

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION, ELECTION COURT**

Claim No. M374/21

AND in the matter of The Representation of The People Act 1983

And in the matter of a local government election for the Totteridge and Bowerdean ward in Buckinghamshire Council on 6th May, 2021

**Before the Hon. Mr Justice Lavender and the Hon. Mr Justice Morris, sitting as
a Divisional Court**

Dated 7th June 2022

BETWEEN

Anwar Rashid

Petitioner

- and -

1. Julia Denise Wassell
2. Imran Hussain
3. Steve Guy
4. Nicholas Graham (Returning Officer for Buckinghamshire Council)

Respondents



ORDER

UPON the Application of the First, Second and Third Respondents, dated 4 February 2022, to strike out the Petition;

AND UPON the Petitioner informing the Respondents and the Court on 29 April 2022 that he did not oppose the said application and agreeing that the Petition should be dismissed;

AND UPON the Petition being dismissed, the Court declared that the First, Second and Third Respondents had been duly elected on 6 May 2021;

AND UPON the Petitioner and the First, Second and Third Respondents agreeing that the Petitioner should pay their costs at the agreed sum of £57,500, including VAT;

AND UPON the Petitioner agreeing to pay the reasonable costs of the Fourth Respondent in the Petition on the standard basis up to 17.12.2022 but not thereafter;

the Court finding that the Petitioner must pay the entirety of the reasonable costs of the Fourth Respondent in the Petition; and the Petitioner and the Fourth Respondent agreeing that the reasonable costs of the Fourth Respondent in the Petition were £48,292.49 including VAT;

AND UPON THE PARTIES AGREEING to paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Order (below), the High Court retaining jurisdiction to order that other persons may become aware of the names and addresses of electors;

AND UPON HEARING FROM Counsel to the Petitioner, Mr Francis Hoar, Leading Counsel to the First to Third Respondents, Mr James Laddie QC and Leading Counsel to the Fourth Respondents, Mr Timothy Straker QC;

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Petition is dismissed;
2. All persons who attended the scrutiny of the Petition on 29 September 2021 are released from the solemn responsibilities of confidentiality to which they all agreed as a condition of attendance at the same, except that they continue to be bound to not share the names and addresses of electors that have become known in the course of the Petition, except with the permission of the Court;
3. The report of the said scrutiny by Master Eastman, dated 17 December 2021, may be published;
4. The sum of £2,500 as security for costs lodged by the Petitioner be paid to the First, Second, Third and Fourth Respondents, divided equally so that the First, Second and Third Respondent receives half between them, and the Fourth Respondent receives half in part payment of their costs;
5. The Petitioner pay the reasonable costs of the First, Second and Third Respondents in the Petition at the agreed sum of £57,500, including VAT, including the sum of £1,250 from the said security for costs in part payment of the same within 14 days; and
6. The Petitioner pay the reasonable costs of the Fourth Respondent in the Petition at the agreed sum of £48,292.49, including the sum of £1,250 from the said security for costs in part payment of the same within 14 days.

SERVICE OF THE ORDER

The Court has sent sealed copies of this order to all parties.