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

Please answer the following questions. They start with questions on your eligibility, then go on to the parts of your selection statement [BOXED] that will be shown to members. 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). Please email your completed form to elections@westoxon-greens.uk.

##### 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 councillor, 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

**If no, please explain why you still feel you would make a good Green Party candidate and councillor.**

##### 5. Do you already have a campaign team or know people who will help you organise the campaign in your chosen area?

1. Yes, I have a team. (typically campaign manager, campaign organiser, plus volunteers to assist with leafleting and canvassing)
2. Yes, I know people who can help organise the campaign.
3. No, I need help building a team (we are happy to help with this).

**If you have already identified a campaign manager and/organiser please give us their name and contact details.**

##### 6. Would you like any help in preparing for candidate selection and campaigning?

1. Talk with a councillor.
2. Talk with an election campaigner.
3. Attend an applicants’ briefing.
4. View a council meeting.

##### 7. Is there any specific help you need in becoming a candidate?

##### 8. Your Contact details

Name:

Address:

Email:

Telephone:

Signature:

Date:

CANDIDATE SELECTION STATEMENT: YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING **BOXED** SECTIONS WILL BE SHARED WITH LOCAL PARTY MEMBERS. Please do not disclose anything that you consider confidential in the boxed sections.

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##### In which County division/s or District/Town wards would you like to stand? Please list up to three choices in descending order and mention any connection you have with those areas.

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##### Biography

Write a short paragraph or two about yourself.

1. **Why are you standing?**

Write a short paragraph or two on why you want to stand for election. This can include policies on which you will campaign or what you will do when elected.

**How will you campaign?**

Write a short paragraph or two on how you and your team will campaign to win.

##### 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 .

##### Please outline the skills and time commitment you feel you can bring to the role of target candidate and if successful elected representative.

##### Do you feel you will be able to fulfil the role of Green Party representative for 4 years, including devoting 12 hours/week on average to duties, if elected? YES / NO

##### Do you accept that target candidates will need to spend 2 hours/week door knocking outside election periods and at least 10 hours/week canvassing in the 6 weeks prior to an election? YES / NO

##### 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)