

Application to attend the Election Count as an Observer

I apply to attend the election Count as an Observer. I confirm that I have read and understood the rules set out below.

Name _____ Signature _____

Date _____

Address _____

Are you a relative, close friend or nominator of any candidate standing in this election?

YES / NO

If YES, please state the name of the candidate _____

Are you representing a media organisation? If so, state which organisation. _____

Are you requesting permission to use a camera or recording equipment? (media organisations only)

YES / NO

This form must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Executive of the States of Alderney two days before the Day of Poll (no later than 4pm).

Information for persons applying to attend the Election Count as Observers

The Government of Alderney Law, 2004 empowers the Returning Officer to “do all things necessary for effectually conducting the election in accordance with the law as to elections in Alderney.”

The States of Alderney have provided, through the States of Alderney Election Procedure Ordinance, 1987, regulations which govern the conduct of elections in Alderney. This Ordinance provides that, during the counting of votes, no person shall be present except

- a) A candidate, or, when a candidate is not present, one person appointed by that candidate as his representative if the name of that person has been notified to the Clerk before the day on which the election is held,
- b) The Clerk
- c) The Jurats counting the votes and any other person engaged in an official capacity in the business of counting the votes
- d) Any other person, with the consent of the Clerk

An election count is not an event open to the general public. Its primary purpose is to ensure that the votes are counted accurately and safely by the Jurats, assisted by the staff appointed by the Returning Officer, with the candidates present as interested parties.

A limited number of additional guests may be permitted to attend the Election Count, including representatives of the Media, by application to the Chief Executive of the States of Alderney before the date of the election.

During the Count the following rules must be observed:

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- Observers must display the badge issued to them whilst in the Count venue
- No mobile phones, laptops or other electronic devices are to be switched on inside the Count venue without the permission of the Returning Officer
- No photography is to take place other than with the permission of the Returning Officer
- Observers must remain inside the area designated
- Observers must keep conversation to a minimum to allow the staff and Jurats to concentrate
- No food or drink must be brought into or consumed at the Count unless permitted by the Returning Officer
- Observers who leave the Count venue before the conclusion of the Count will not be readmitted.