Annotated nomination papers – Principal Areas – England

1 Process and forms

- 1.1 Generally, there are three forms you must submit to make your nomination valid:
 - Nomination form
 - Home Address form
 - Consent to nomination

You must deliver these forms by hand, and they must be originals so not copies. Any documents sent by email or fax will not be accepted.

- 1.2 If you are standing on behalf of a registered political party, you will also need to submit:
 - a certificate of authorisation
 - an emblem request form, if you want an emblem on the ballot paper

These can be delivered by hand or by post but must be originals. Any documents sent by email or fax will not be accepted.

- 1.3 You may also submit an agent appointment form. This does not need to be submitted with your other nomination forms but must arrive before the deadline to be accepted. If you do not submit an agent appointment form, you become your own agent by default.
- 1.4 If you have any issues with completing your nomination forms, please contact the Election Office on 0121 569 3244 or electoral_services@sandwell.gov.uk
- 1.5 It is a good idea to have your nomination paperwork informally checked by the elections office before you formally submit it. This can be done via email to <u>zoe armstrong@sandwell.gov.uk</u> or face to face. Please make an appointment by calling 0121 569 3244. This can allow you to make corrections or complete new nomination forms if there are any mistakes.
- 1.6 Once your nomination is formally submitted you cannot amend any details. But if you change your mind and no longer want to stand for election, you can withdraw your nomination until 4pm on 5 April 2024.

2 Further Information

Other useful guidance sources

<u>Guidance for Candidates and Agents at local government elections in</u> <u>England</u>

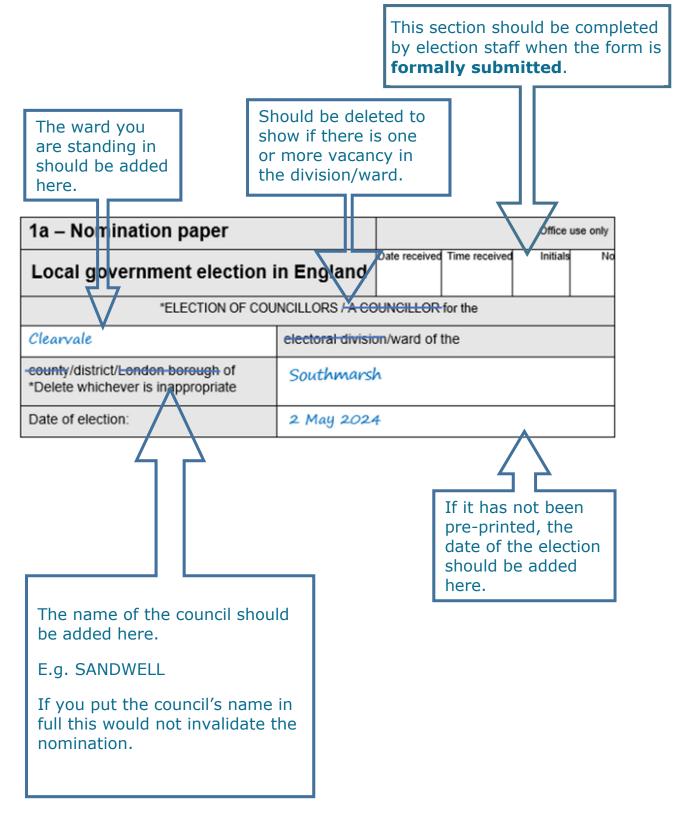
The Local Elections (Principal Areas) (England and Wales) Rules 2006

3 Annotated forms

These annotated forms cover areas of common confusion or difficulty for you to refer to as you complete your nomination paper.

Notes have been added to draw attention to areas where mistakes are often made, or where you are likely to have questions.

Form 1a – Nomination paper (header)



Form 1a – Nomination paper (Candidate's details)

The Candidate's details section must be completed in full before any electors sign the nomination paper Full names must be It is not vital to complete this. added here - no Titles will not appear on the ballot initials. paper or other notices. Prefixes like Sir, or suffixes like Snr, must not be used. Candidate's Details r/Mrc/Micc/ Candidate's surname Smith Ms/Dr/Other Other forenames in full Joseph Commonly used surname (if any) Commonly used forenames (if any) Jo Description (if any) Gold party candidate Use no more than six words (see note 5)

The description may be left blank.

OR you could use the description 'Independent'.

OR - for political party

candidates, you will need to enter the registered party name or description as authorised by the party. This must be as registered with the <u>Electoral Commission</u>, and must match **EXACTLY** with the description authorised on Form 2 – the Certificate of Authorisation.

It is important to read <u>Electoral</u> <u>Commission Guidance</u> if a description is used. This is optional.

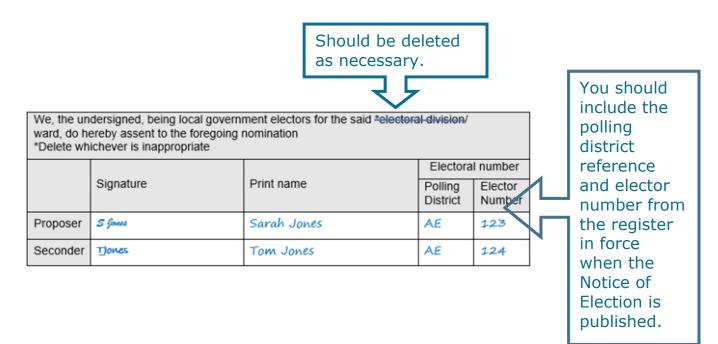
If you are commonly known by a different name to your actual name, you should enter it here. Or, if you use one or more of your names given on your nomination paper in a different manner (e.g. if you are known by your middle name), you should enter it here.

The commonly used name will appear on the ballot paper and Statement of Persons Nominated instead of your actual name.

It is **important** to read <u>Electoral</u> <u>Commission Guidance</u> if a commonly used name is used.

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Form 1a – Nomination paper (subscribers)



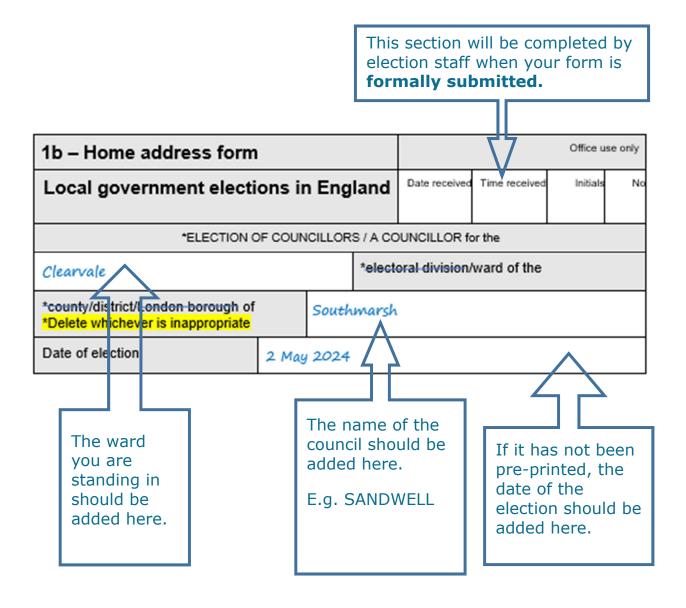
The form must be signed by two registered electors, a proposer and seconder from the relevant division/ward.

If the Notice of Election has been published earlier than 26 March 2024, we can help you with elector numbers if you tell us the full name and address of each subscriber. Contact us via <u>electoral services@sandwell.gov.uk</u> or 0121 569 3244

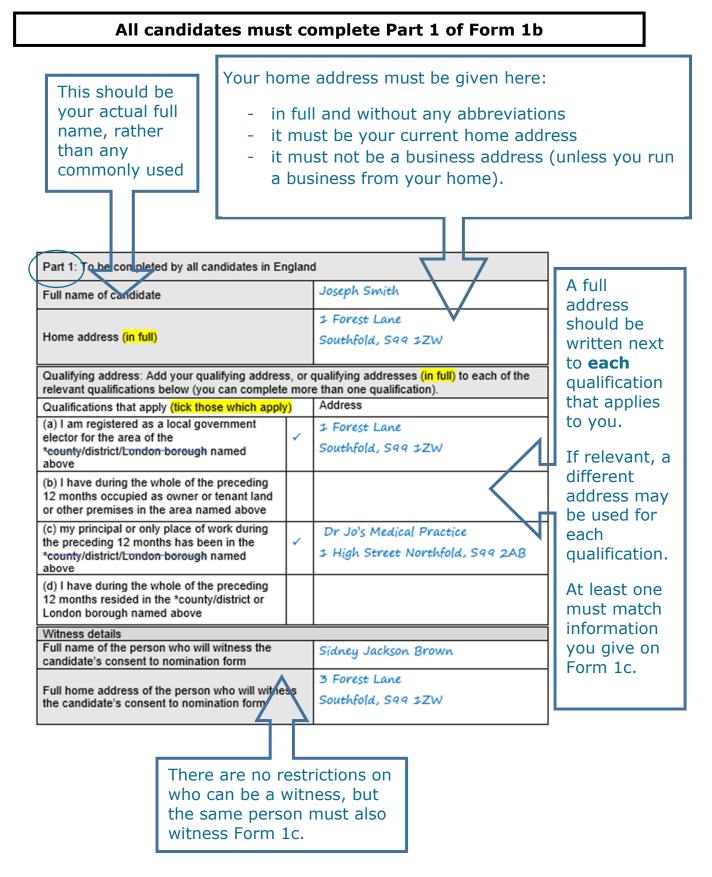
Each subscriber must sign the nomination form in the signature column. Their name must be printed too, preferably in capitals, and does not have to exactly match the name printed in the electoral register.

An elector must not sign more nomination papers than there are vacancies in the ward. If subscribers sign more nomination papers than there are vacancies, their signature will only be valid on the first papers delivered to the Returning Officer.

Form 1b – Home address form (header)



Form 1b – Home address form (Part 1)



Form 1b – Home address form (Part 2)

Candidates who do not want their home address printed on the ballot paper must complete and sign Part 2 of Form 1b.

Part 2 should be submitted whether it is completed or not.

Part 2: To be completed only if you do not wish your home address to be made public.

Note: Please submit this part (part 2) of the home address form with your nomination papers, even if your home address is to be made public.

If you request that your home address is not made public then your address will not appear on the statement of persons nominated, notice of poll or the ballot paper. Instead the name of the relevant area in which your home address is situated (or country, if outside the UK), as explained below, will appear on the statement of persons nominated, notice of poll and the ballot papers.

Statement: I require my home address not to be made public

The relevant area my home address is situated in:	Southmarsh (insert name of relevant area) ¹	
OR		
My home address is situated outside the UK. My home address is situated in:	(insert name of country)	If either of the two boxes
Signature of candidate (only r	above	
Candidate's signature:	ISmith	have been completed the form
Date:	31 March 2024	must be
		signed and dated.

The relevant area is the county/district/London borough your home address is in.

For example, if your home address is in the Sandwell Council area, the name of the relevant area is 'SANDWELL'

For more information see the <u>Electoral</u> <u>Commission Guidance</u>.

Form 1c – Consent to nomination

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		The entire	e form must b	e submitte	ed.	
		1c – Candidate's conse	nt to nomination		Office use only	
		Local government elec	tions in England	Date received Time rece	ived Initials No	
		*You must declare that you meet more than one qualification if app qualification(s) that apply must m	licable. To do this, strike thro	ugh any that do not ap	ply. Any	This should be your actual
	_	Date of election:	2 May 2024			full name
u must ike		I (name in full):	Joseph Smith	ν.		(rather than commonly
ough any alificatior	·	hereby consent to my nomination candidate for election as councill the:	n as a or for Cle	arvale	*electoral division/ ward	used name) as given in
at does		of the *county/district/London bo	rough of:	Southmarsh		Form 1a.
ot apply, aving at ast one no	ot	I declare that on the day of my no election, I will be qualified to be s qualifying Commonwealth citizen State of the European Union, wh	se days a			
ruck	L	*a. I am registered as a local	government elector for the borough named above		//district/London	
rough.		*b. I have during the whole of owner or tenant la	the 12 months preceding nd or other premises in th			
e alificatior	ns 🔽		place of work during thos district/London borough na		en in the	
ich apply Jst match		*d I have during the whole of the	ose 12 months resided in t named above.	he *county/district o	r London borough	
e formation		I declare that to the best of my know disqualification set out in, or decision ma of the Localism Act 2011, or section 30 hold a politically restricted post, within it local authority, within the meaning of the	ade under, sections 80 or 81A o of the Elections Act 2022 (cop he meaning of Part 1 of the Loc	f the Local Government ies of which are printed	Act 1972 or section 34 overleaf), and I do not	
u give in rt 1 of		Note 1: A candidate who is qualified by	more than one qualification ma			
rm 1b.		Note 2: Disqualifications set out under s to any relevant notification requirements			a person who is subject	You must sign here,
		Date of birth: 23/04/	1991			and the date
		Signature: 95mith				should not
		Date of consent: 20 Mar	ch 2024			be earlier than
	Witness : I confirm the above-mentioned candidate signed the declaration in my presence. Witness (na me in full): Sidney Jackson Brown					
	Witness's sgn ture: SJ Brown 2024.					
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Form 2 – Certificate of authorisation

For party candidates only

2 - Certificate of authorisation			Office	use only
Local government elections in England	Date received	Time received	Initials	No

Details of candidate to be authorised and the allowed description/party name							
Ward/division name:	Clearvale			Date of election:	2 May 2	024	
The candidate (name in full):		Josepl	h Smith				
Name of political part	y:		<i>Gold Party</i> Political party registered with the Electoral Commission				
I hereby certify that the		Gold p	arty candida	te		1	
may include the follow registered description name in their nomina	or party				\langle		
Note: it is an offence		orm if vo	u are not the na	rtv's registere	d nominatin	officer	
			party's registere			y onicer	
Signature of party's r Officer (or person aut registered Nominating	thorised by the	_	H Robertson				
Name of person sign	ing this form:	\wedge	Hugh Robert	50n			
Date: 31 March 2024							
Must be signed by the party's Nominating Officer or someone authorised by them							

If you are authorised to use a specific registered description or party name, it should be written here. It must match the description you give on Form 1a.

Or, if you are authorised to choose from a range of registered descriptions or party names, it should say 'any registered description or the party's name as registered with the Electoral Commission'.

Check the <u>Electoral</u> <u>Commission</u> <u>website</u> for descriptions.

Registered party names and descriptions can be found on the Electoral Commission website

Search the registration details of the party and click for more details to view the descriptions available to choose from.

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Form 3 – Emblem request form

For party candidates only

(To request an emblem as registered with the EC)

3 – Request for a party emblem			Office u	se only
Local government elections in England	Date received	Time received	Initials	No

Candidate's requ	est for	use of an emblem	ı			
Ward/division name:	Clearv	rale	Date of election:	2 May 202	4	This should
Candidate name in full:	Josepl	n Smith				be the name
I request that the b emblem (please		registered with the Electoral				
Emblem to be used (Please use name or description as on the <u>Electoral</u> <u>Commission's website</u>):						Commission e.g., "Emblem for
Candidate's signature:		JSwith				use in England" or "Emblem ID
Date:		31 March 2024				999″.
This must be signed by you.						
		found on the E registration de				

for more details to view the emblems

Form 4 – Agent notification form

Optional – if you do not appoint an agent, you will become your own agent by default.

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Local government	t elections	in England	
Ward/division name		Clearvale	Must be a
Date of election:		2 May 2024	physical address,
Candidate's notificat	ion of their	election agent	within the
Candidate's notificat I, (Candidate name in ful		Joseph Smith	council are
		ess of my election agent is:	or in a constituen
			within the
Agent's name: Agent's address (in full):		Emma White	local
Agent s address (in full).		30 Marine Road, Whitecoast, W32 3AB	governmer
The office address of m		nt to which all claims, notices, legal process and the uments may be sent is:	area, or in district,
		Gold Party Office,	borough,
Agent's office address (ir	n full):	8 Main Street, Northfold, 599 3XY	Welsh
Candidate's signature (or of person authorised to act on behalf of candidate):		JSmith	county/ county borough
Date:		31 March 2024	adjoining it
I understand that I must ca penalties if I fail to fulfil my Agent's signature:		ies according to law. I understand that there are ing to law. EBWhite	office address wi appear on the Notice
Date:		31 March 2024	Election
A			Agents.
	01742 55	query (optional – will not be published)	
Home telephone:			It is useful
	01742 44		to provide
Work telephone:		this	
Mobile telephone:		44@aoldpartumail.co.uk	information
Mobile telephone: Email address:	3bwhite55	44@goldpartymail.co.uk ur election agent, but are	information in case of

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Appendix A – Example of correctly completed nomination

1a – Nomination paper			Office	use only	
Local government election i	Date received	Time received	Initials	No	
*ELECTION OF COU	NCILLORS / A CC	UNCILLOR	for the		
Clearvale	electoral division/ward of the				
-county/district/London borough of *Delete whichever is inappropriate	Southmarsh				
Date of election:	2 May 202	4			

Candidate's Details		
Candidate's surname	Smith	Mr/Mrs/Miss/ Ms/Dr/Other
Other forenames in full	Joseph	
Commonly used surname (if any)		
Commonly used forenames (if any)	Jo	
Description (if any) Use no more than six words (see note 5)	Gold party candidate	

We, the undersigned, being local government electors for the said *electoral division/ ward, do hereby assent to the foregoing nomination *Delete whichever is inappropriate						
	Signature	Print name	Electora Polling District	l number Elector Number		
Proposer	S Jones	Sarah Jones	AE	1.23		
Seconder	Tones	Tom Jones	AE	124		

1b – Home address form					Office u	se only	
Local government elections in England				Date received	Time received	Initials	No
*ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS / A COUNCILLOR for the							
Clearvale *elect			*elect	oral division/	ward of the		
*county/district/London-borough of *Delete whichever is inappropriate			marsh				
Date of election:	2 May 2024						

You must complete Part 1

Only complete Part 2 if you do not wish your home address to be made public

Part 1: To be completed by all candidates in England						
Full name of candidate		Joseph Smith				
Home address (in full)	I Forest Lane Southfold, S99 IZW					
Qualifying address: Add your qualifying address, or qualifying addresses (in full) to each of the relevant qualifications below (you can complete more than one qualification).						
Qualifications that apply (tick those which apply	r)	Address				
(a) I am registered as a local government elector for the area of the *county/district/London borough named above	*	3 Forest Lane Southfold, S99 3ZW				
(b) I have during the whole of the preceding 12 months occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the area named above						
(c) my principal or only place of work during the preceding 12 months has been in the *county/district/London borough named above	*	Dr Jo's Medical Practice I High Street Northfold, 599 2AB				
(d) I have during the whole of the preceding 12 months resided in the *county/district or London borough named above						
Witness details						
Full name of the person who will witness the candidate's consent to nomination form		Sidney Jackson Brown				
Full home address of the person who will witness the candidate's consent to nomination form		3 Forest Lane Southfold, S99 1ZW				

Part 2: To be completed only if you do not wish your home address to be made public.

Note: Please submit this part (part 2) of the home address form with your nomination papers, even if your home address is to be made public.

If you request that your home address is not made public then your address will not appear on the statement of persons nominated, notice of poll or the ballot paper. Instead the name of the relevant area in which your home address is situated (or country, if outside the UK), as explained below, will appear on the statement of persons nominated, notice of poll and the ballot papers.

Statement: I require my home address not to be made public

The relevant area my home address is situated in:	Southmarsh (insert name of relevant area) ¹			
OR				
My home address is situated outside the UK. My home address is situated in: (insert name of country)				
Signature of candidate (only required where Part 2 above has been completed)				
Candidate's signature:	JSmith			
Date:	31 March 2024			

Deliver both Parts 1 and 2 with the nomination paper to the Returning Officer by no later than 4pm on the last day to deliver nominations

¹ the name of the "relevant area" in which your home address is situated (if your home address is in the UK)

- For home addresses in England:
 - if the address is within a district for which there is a district council, that district;
 - if the address is within a county in which there are no districts with councils, that county;
 - o if the address is within a London borough, that London borough;
 - if the address is within the City of London (including the Inner and Middle Temples), the City of London; and
 - o if the address is within the Isles of Scilly, the Isles of Scilly
- For home addresses in Wales:
 - o if the address is within a county, that county;
 - o if the address is within a county borough, that county borough
- For home addresses in Scotland:
 - o the local government area in which the address is situated
- · For home addresses in Northern Ireland:
 - o the local government district in which the address is situated

Note: The relevant area should be given in the format described above and is not the ward or parish, nor should the local authority name be given in full

1c – Candidate's			Office	use only		
Local governme	overnment elections in England			Time recei	ived Initials	s No
more than one qualif	at you meet at least one ication if applicable. To pply must match the info	do this, strike thro	ugh any that	t do not ap	oply. Any	
Date of election:		2 May 2024				
I (name in full):		Joseph Smit	'n			
hereby consent to my candidate for election a the:	nomination as a as councillor for	Cle	arvale		*el division	lectoral n/ ward
of the *county/district/b	ondon borough of:		Southn	narsh		
I declare that on the da election, I will be qualif qualifying Commonwe State of the European	fied to be so elected alth citizen, a citizen	by virtue of bein of the Republic	g on that d of Ireland of	ay or tho or a citize	se days a	
*a. I am registered	*a. I am registered as a local government elector for the area of the *county/district/London borough named above; or					
*b. I have during the whole of the 12 months preceding that day, or those days, occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the area named above, or						
*c. my principal or only place of work during those 12 months has been in the *county/district/London borough named above; or						
*d I have during the whole of those 12 months resided in the *county/district or London borough named above.						rough
I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief I am not disqualified for being elected by reason of any disqualification set out in, or decision made under, sections 80 or 81A of the Local Government Act 1972 or section 34 of the Localism Act 2011, or section 30 of the Elections Act 2022 (copies of which are printed overleaf), and I do not hold a politically restricted post, within the meaning of Part 1 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, under a local authority, within the meaning of that Part.						
Note 1: A candidate who is qualified by more than one qualification may complete any of those which may apply.						
Note 2: Disqualifications se to any relevant notification	et out under s.81A of the requirements, or a releva	Local Government ant order, made on	Act 1972 only or after 28 Ju	y apply to a ine 2022.	a person who is	s subject
Date of birth:	23/04/1991					
Signature:	JSmith					
Date of consent:	20 March 2024					
	e above-mentioned cano		claration in n	ny presenc	e.	
Witness (name in full):	Sidney Jackson 1	Brown				
Witness's signature:	SJBrown					

2 – Certificate of authorisation	Office use only			use only
Local government elections in England	Date received	Time received	Initials	No

To accompany the nomination of a candidate standing on behalf of a registered political party. (Note: candidates standing on behalf of two or more parties require a certificate from each party and each must allow the same registered joint description to be used).

This certificate must be issued by the registered Nominating Officer of the party or by a person authorised to sign on their behalf.

This certificate authorises the candidate to use a specific registered description or the name of the party as registered with the Electoral Commission, or to use 'any registered description or the party name as registered with the Electoral Commission'.

This authorised party name or description can then be included by the candidate on the nomination form. It is this which will appear as their description on the ballot paper. Party names and registered descriptions are listed on the Electoral Commission's website (http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk).

Details of candidate to be authorised and the allowed description/party name					
Ward/division name:	Clearvale			Date of election:	2 May 2024
The candidate (name in full):		Josepl	h Smith		
Name of political part	ly:	<i>Gold</i> P Politica		ed with the Ele	ectoral Commission
I hereby certify that the candidate may include the following registered description or party name in their nomination form:					
			u are not the pa party's register		d nominating officer officer
Signature of party's registered Nominating Officer (or person authorised by the registered Nominating Officer):					
Name of person signing this form:			Hugh Robertson		
Date:		31 March 2	024		

This form must be delivered to the Returning Officer by no later than 4pm on the last day to deliver nominations.

3 – Request for a party emblem	Office use only			use only
Local government elections in England	Date received	Time received	Initials	No

This form is for a candidate of a political party who is subject to a certificate of authorisation and who wishes to have a party emblem printed on the ballot paper next to their name.

Party emblems are listed on the Electoral Commission's website (http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk).

This form must be signed by the candidate.

Candidate's request for use of an emblem						
Ward/division name:	Clearv	ale	Date of election:	2 May 2024		
Candidate name in full:	Josepl	r Smith				
I request that the ballot paper shall contain, against my name, the following registered emblem (please identify which emblem if the party has registered more than one):						
Emblem to be used (Please use name or description as on the E Commission's website	Please use name or escription as on the <u>Electoral</u>					
Candidate's signature:		JSmith				
Date:		31 March 2024				

This form is only effective if delivered for a candidate standing on behalf of a political party to the Returning Officer by no later than 4pm on the last day to deliver nominations.

Candidates standing on behalf of more than one political party and using a joint description may choose one emblem from one of the parties that you are standing for. Please indicate the name of the party and the emblem name in the 'Emblem to be used' box above.

4 - Notification of an election agent			Office us	e only
Local government elections in England		Time received	Initials	No
Ward/division name	Clearvale			
Date of election:	2 May 2024			

Candidate's notification of their election agent					
I, (Candidate name in full):	Joseph Smith				
Hereby declare that the name and address of my election agent is:					
Agent's name:	Emma White				
Agent's address (in full):	30 Marine Road, Whitecoast, W32 3AB				
	t to which all claims, notices, legal process and the iments may be sent is:				
Agent's office address (in full):	Gold Party Office, 8 Main Street, Northfold, 599 3XY				
Candidate's signature (or of person authorised to act on behalf of candidate):	JSmith				
Date:	31 March 2024				
Confirmation of acceptance by e	election agent				
candidate.	ance as the election agent for the above named es according to law. I understand that there are ng to law.				
Agent's signature:	EBWhite				
Date:	31 March 2024				

Agent's other details in case of query (optional – will not be published)				
Home telephone:	01742 555555			
Work telephone:	01742 444444			
Mobile telephone:	<i>0</i> 9777 444444			
Email address:	3bwhite5544@goldpartymail.co.uk			

Return to the Returning Officer by no later than 4pm on the last day to deliver nominations.