

Annotated nomination papers guidance for local elections

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 Electoral Services Office on:

 - □ Candidates&Agents@tamworth.gov.uk
- 1.5 It is a good idea to have your nomination paperwork informally checked prior to formally submitting it. This will be offered at the start of your appointment. This will 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

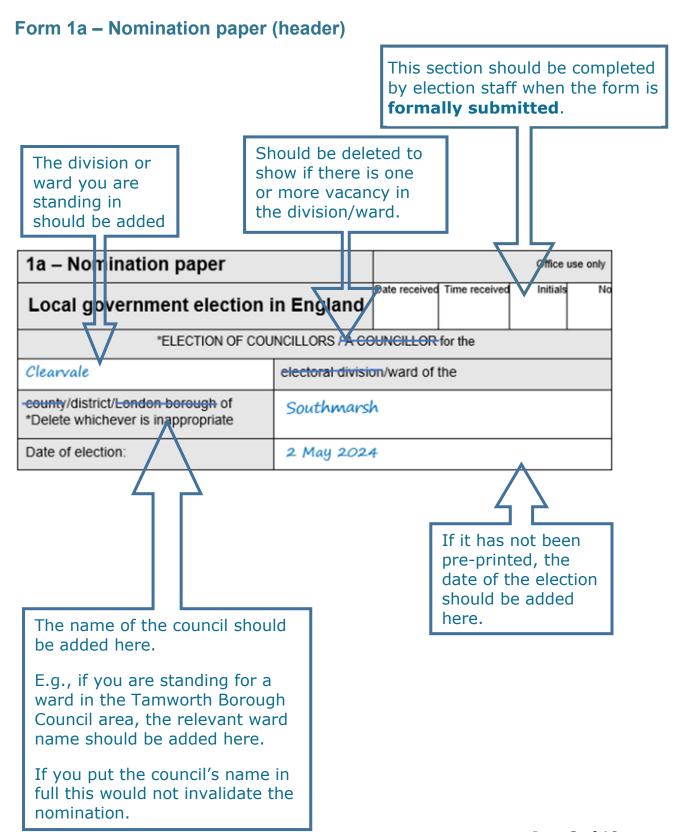
Other useful guidance sources

Guidance for Candidates and Agents at local government elections in England
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 (Candidate's details)

The Candidate's details section must be completed in full before any electors sign the nomination paper

Full names must be added here – no initials.

Prefixes like Sir, or suffixes like Snr, must not be used.

It is not vital to complete this.

Titles will not appear on the ballot paper or other notices.



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.

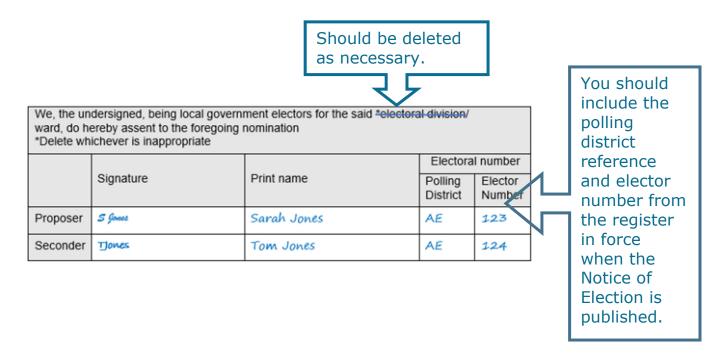
This is optional.

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.

Form 1a – Nomination paper (subscribers)



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

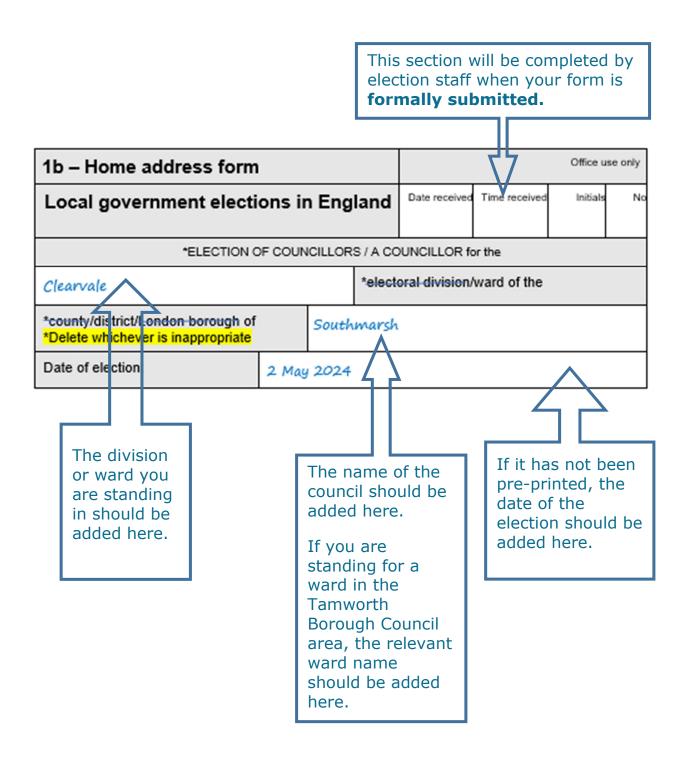
If the Notice of Election has been published earlier than 26 March 2024, we can help you with elector numbers if you tell us the full name and address of each subscriber. Please contact the Electoral Services Office on 01827 214155.

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 division/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.

For further information see the Electoral Commission Guidance

Form 1b – Home address form (header)



All candidates must complete Part 1 of Form 1b

This should be your actual full name, rather than any commonly used

Your home address must be given here:

- in full and without any abbreviations
- it must be your current home address
- it must not be a business address (unless you run a business from your home).

To be con pleted by all candidates in England Joseph Smith Full name of candidate 1 Forest Lane Home address (in full) Southfold, Sag 1ZW 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). Address Qualifications that apply (tick those which apply) (a) I am registered as a local government 1 Forest Lane elector for the area of the Southfold, S99 1ZW *county/district/London borough named (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 Dr Jo's Medical Practice the preceding 12 months has been in the 1 High Street Northfold, S99 2AB *county/district/London borough named above (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 Sidney Jackson Brown candidate's consent to nomination form 3 Forest Lane Full home address of the person who will witness Southfold, S99 1ZW the candidate's consent to nomination form

A full address should be written next to **each** qualification that applies to you.

If relevant, a different address may be used for each qualification.

At least one must match information you give on Form 1c.

There are no restrictions on who can be a witness, but the same person must also witness Form 1c.

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 made public. Note: Please submit this nomination papers, eve If you request that your home the statement of persons nom relevant area in which your hobelow, will appear on the state Statement: I require my home The relevant area my home address is situated in:			
My home address is situated outside the UK. My home address is situated in: Signature of candidate (only r	(insert name of country) equired where Part 2 above has	be an completed)	If either of the two boxes above
Candidate's signature:	J.Smith		have been completed the form
Date:	31 March 2024		must be signed and dated.
	home address is i For example, if you within the Tamwo area, the name of 'Tamworth'.	ndon borough your n. our home address is orth Borough Council the relevant area is tion see the <u>Electoral</u>	

Form 1c – Consent to nomination

The entire form must be submitted including the legislative extracts.

	1c - Candidate's consent to n	omination		Office	use only	
	Local government elections i	n England	Date received	Time received Initia	s No	
	"You must declare that you meet at least one more than one qualification if applicable. To qualification(s) that apply must match the info	do this, strike thro	ugh any that	do not apply. Any		This should be your actual
You must	Date of election:	2 May 2024				full name (rather than
strike through any	I (name in full): hereby consent to my nomination as a	Joseph Smit	n	*6	lectoral	commonly used name)
qualification	candidate for election as councillor for the:	Cle	arvale	divisio	n/ ward	as given in Form 1a.
that does not apply,	of the *county/district/London-borough of: I declare that on the day of my nomination,			nere is a poll on the	day of	FOITH 1a.
leaving at least one not	election, I will be qualified to be so elected qualifying Commonwealth citizen, a citizen State of the European Union, who has atta	of the Republic	of Ireland o	r a citizen of a Mem	ber	
struck	*a. I am registered as a local governme boroug	ent elector for the gh named above		*county/district/Lor	idon	
through.	*6. I have during the whole of the 12 mo owner or tenant land or other	onths preceding er premises in th	that day, or e area nam	those days, occupie ed above, or	d as	
The qualifications	*c. my principal or only place of v *county/district/Lor	ndon borough na	amed above	; or		
which apply must match	*d I have during the whole of those 12 mg	onths resided in the samed above.	the *county/	district or London b	orough.	
the information	I declare that to the best of my knowledge and disqualification set out in, or decision made under, s of the Localism Act 2011, or section 30 of the Elechold a politically restricted post, within the meaning local authority, within the meaning of that Part.	sections 80 or 81A o tions Act 2022 (cop	of the Local Go ies of which a	overnment Act 1972 or s are printed overleaf), an	ection 34 d I do not	
you give in Part 1 of	Note 1: A candidate who is qualified by more than on Note 2: Disqualifications set out under s.81A of the		-			You must
Form 1b.	to any relevant notification requirements, or a relevant notification requirements. Or a relevant notification requirements or a relevant notification requirements.					sign here,
	Signature: Signature: Smith					and the date
	Date of consent: 20 March 2024					should not be earlier
	Witness: 1 confirm the above-mentioned cand	didate signed the de	eclaration in m	y presence.	7	than
	Witness (name in full): Sidney Jackson 1	Brown		\wedge		5 March
	Witness's s gn ture: SJ Brown					2024.
		_			_	
	must be 18 or over	-	This m	ust be the		
	he date the			erson who		
	nination paper is mitted.		of Form	sed Part 1 n 1b.		

Form 2 - Certificate of authorisation

For party candidates only

2 - Certificate of authorisation		Office use only						
Local government elections in England			Date	received	Time re	ceived	Initials	No
Details of cand	lidate to be au	thorised and	the allo	wed d	escri	ption/	party na	ıme
Ward/division name:	Clearvale			Date		2 N	lay 202	4
The candidate (name in full):		Joseph Smith						
Name of political p	arty:	Gold Party Political party I	egistere	d with	the Ele	ectoral	Commis	sion
I hereby certify that may include the fol registered descript name in their nomi	llowing ion or party	Gold party c	andida	te		<	\ \ \ \	
Note: it is an offen or au		orm if you are no o by the party's						fficer
Signature of party's Officer (or person a registered Nomina	authorised by the	ninating	iertson					
Name of person si	gning this form:	Hugh	Robert	son				
Date:		31 M	arch 2	024				
Must be sig Officer or s	•				g			

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'.

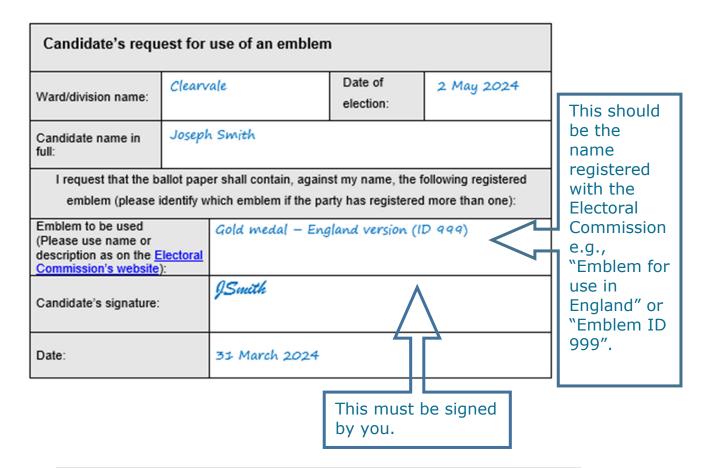
Check the <u>Electoral</u> <u>Commission</u> <u>website</u> for descriptions.

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.

(To request an emblem as registered with the EC)

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



Emblems can be found on the <u>Electoral Commission website</u> by searching the registration details for the party and clicking for more details to view the emblems

Form 4 – Agent notification form

4 - Notification of an election agent

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

Office use only

Local government elections	s in England Date received 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 add	ress of my election agent is:						
Agent's name:	Emma White						
Agent's address (in full):	10 Marine Road, Whitecoast, W12 3AB						
	ent to which all claims, notices, legal process and the cuments may be sent is:						
Agent's office address (in full):	Gold Party Office, 8 Main Street, Northfold, S99 3XY						
Candidate's signature (or of person authorised to act on behalf of candidate):	J.Smith						
Date:	31 March 2024						
candidate. Lunderstand that I must carry out my du	ptance as the election agent for the above named ities according to law. I understand that there are						
penalties if I fail to fulfil my duties accord Agent's signature:	to law. ###################################						
Date:	31 March 2024						

Agent's other details in case of query (optional - will not be published)

3bwhite5544@goldpartymail.co.uk

Must be a physical address, within the council area, or in a constituency within the local government area, or in a district, borough, Welsh county/ county borough adjoining it.

The agent's office address will appear on the Notice of Election Agents.

It is useful to provide this information in case of query or follow up contact.

If you appoint yourself as your election agent, but are withholding your home address from the ballot paper and do not want it to appear on the Notice of Election Agents, you can provide an office address which is different to your home address.

01742 555555

01742 444444

09777 444444

Home telephone:

Work telephone:

Mobile telephone:

Email address:

For more information see the <u>Electoral Commission guidance</u>

Appendix A – Example of correctly completed nomination

1a – Nomination paper				Office	use only
Local government election in England			Time received	Initials	No
*ELECTION OF COU	NCILLORS / A CC	UNCILLOR	for the		
Clearvale	electoral division	on/ward of	the		
*Delete whichever is inappropriate	Southmars	h			
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 Electoral number Signature Print name Polling Elector District Number S Jones Sarah Jones Proposer AE 123 Seconder Dones AE Tom Jones 124

1b – Home address form)					Office u	ise only
Local government elections in England			Date received	Time received	Initials	No	
*ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS / A-G(UNCILLOR (or the		
Clearvale *elect			*electe	oral division/	ward of the		
*county/district/London-borough of *Delete whichever is inappropriate		Southmarsh					
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)		1 Forest Lane Southfold, S99 1ZW			
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	*	1 Forest Lane Southfold, S99 1ZW			
(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 1 High Street Northfold, S99 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 witne the candidate's consent to nomination form	ss	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:	Southwarsh (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 r	Signature of candidate (only required where Part 2 above has been completed)				
Candidate's signature:	9Smith				
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

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;
- 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
- if the address is within the Isles of Scilly, the Isles of Scilly

· For home addresses in Wales:

- if the address is within a county, that county;
- if the address is within a county borough, that county borough

· For home addresses in Scotland:

the local government area in which the address is situated

. For home addresses in Northern Ireland:

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

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

1c - Candidate's consent to nomination			Office	ise only
Local government elections in England	Date received	Time received	Initials	No

"You must declare that you meet at least one of the listed qualification(s) below and may declare more than one qualification if applicable. To do this, strike through any that do not apply. Any qualification(s) that apply must match the information given on your home address form.

Date of election:	2 May 2024		
I (name in full):	Joseph Smith		
hereby consent to my nomination as a candidate for election as councillor for the:	Clean	rvale	*electoral division/ ward
of the *county/district/London-borough of:		Southmarsh	

I declare that on the day of my nomination, I am qualified and that, if there is a poll on the day of election, I will be qualified to be so elected by virtue of being on that day or those days a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland or a citizen of a Member State of the European Union, who has attained the age of 18 years and that:

*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.

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 set out under s.81A of the Local Government Act 1972 only apply to a person who is subject to any relevant notification requirements, or a relevant order, made on or after 28 June 2022.

Date of birth:	23/04/1991
Signature:	J.Smith
Date of consent:	20 March 2024

Witness: I confirm the above-mentioned candidate signed the declaration in my presence.

Witness (name in full):	Sidney Jackson Brown
Witness's signature:	SJ Brown

2 - Certificate of authorisation	Office 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 nam					otion/party name
Ward/division name:	Clearvale			Date of election:	2 May 2024
The candidate (name in full):		Joseph Smith			
Name of political part	y:	Gold Party Political party registered with the Electoral Commission			
I hereby certify that the candidate may include the following registered description or party name in their nomination form:		Gold party candidate			
Note: it is an offence to sign this form i or authorised to do so by					
Signature of party's registered Nomin Officer (or person authorised by the registered Nominating Officer):			H Robertson		
Name of person signing this form:			Hugh Robert	son	
Date:			31 March 21	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			
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:	Clearvale		Date of election:	2 May 2024	
Candidate name in full:	Joseph 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 <u>Electoral</u> Commission's website):		Gold medal — Eng	land version (II) 999)	
Candidate's signature:		9.Smith			
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 use only		
			Time received	Initials	No
Local government elections in England					
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 addre	ess of my election agent is:			
Agent's name:	Emma White			
Agent's address (in full):	10 Marine Road, Whitecoast, W12 3AB			
The office address of my election agent to which all claims, notices, legal process and the other documents may be sent is:				
Agent's office address (in full):	Gold Party Office, 8 Main Street, Northfold, S99 3XY			
Candidate's signature (or of person authorised to act on behalf of candidate):	9. Smith			
Date:	31 March 2024			
Confirmation of acceptance by election agent				
I [agent named above] confirm my acceptance as the election agent for the above named candidate. I understand that I must carry out my duties according to law. I understand that there are penalties if I fail to fulfil my duties according 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:	09777 444444		
Email address:	3bwhite5544@goldpartymail.co.uk		

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