



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.

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**Election of the Mayor for
(insert name of authority)**

Vote for **one** candidate only



BARBER, Ali (address in [relevant area]) Pelican Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Barber

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

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(insert name of authority)**

Vote for **one** candidate only



BARBER, Ali (address in [relevant area]) Pelican Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Boots

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

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(insert name of authority)**

Vote for **one** candidate only



BARBER, Ali (address in [relevant area]) Pelican Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Boots

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

**Election of the Mayor for
(insert name of authority)**

Vote for **one** candidate only



BARBER, Ali (address in [relevant area]) Pelican Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Boots

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

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(insert name of authority)**

Vote for **one** candidate only



BARBER, Ali (address in [relevant area]) Pelican Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Barber

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

**Election of the Mayor for
(insert name of authority)**

Vote for **one** candidate only



BARBER, Ali (address in [relevant area]) Pelican Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Boots

Local authority mayoral Rule 48(2)(b) and CAM Rule 51(2)(b).

**Election of the Mayor for
(insert name of authority)**

Vote for **one** candidate only



BARBER, Ali (address in [relevant area]) Pelican Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Barber

Berwick-Upon-Tweed case, local authority mayoral Rule 48(2)(a) and CAM Rule 51(2)(a).

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(insert name of authority)**

Vote for **one** candidate only

BARBER, Ali (address in [relevant area]) Pelican Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Boots

Local authority mayoral Rule 48(2)(b) and CAM Rule 51(2)(b).

Doubtful ballot papers – rejected votes

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**Election of the Mayor for
(insert name of authority)**

Vote for **one** candidate only

BARBER, Ali
(address in [relevant area])
Pelican Party

✦

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

✪ yes

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

**Election of the Mayor for
(insert name of authority)**

Vote for **one** candidate only

BARBER, Ali
(address in [relevant area])
Pelican Party

✦

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

✪

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

**Election of the Mayor for
(insert name of authority)**

Vote for **one** candidate only

BARBER, Ali
(address in [relevant area])
Pelican Party

✦

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

✪ F. Brown
47 Poppy
Drive

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

**Election of the Mayor for
(insert name of authority)**

Vote for **one** candidate only

BARBER, Ali
(address in [relevant area])
Pelican Party

✦

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

✪

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

**Election of the Mayor for
(insert name of authority)**

Vote for **one** candidate only

BARBER, Ali
(address in [relevant area])
Pelican Party

✦

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

✪

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

**Election of the Mayor for
(insert name of authority)**

Vote for **one** candidate only

BARBER, Ali
(address in [relevant area])
Pelican Party

✦

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

✪

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

**Election of the Mayor for
(insert name of authority)**

Vote for **one** candidate only

BARBER, Ali
(address in [relevant area])
Pelican Party

✦

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

✪

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

**Election of the Mayor for
(insert name of authority)**

Vote for **one** candidate only

BARBER, Ali
(address in [relevant area])
Pelican Party

✦

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

✪ None of the above ✓

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