Doubtful ballot papers – allowed votes

Suggested examples of allowed votes are provided here. All of these examples are based on the specific election rules. Ultimately the decision on any particular ballot paper rests with the Returning Officer.

References are to The Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 and The Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017.

Allow for Barber
Cirencester case, Eley v. Durant, local authority mayoral Rule 48(2)(b) and combined authority mayoral (CAM) Rule 51(2)(b).

Allow for Boots
Woodward v. Sarsons, local authority mayoral Rule 48(2)(b) and CAM Rule 51(2)(b).

Allow for Boots
Local authority mayoral Rule 48(2)(b) and (c) and CAM Rule 51(2)(b) and (c).

Allow for Boots
Ruffle v. Rogers, local authority mayoral Rule 48(2)(b) and CAM Rule 51(2)(b).

Allow for Barber
West Bromwich case, local authority mayoral Rule 48(2)(a) and CAM Rule 51(2)(a).

Allow for Boots
Local authority mayoral Rule 48(2)(b) and CAM Rule 51(2)(b).
Suggested examples of rejected votes are provided here. All of these examples are based on the specific election rules. Ultimately the decision on any particular ballot paper rests with the Returning Officer.

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Reject
Voting for more than one candidate. Local authority mayoral Rule 48(1)(b) and combined authority mayoral Rule 51(1)(b).

Reject
Voter’s intention uncertain. Buckrose case, local authority mayoral Rule 48(1)(d) and CAM Rule 51(1)(d).

Reject
Voter can be identified. Woodward v. Sarsons, South Newington case, local authority mayoral Rule 48(1)(c) and CAM Rule 51(1)(c).

Reject
Voting for more than one candidate. Local authority mayoral Rule 48(1)(b) and CAM Rule 51(1)(b).

Reject
Voter’s intention uncertain. Rowe v. Cox, local authority mayoral Rule 48(1)(d) and CAM Rule 51(1)(d).

Reject
Voting for more than one candidate, local authority mayoral Rule 48(1)(b) and CAM Rule 51(1)(b).

Reject
Ballot paper unmarked. Local authority mayoral Rule 48(1)(d) and CAM Rule 51(1)(d).

Reject
Voter’s intention uncertain. Local authority mayoral Rule 48(1)(d) and CAM Rule 51(1)(d).