

Nominations

Important Information

Covid19

The Elections scheduled for 6 May 2021 will present many challenges for Candidates and Returning Officers.

Candidates and Agents are advised that the administration and conduct of the Election are unaffected by Covid 19 restrictions. The Returning Officer is therefore required to maintain the Rule of Law throughout the Electoral process.

Nomination process

The Returning Officer strongly recommends that Candidates and Agents refer to the Electoral Commission's guidance [Candidate Guide](#) before completing their Nomination forms.

The period for receipt of nominations will commence following publication of the Notice of Election on 19 March 2021.

Nomination pre check

You are strongly advised to have your Nomination checked by the Returning Officer before formally submitting it.

You should send this to Nominations@braintree.gov.uk

Nomination Forms

Delivery protocol:

- Nomination forms must be delivered by hand, they **cannot** be submitted by post, fax, email or any other electronic means.
- Telephone 01376 557751 to book an appointment,

Nomination period:

- Nomination period - Monday 22 March 2021 to 4.00pm on Thursday 8 April 2021.
- Nomination delivery - Monday to Friday between 9.00am and 4pm during the Nomination period.

Delivery Address:

- The Returning Officer, Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree, Essex, CM7 5AH

Name

This should be your Full Name as published on the Register of Electors. This will be the name that appears on the Ballot Paper. You may however request that a commonly used name be used

Commonly Known as

The guiding principle is that you cannot change your full name ie; 1) you cannot change the order of your full names, or 2) “drop” any of your full names. For clarity:

Full Name	Commonly known as	
Stephen Peter Smith	Peter Stephen Smith	Not permitted
	Peter Smith	Not permitted
	Stephen Smith	Not Permitted
	Steve Smith	Permitted
	Pete Smith	Permitted

Party Names/Descriptions/Logo's

If you are County or District Council candidate:

- **Political Party Candidate** – Your Party Nominating Officer must authorised the use of one of the Party Descriptions and Logo's registered with the Electoral Commission.
- **Independent Candidate** – if you want the word 'Independent' to appear on the ballot paper underneath your name, you need to state this on the nomination form. No other descriptions are allowed for candidates who are not standing on behalf of a registered political party.

If you are Town or Parish Council candidate:

- **Political Party Candidate** – Your Party Nominating Officer must authorised the use of one of the Party Descriptions and Logo's registered with the Electoral Commission.
- **Independent Candidate** – You are permitted a maximum of a 6 word description ie “Occupation” or “Retired Occupation” etc.

Proposer, Seconder and Subscribers

You are required to have your Nomination Proposed and Seconded by local government electors in the area of the election.

In addition, for County and District Council Candidates, you must have the support of a further 8 Subscribers from electors in the area of the election.

Note – Proposer, Seconder and Subscribers are all required to sign in their own style “wet ink” No electronic alternatives are permitted

Home Address form

If you do not wish for your address to be made public on the Ballot Paper you must make this request on the form which is part of the Nomination Pack.

You must complete the form in full.