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Application for inclusion to the list of Approved Candidates for elections to Tower Hamlets Council.

Please return by post to arrive by the relevant deadline to:

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Or as an electronic file by email to eddie.long@gmail.com

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. Personal details

Full Name	
Address	
Date of Birth	
Telephone numbers	
E-mail address	
Personal website address and/or Twitter handle	
Party Membership number and renewal date	
Name of Local Party	
How long have you been a member of the Liberal Democrats?	
Have you ever been a member of another political party? If so, please give details	
Present job & place of employment or any caring responsibilities etc.	

Other national and local bodies of which you are a member (e.g. Trade Union, Community Group, etc.).	
Other elected or appointed public offices held.	
Other interests outside politics.	
Are there any subjects in which you have particular knowledge or expertise?	
Offices held (if any) within the Liberal Democrats, at all levels	

2. Qualification to stand

Please confirm that you are qualified to stand in respect of your links with the London Borough of Tower Hamlets	<p><i>Please indicate all that apply:</i></p> <p>Registered as a local government elector in Tower Hamlets <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Owner or tenant of land within Tower Hamlets (for the whole preceding 12 months) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Principal or only place of work within Tower Hamlets (for the whole preceding 12 months) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Resident within the borough <input type="checkbox"/></p>
Please confirm you are not barred from standing due to any of these reasons:	<p>Bankruptcy <i>Anyone who has been adjudged bankrupt or who has made an arrangement with their creditors is disqualified from standing until they are discharged.</i></p> <p>Imprisonment <i>Anyone convicted of a crime within the last five years who has a sentence passed of more than three 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</i></p>

	<p><i>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>I confirm I am not barred from standing due to any of these reasons <input type="checkbox"/></p>
Have you ever had any criminal convictions, including spent ones? If so please give full details.	
Are there any matters, which might cause political embarrassment if they became known?	
Nominations	If selected as a candidate for a Ward I am prepared to acquire the signatures of 11 local residents supporting my nomination <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

3. Candidacy and campaigning experience

Are you seeking approval as a candidate for a Target Ward or Non-target Ward?	<p>Please indicate all that apply:</p> <p>Target Ward <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Non-target Ward <input type="checkbox"/></p>
Would you prefer any particular ward or area?	
What would you hope to achieve on the Council?	
Have you been a candidate in any previous elections?	
Please state any campaigning experience in the Liberal Democrats	
Other non-political campaigning experience	

Which policies of the Liberal Democrats do think are important to voters in Tower Hamlets?	
Would your job or your personal circumstances make it difficult for you to campaign between now and the election? If so, please state why	
Would your job or your personal circumstances make it difficult for you to fulfil your duties as a councillor? If so, please state why	
Do you require any additional support or help to perform your duties during the campaign and as a councillor?	
How would you describe your communications skills? Please state why	
How would you describe your IT skills? What tools are you familiar with?	

4. Declarations

- I will support the ward targeting strategy of the local party and will ensure that campaign resources are directed to target wards
- If I am not approved as a candidate or in the event that I am not selected as a candidate by the Liberal Democrats, I will not seek or allow myself to be nominated as a candidate nor support the nomination of any other candidate in any election contested by an official Liberal Democrat candidate
- I will publicly support other Liberal Democrat candidates in local, regional and national elections while I am a selected candidate

If elected as a Councillor:

- I shall ensure that my Liberal Democrat Party membership subscription is paid by direct debit at the standard rate
- For the duration of my position as Councillor, I shall donate 10% of my Council allowance to Tower Hamlets Liberal Democrats, by monthly direct debit.
- I agree to join the Liberal Democrat group on Tower Hamlets Council and abide by its constitution and standing orders and the provisions of the national rules of the Liberal Democrats

5. Referees

Please provide the names and contact details of two Liberal Democrat members who are willing to give you a reference if required.

Referee 1	Referee 2

I declare that all the information on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____ 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.