

**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 LOCHABER**

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 Lochaber. The Ballot was held by post with polls closing at 5pm on Thursday 12 December 2013.

The electorate consisted of: 950 businesses

The total votes cast were: 553

And the turnout (the headcount) was: 58.15 %

And the turnout by Rateable Value (A+B) was: 66.97 %

The votes cast were as follows

YES – in favour of the Business Improvement District proposals for the areas within Lochaber as specified on the Ballot Paper	135
NO – not in favour of the Business Improvement District proposals for the areas within Lochaber as specified on the Ballot Paper	418

There were 0 rejected papers.

The rateable values of the lands and heritages in respect of which these votes were cast are as follows:

Aggregate of the rateable values of the lands and heritages in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted for the BID proposals (A)	£3,282,575.00
Aggregate of the rateable values of the lands and heritages in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted against the BID proposals (B)	£11,073,525.00

The aggregate of the rateable values of all lands and heritages in respect of which a person is entitled to vote in the ballot is **£21,437,075.00**.

On the basis of these papers:

1. The number of votes cast in favour of the BID proposals **does not exceed** the number of votes cast against those proposals;
2. The aggregate of the rateable values of the lands and heritages in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted for the BID proposals **does not exceed** the aggregate of the rateable values of the lands and heritages in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted against the BID proposals;
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 lands and heritages in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted for the BID proposals **plus** the aggregate of the rateable values of the lands and heritages in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted against the BID proposals **is** equal to at least 25% of the aggregate of the rateable values of all lands and heritages in respect of which a person is entitled to vote in the ballot.

As these four conditions **have not** 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 areas of Lochaber listed on the Ballot Paper **have not** been approved.

Steve Barron
Ballot Holder
Friday, 13 December 2013

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Papers were rejected for the following reasons:

- No official mark
- Both answers voted for
- Unmarked or void for uncertainty

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