

NOTICE OF BALLOT

PROPOSED NEW TERM OF THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR SOUTHAMPTON

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2003

Business Improvement Districts (England) Regulations 2004

This is to give notice that a BID Ballot is to be held on the proposal of the Southampton Business Improvement District Limited, trading as GO! Southampton, to seek a new five-year term to operate a Business Improvement District (BID) in the Southampton City Centre area. You should shortly receive a copy of the GO! Southampton BID Business Plan from the Proposer and it is also available to view online:

<https://www.gosouthampton.co.uk/ballot/>

Conduct of ballot

The ballot will be conducted entirely by post by the Returning Officer, Southampton City Council, Civic Centre, Southampton, SO14 7LY. Ballot papers will be sent to those eligible to vote on **Monday 26 October 2026** for return to the Returning Officer by no later than **5pm on Thursday 26 November 2026** (the “day of ballot”).

Who can vote in the BID Ballot?

Persons eligible to vote in the ballot will be those non-domestic ratepayers listed on the Council’s database for each liable hereditament (business premises) situated in the geographical area of the proposed BID as at the date of this Notice, with a rateable value of **£19,000** or more. Each person entitled to vote will have one vote in respect of each hereditament occupied or (if unoccupied) owned by them in the geographical area of the proposed BID.

The full list of streets included in the BID area can be found online: <https://www.gosouthampton.co.uk/ballot/>

This Notice is in respect of the following Hereditament:

The hereditament address will appear here

Appointment of Proxies

Persons eligible in the BID ballot may appoint someone else to vote on their behalf (for example, if they are going to be away at the time of the ballot). Applications to appoint a proxy must be submitted to the Returning Officer no later than **5pm on Monday 16 November 2026**. This can be by post to The Returning Officer, Southampton City Council, Civic Centre, Southampton, SO14 7LY or by scanned attachment and emailed to

elections@southampton.gov.uk.

A proxy form is available from: The Returning Officer, Southampton City Council, Civic Centre, Southampton, SO14 7LY or request by email: elections@southampton.gov.uk. A proxy may be cancelled by written notification to the Returning Officer at the above address no later than **5pm on Saturday 21 November 2026**.

Lost Ballot Papers

If a voter or proxy does not receive their ballot paper by **Friday 20 November 2026**, they may apply for a replacement ballot paper to the Returning Officer, Southampton City Council, Civic Centre, Southampton, SO14 7LY or by an email to elections@southampton.gov.uk, providing evidence of their identity in the form of one of the following:

- Signed letterhead for the appropriate company;
- Signed **photocopy** of the National Non-Domestic Rating Bill for the hereditament;
- Signed **photocopy** of an item of personal ID such as Passport or Driving License.

Please do not send original copies of IDs or Bills.

Spoilt Ballot Papers

If you inadvertently spoil your ballot paper in such a manner that it cannot be conveniently used as a ballot paper, please return it to the Returning Officer. On receipt of the spoilt ballot paper, the Returning Officer will issue a replacement. No replacements can be issued if the spoilt ballot paper is received by the Returning Officer later than **Monday 23 November 2026**.

If you are unable to return your spoilt ballot paper, you will be required to declare this in writing to the Returning Officer providing a full explanation as to the reason. A replacement may not be issued until this has been received.

Count of Ballot Papers

Ballot papers will be counted on **Friday 27 November 2026** and the result of the ballot will be announced shortly after. The result will be published on the Council's website <https://www.southampton.gov.uk> and the BID's website <https://www.gosouthampton.co.uk/ballot/>

For the BID ballot to be successful there must be:

- (a) a majority in favour of the BID in the number of those voting
- (b) a majority in favour of the BID in the proportion of rateable value of those voting.

Rejected Ballot Papers

If a ballot paper is duplicated and two are returned bearing the same number, both will be void and not counted. Any ballot papers that are returned unsigned, unmarked or that are void for uncertainty will also be void and not counted.

Further Details of the BID Proposal

For any further information, contact GO! Southampton BID, Network Eagle Lab, Portland Terrace, Southampton, SO14 7SJ | 023 8000 3637 | info@gosouthampton.co.uk

Jillian Kay, Returning Officer

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Telephone enquiries: Electoral Services 023 8083 3559

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