

## Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006

### Business Improvement Districts (Scotland) Regulations 2007

#### Declaration of Ballot Result to Approve the Creation of a Business Improvement District in Galashiels

This is the result of the Ballot to create a Business Improvement District under the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006, Business Improvement Districts (Scotland) Regulations 2007 within Galashiels. The Ballot was held by post with polls closing at 5pm on 20 November 2024

The total number of eligible business premises (total number of ballot papers) of which a person is entitled to vote in the ballot is	334
The aggregate of the rateable values of relevant properties in respect of which a person is entitled to vote in the ballot is	£8,144,950
The total number of votes cast in the ballot, excluding rejected ballot papers, is	129
The aggregate property rateable value in respect of which a person, excluding rejected ballot papers voted is	110 + 19
The return rate (turnout) in respect of those eligible to vote is	44%
The return rate (turnout) in respect of rateable values is	45%

#### The votes cast were as follows:

<b>YES</b> – in favour of the Business Improvement District proposals for the areas within Galashiels as specified on the Ballot Paper	110
<b>NO</b> – not in favour of the Business Improvement District proposals for the areas within Galashiels as specified on the Ballot Paper	19

#### The rateable values of the relevant properties in respect of which these votes were cast are as follows:

Aggregate of the rateable values of the relevant properties in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted for the BID proposals (A)	3,288,600
Aggregate of the rateable values of the relevant properties in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted against the BID proposals (B)	376,900

On the basis of these papers:

1. The number of votes cast in favour of the BID proposals **exceeds** the number of votes cast against those proposals;
2. The aggregate of the rateable values of the relevant properties in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted for the BID proposals (A) **exceeds** the aggregate of the rateable values of the relevant properties in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted against the BID proposals (B);
3. At least 25% of the persons entitled to vote in the ballot **have** done so; and
4. The aggregate of the rateable values of the relevant properties in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted for the BID proposals (A) **plus** the aggregate of the rateable values of the relevant properties in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted against the BID proposals (B) **is** equal to at least 25% of the aggregate of the rateable values of all relevant properties in respect of which a person is entitled to vote in the ballot.

As **all** of these four conditions **have** been met I therefore declare that, on the basis of a ballot held for the purposes of section 38(1) of the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006, the BID proposals for the area of Galashiels listed on the Ballot Paper **has been approved**.

**David Robertson, Returning Officer**

*21 November 2024*

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Papers were rejected for the following reasons:

No official mark 0

Both answers voted for mark 0

Unmarked or void for uncertainty 2