br>**Independent** | | 1 |
| **GREY, Earl**<br>(address in [relevant area])<br>**Mad Hatter's Tea Party** |  | 2 |
| **HOOD, Robin**<br>64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT<br>**The Forest Party** |  | 5 |
| **MILLER, Windy**<br>7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK<br>**Alternative Power Forum** |  | 4 |

Allow for Clover, Grey and Boots – vote marked otherwise than by means of a cross. Rule 56(3)(b).

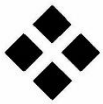
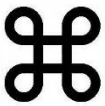
# Rejected votes

The following are suggested examples of rejected votes.

### Example 63

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than three candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

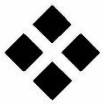
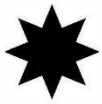
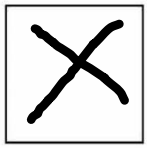
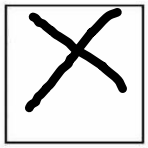
| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **BARBER, Ali**<br>5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY<br>**Pelican Party** |  | |
| **BOOTS, Dusty**<br>63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ<br>**League of Line Dancers** |  | |
| **CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary**<br>9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34<br>**Independent** | | X |
| **GREY,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

Reject – voter's intention is uncertain. Buckrose case and Rule 56(1)(d).

### Example 64

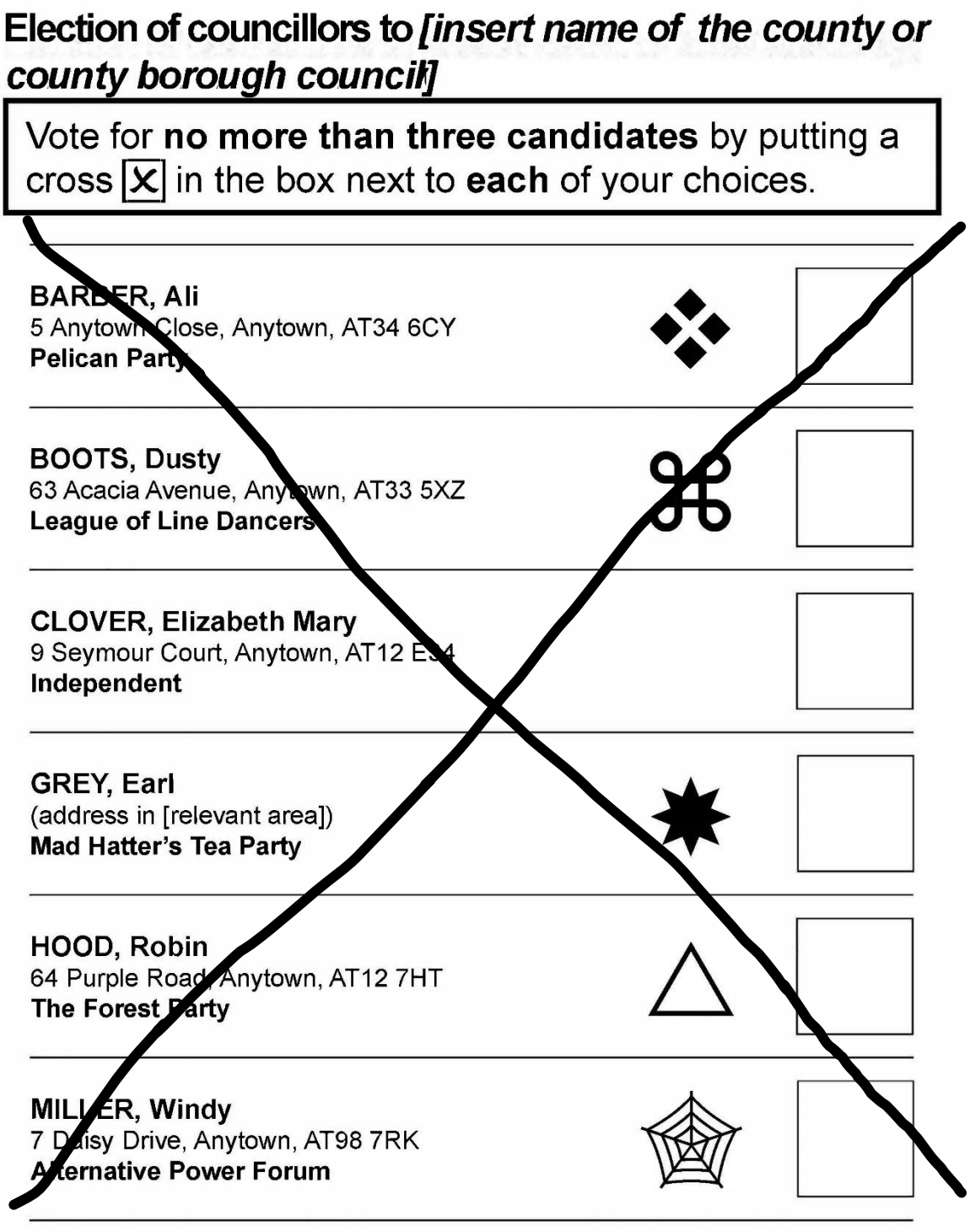
**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than three candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

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

Reject – voter can be identified. *Woodward v. Sarsons*, South Newington case and Rule 56(1)(c).

### Example 65

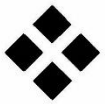
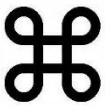
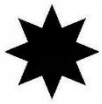



Reject – voter's intention is uncertain. *Rowe v. Cox* and Rule 56(1)(d).

### Example 66

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than three candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

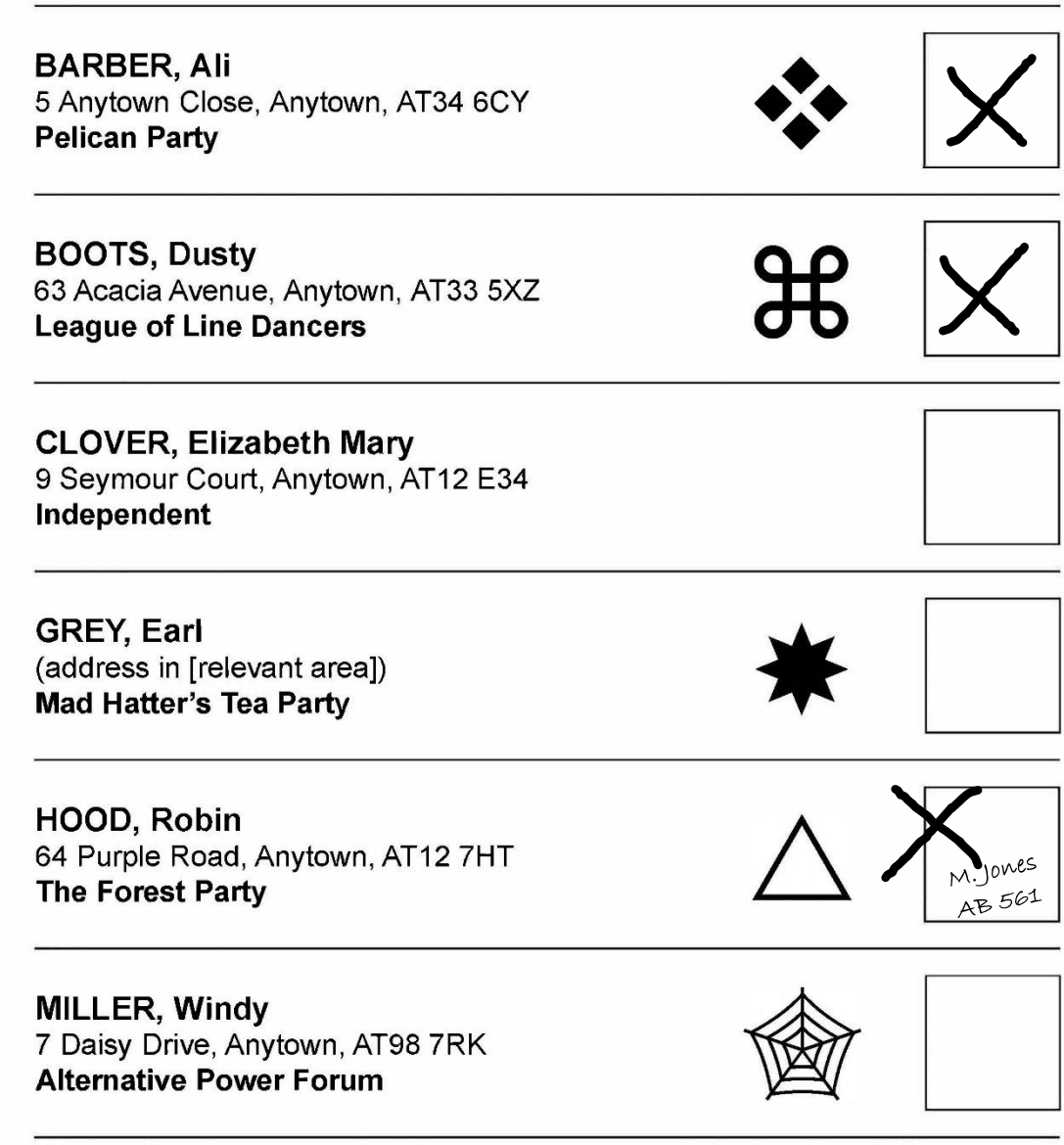
| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **BARBER, Ali**<br>5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY<br>**Pelican Party** |  | |
| **BOOTS, Dusty**<br>63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ<br>**League of Line Dancers** |  | X |
| **CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary**<br>9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34<br>**Independent** | | X |
| **GREY,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

Reject – voting for more candidates than the voter is entitled to vote for. Rule 56(1)(b).

### Example 67

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than three candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.



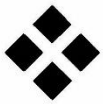

Reject – voter can be identified. *Woodward v. Sarsons* and Rule 56(1)(c).

**Example 68**

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than three candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

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

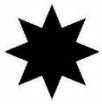


**BOOTS, Dusty**
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
**League of Line Dancers**



**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**



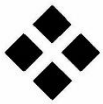
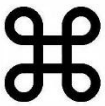
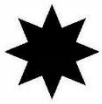
None of the above ✔

Reject – void for uncertainty. Rule 56(1)(d).

### Example 69

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than three candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

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

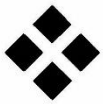
Reject – voting for more candidates than the voter is entitled to vote for. Rule 56(1)(b).

### Example 70

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than three candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

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



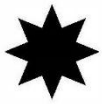
**BOOTS, Dusty**
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
**League of Line Dancers**



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

X

**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**

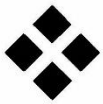
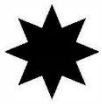


Reject – voting for more candidates than the voter is entitled to vote for. Rule 56(1)(b).

**Example 71**

**Election of councillors to *[insert name of the county or county borough council]***

Vote for **no more than three candidates** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to **each** of your choices.

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

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# Annex - Legislation

## The election rules

The relevant rules for local government elections in Wales are as follows:

### Rejected ballot papers

Rule **56** –

56.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (4), the following ballot papers are void and must not be counted—
(a) a ballot paper that does not bear the official mark;
(b) a ballot paper on which votes are given for more candidates than the voter is entitled to vote for;
(c) a ballot paper 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) a ballot paper that is unmarked or void for uncertainty.
56(2) Where the voter is entitled to vote for more than one candidate, a ballot paper is not to be treated as void for uncertainty as respects any vote as to which no uncertainty arises and that vote must be counted
56 (3) Paragraph (4) applies to a ballot paper on which a vote is marked— (a) elsewhere than in the proper place, (b) otherwise than by means of a cross, or (c) by more than one mark.
56(4) The ballot paper is not, by reason only of how the vote is marked, to be treated as void (either wholly or as respects that vote) if—
(a) it is clear from the ballot paper that the voter intended to vote for one or other of the candidates,
(b) the way the ballot paper is marked does not itself identify the voter, and
(c) the returning officer is satisfied that the voter cannot be identified from the ballot paper.
56(5) The returning officer must— (a) endorse the word “rejected” on any ballot paper which, in accordance with this rule, is not to be counted; (b) endorse the word “rejected in part” on any ballot paper on which a vote is counted in accordance with paragraph (2) and indicate which vote or votes have been counted.56(6) If a counting agent objects to the returning officer’s decision, the returning officer must add the words “rejection objected to” to the endorsement.

56(7) The returning officer must prepare a statement showing the number of ballot papers rejected and the number rejected in part.

56(8) The statement must set out the number rejected or rejected in part under each of the headings in subparagraphs (a) to (d) of paragraph (1).

### Decisions on ballot papers

Rule **59** – The decision of the returning officer on any question arising in respect of a ballot paper is final, but may be reviewed on an election petition.