Thank you for considering being a candidate in the forthcoming Welsh Parliament elections and/or the next UK Parliament elections.

Being an election candidate is vitally important as you will give every voter in your constituency or region the chance to vote Green. As a candidate you will also be uniquely placed to publicise our green message and shape the terms of the election debate. It is also possible that you could be elected as a member of the Welsh Parliament, giving you the chance to hold the Welsh Government to account and to promote Green Party policies in the Senedd. Having a Green Party member of the Welsh Parliament will be a game changer.

Every constituency and regional list candidate for the Welsh Parliament is expected to do some campaigning (ie, be more than a paper candidate). Constituency candidates are expected to campaign for their regional list. All candidates should also support the campaign in our priority region, which is where we have the greatest chance of success, by asking party activists to campaign there.

It is not essential but desirable that all regional list candidates are also constituency candidates for the Welsh Parliament elections. Likewise, it is also advantageous for the constituency candidate for the Welsh Parliament to be the candidate for the same constituency for the UK Parliament.

This nomination form is in three parts:

1. **About me** – who you are, what you are standing for. This is for your local Green Party Electoral Returning Officer (ERO) to use in organising the selection process.
2. **Candidate Declaration** – a requirement of our Constitution and to help us manage any potential media issues. This will be kept confidential to party officials.
3. **Why me** – your background and experience, why you should be selected. This will be shared with members to help them decide who to vote for in the selection process.

Once completed, please return this nomination form to Brian Laing (the Returning Officer) at brian.laing@walesgreenparty.com by **Friday 03rd July 2020**.

# Part 1: About me

Nomination to be a candidate in

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| Tick all that apply | Name of Region/Constituency |
|  | Regional List candidate for the Welsh Parliament |  |
|  | Constituency candidate for the Welsh Parliament |  |
|  | Constituency candidate for the UK Parliament |  |

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| Full name |  |
| Address |  |
| Post code |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Email |  |

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| I have been a paid up member of the Green Party for more than one year (Delete as applicable) | Yes | No |
| When did you join the Green Party? |  |
| Which is your local party? |  |

You must have two nominators who are Green Party members within the constituency or region. They should either sign this form or email the Returning Officer before the close of nominations to say that they are willing to be a nominator for you.

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|  | Name | Signature |
| Nominator 1 |  |  |
| Nominator 2 |  |  |

If you have been a member for less than 1 year and wish to stand, you will need 10 nominators. Please refer to the members’ website for further details and consult with the Returning Officer running this selection process.

# Part 2: Candidate Declaration

**Guidance:** These questions are a requirement of the national Green Party constitution. A copy of your answers here will be kept confidentially on file by the Green Party of England and Wales. 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 can contact the Green Party Chief Executive, Governance Officer and Executive Member for Management via *safeguarding@greenparty.org.uk* for advice on whether something needs to be declared (not your Field Organiser for confidentiality). This is in complete confidence. Your query will be logged anonymously.

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.

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| Please confirm that to the best of your knowledge you are both qualified under Green Party rules to be a candidate, and are – or will at the appropriate time – be legally qualified and not disqualified to stand at the election. |
| I am so qualified and not disqualified (delete as applicable) | Yes | No |
| If you are not qualified at this time, please indicate what action you will take to change your status by the necessary date(s) (e.g. planning to change employment): |
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| Please list any criminal convictions you have received in the last 10 years You should also include anything for which you, your partner or member of your immediate family may have recently been arrested for or are awaiting trial for.  |
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| 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 for the UK or Welsh Parliament or as an MP or AS, or would bring the Party into serious disrepute or result in adverse media coverage. |
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| Are there any other matters that you wish to address regarding candidacy? |
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| Signature |  |
| Print name |  | Date |  |

# Part 3: About me

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| Please make your case, in 500 words or less, as to why you should be selected as the Green Party candidate. You may want to highlight your ability to campaign effectively as well as what you could bring to the role of a member of the Welsh Parliament. |
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| Have you read Wales Green Party's Policies for a Sustainable Society in Wales and do you broadly agree with its philosophy and policies? | Yes | No |
| Please indicate any significant areas of disagreement: |
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| If you have links with or have previously been a member of another political party (or parties) please give details, with the dates of your membership(s) |
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| If selected to stand, how much time can you commit to campaigning in the final six weeks before polling day? (hours per week) |  |
| If selected to stand, how much time can you commit to campaigning in the previous six months? (hours per month) |  |
| If selected to stand, do you agree to abide by election law, the local party’s election strategy once agreed, and to heed the advice of the Green Party's local and national Election officers? | Yes | No |
| If selected to stand, do you agree to help your local party raise funds for your deposit and election expenses? | Yes | No |
| If selected to stand, are you willing to take part in all public hustings events and interviews by print and broadcast media? | Yes | No |
| If you are selected to be on the regional list of candidates but not on the top of the list, do you commit to staying on the list and being an active campaigner? | Yes | No |
| If elected as a member of the Welsh Parliament, are you willing to donate 2.5% of your salary to your local party, 2.5% to the Association of Green Councillors and 5% to Wales Green Party? | Yes | No |
| If elected as a member of the Welsh Parliament, do you agree to abide by the codes of conduct for elected members and to declare any interests that you have (e.g. business or financial interests, land / property ownership, membership of organisations)? | Yes | No |
| Any other comments in relation to your application? |
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