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Application for inclusion to the list of Approved Candidates for elections to Telford & Wrekin Council.

Please return to candidates@twld.org.uk or post to:

Telford and Wrekin Liberal Democrats, 65, Hallcroft Gardens, Newport TF10 7PP.

Please feel free to attach additional sheets to provide full and comprehensive information on any of the points raised. If handwriting responses, please write as clearly as possible.

1	Full Name	
2	Address	
3	Social media handles (including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram if applicable). (These may be looked at prior to the panel interview)	
4	Have you ever been a member of another political party? If so, please give details	
5	Are you seeking approval to stand in target ward(s) or only non-target ward(s) (e.g. "paper candidate")	Target wards <input type="checkbox"/> Non-target wards <input type="checkbox"/> A "target ward" is a ward the local party is prioritising in an election campaign. A candidate approved for target wards may also opt to stand for selection in a non-target ward.
6	Would you prefer any particular ward or area?	
7	What would you hope to achieve on the Council?	

8	Offices held (if any) within the Liberal Democrats, at all levels	
9	Previous elections in which you have been a candidate	
10	Please state your campaigning experience in the Liberal Democrats and any campaigning experience outside the party.	
11	Which policies of the Liberal Democrats do you find most attractive? Please state why	
12	Name at least one Liberal Democrat policy you disagree with, and state why	
13	Other national and local bodies of which you are a member (e.g. Trade Union, Community Group, School Governor, Local Residents, Mosque, Freemasons, National Trust etc.).	
14	Are there any subjects in which you have particular knowledge and/or expertise?	
15	Present job & place of employment or any caring responsibilities etc.	

16	Previous employment experience and education over the past 10 years	
17	Would your job or your personal circumstances make it difficult for you to campaign between now and the election, or make it difficult to fulfil your duties as a councillor? If so, please state why	
18	How much time can you commit to working in a ward if you are selected?	
19	Time available for your council duties if elected?	
20	Are you willing to undertake training to improve your skills?	
21	Qualification to stand Part I Please confirm that you qualified to stand in respect of your citizenship	<p><i>Please indicate all that apply:</i></p> <p>British citizen <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Commonwealth citizen <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Citizen of the Republic of Ireland <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Citizen of any other European Union member state <input type="checkbox"/></p>
22	Qualification to stand Part II Please confirm that you are qualified to stand in respect of your links with the Borough of Telford and Wrekin	<p><i>Please indicate all that apply:</i></p> <p>Registered as a local government elector in Telford & Wrekin borough <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Owner or tenant of land within Telford & Wrekin borough (for the whole preceding 12 months) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Principal or only place of work within Telford & Wrekin borough (for the whole preceding 12 months) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Resident within the borough <input type="checkbox"/></p>

23	<p>Qualification to stand Part III</p> <p>Please confirm you are not barred from standing due to any of these reasons:</p>	<p>Imprisonment <i>Anyone convicted of a crime within the last 5 years who has a sentence passed of more than 3 months is disqualified.</i></p> <p>Employees of local councils <i>Employees cannot stand for election to the council that employs them; nor can employees of other councils who work in a 'Politically Restricted Post'.</i></p> <p>Surcharge <i>People who have been surcharged by a District Auditor to an amount of more than £500 within 5 years of polling day are disqualified.</i></p> <p>Corrupt and illegal practices <i>People who have been guilty of corrupt or illegal practices under the Representation of the People Act are disqualified from being a candidate.</i></p> <p>Bankruptcy <i>Bankruptcy in itself is not a disqualification. If you have been adjudged bankrupt by a court in England, Wales or Northern Ireland, you are not disqualified on that basis. However, you are disqualified if you are currently subject to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>an interim bankruptcy restrictions order</i> • <i>a bankruptcy restrictions order</i> • <i>an interim debt relief restrictions order</i> • <i>a debt relief restrictions order</i> <p><i>made by a court in England or Wales. If the order was made in Northern Ireland, you should take your own legal advice since the law is complex in this area.</i></p> <p>I confirm I am not barred from standing due to any of these reasons <input type="checkbox"/></p>
24	Have you EVER had any criminal convictions, including spent ones? If so please give full details.	
25	Are there any matters, which might cause political embarrassment if they became known?	
26	Do you require any additional support or help to perform your duties during the campaign and as a councillor? (i.e.	

	literacy/numeracy, any disability, other?)	
27	Please list any reasons why you feel you should not make a financial contribution from your basic councillor allowance if elected. (See <i>Declaration C</i> below.)	
28	Names and contact details of two people willing to give you a reference if required	Referee 1
		Referee 2

Declaration (please sign the boxes)

A	I support the Local Party Development Plan and will assist in its implementation and amendment.	
B	If elected I am prepared to accept the standing orders of the Liberal Democrat Group on the Council.	
C	If elected I agree to make a minimum 10% contribution from my Councillor's Allowances to the Local Party in support of its Campaigning. (Please see item 26 above)	
D	I declare that all the information on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge	
	Date	

Please note: the Candidate Approval Panel reserves the right to withdraw approval if your circumstances (as described above) change, or are subsequently found not to be as described above.