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**North & West Oxfordshire Green Party
Paper Candidate Application Form**

Thank you for offering to stand as a paper candidate, this will give more people the opportunity to vote for the Green Party locally. As a paper candidate, if selected, your name will be on the ballot paper but there will be no specific campaign to promote you in the area that you are standing for.

Please answer the following questions and email your completed form to elections@westoxon-greens.uk. Please note that your answers to all questions may be shared with North & West Oxfordshire Green Party’s constitutional officers (Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Elections Coordinator, and the Elections Returning Officer).

##### 1. Are you eligible to stand for election to

##### Oxfordshire County Council? YES / NO Town Council: [please name]

##### Cherwell District Council? YES / NO YES / NO

##### West Oxfordshire Council? YES / NO

In order to stand for election to a council you must meet the required qualifications, i.e.

* be at least 18 years old on nomination day and be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, a qualifying EU citizen or an EU citizen with retained rights; and
* be registered as a local government elector for the local authority area in which you wish to stand OR live or own/rent premises in the local authority area OR work in the local authority area as your main place of work.

##### You are unable to stand for election as a councillor if:

##### in the last five years, you have been in prison or on a suspended sentence for three months or more; you have been declared bankrupt; you are an employee of the Council; you have been disqualified. (Someone disqualified under the Representation of the People Act (e.g. electoral corruption).

Further details on qualifications/disqualifications can be found from the Electoral Commission [here](https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance-candidates-and-agents-local-government-elections-england/what-you-need-know-you-stand-a-candidate/qualifications-and-disqualifications-standing-election).

**2. How long have you been a member of the Green Party of England and Wales? \_\_\_\_ years**

All our candidates need to be members at the time of the election.

##### 3. Please declare anything in your current or personal history, that you consider is likely to be, or may in law be, prejudicial to your position as a candidate, or could bring the party into disrepute or result in adverse media coverage.[[1]](#endnote-1)

##### 4. Do you broadly agree with the philosophy and policies of the Green Party, as laid out in our manifestos and policy statements on our websites? [[2]](#endnote-2) YES / NO

##### 5. In which County divisions or District/Town Council wards would you prefer to stand? Please list up to three choices and mention any connection you have with those areas.

**6. Before the election, do you agree to:**

* **Fill in and sign the forms provided by your Election Agent and return them in good time, to enable them to be checked and submitted before the close of nominations?**(These are: the form on which you appoint your Election Agent, the consent form saying that you are prepared to stand and are qualified to do so, and a form to say you want the Green Party emblem on the ballot paper) **YES / NO**
* **Get the signatures for your nomination paper of 2 people registered to vote in the Ward/Division in which you are standing OR coordinate with the person who has offered to get these signatures for you. YES / NO**

**7. After the election, do you agree to sign (if true!) a declaration that you’ve seen your Election Agent’s Return of Expenses and that to the best of your knowledge it is correct?**
(It is unlikely that there will be any expenses specific to the area for which you are standing, but there may be expenses shared out between all of the candidates, for example staff costs or social media posts.) **YES / NO**

**8. In the boxed section below, please provide a short candidate statement and recent photograph for use on the local Green Party website and social media accounts.** (You can do this now or after your selection as a paper candidate has been confirmed.)

##### 9. Your details

Name:
Address:
Email:
Telephone:

Signature:
Date:

DRAFT CANDIDATE STATEMENT: YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING **BOXED** SECTIONS WILL BE USED TO CREATE A CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR USE ON THE LOCAL GREEN PARTY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA. Please do not disclose anything that you consider confidential in the boxed sections.

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##### Biography

Write a short paragraph or two about yourself and why you are standing for election

##### Please supply a recent photograph

You can optionally include a photograph in your selection statement. Otherwise email a recent photo to elections@westoxon-greens.uk .

##### Do you have a social media presence?

Please provide details (including links) of your Facebook, Instagram, Twitter accounts. etc.

1. This question is a requirement of the national Green Party constitution. A copy of your answer here will be kept confidentially on file by the North & West Oxfordshire Green Party.

The declaration of civil or criminal convictions or prosecutions (if any) is a straightforward matter of fact.

In addition, you should also include anything for which you, your partner or member of your immediate family may have recently been arrested for or are being prosecuted for or and are awaiting trial.

Outside of criminal cases, it’s not possible to write a strict set of rules on everything that should be declared but anything that could be called into question should be declared.

If in doubt, you should discuss with the Elections Co-ordinator, in confidence, whether something needs to be declared, please email elections@westoxon-greens.uk to set up a meeting. Declaration of something that could be called into question by the media is not necessarily a reason to preclude you from standing. It is also to assist you from the outset so that we can discuss how to deal with any potential media query in advance of such a query arriving. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. You don't need to know every Green Party policy, but if you strongly disagree with many of them you shouldn't stand for the party. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)