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Dear Election Agent

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS - 4 JULY 2024 - ELY AND EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE CONSTITUENCY

I am aware that you have either appointed your prospective candidate or are in the process of considering nominations and I wanted to give you advance notice of arrangements for nominations.

Nominations

The requirements for the 2024 Parliamentary elections are 10 subscribers (including the proposer and the seconder).

Please find enclosed the nomination pack including the following documentation:

- Nomination Pack
- Withdrawal form

Nominations will open from the first working day after the publication of the Notice of Election on Monday 3 June 2024 at 10.00am and will close on Friday 7 June 2024 at 4.00pm.

It is a requirement to present the nomination paper, home address forms and consent to nomination forms by hand and cannot be submitted by post, email etc. Only the certificate of authorisation and emblem request can be received by post.

The place of delivery, informal checking and formal submission will be at East Cambridgeshire District Council, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, Cambs CB7 4EE. Given the complexity of the nomination process, please make an appointment with the Elections Team to submit your nomination forms.

Returning to the requirements of the nomination process, the deposit of £500 will be accepted in cash, bankers draft, electronic transfer of funds or payment by debit card. Electronic payment is preferred. The deposit must be received by the deadline for the submission of nomination papers and the candidate will not be validly nominated until receipt of the payment.

In addition, to assist you in the nomination process, can I clarify a number of further issues, specifically:

- 1. More than 10 subscribers (including proposer and seconder) only the first 10 subscribers on any nomination paper can be considered. Nevertheless, occasionally a mistake is made or identified at the informal check with the subscribers on a nomination form and this entry should be crossed out and initialled.
 - In the event, I will check the first 10 subscribers (excluding any entry which has been crossed out) so under these circumstances it may be advisable (if you wish) to include more than 10 subscribers in your nomination papers prior to the informal check.
- 2. PLEASE NOTE revised guidance on 'Commonly used names' for elections on or after 2 May 2024 (ie they will apply to these Parliamentary elections). This guidance can be found by following this link. Commonly used name(s) | Electoral Commission

In addition, please see confirmation of the Candidates and Agents meeting which will take place remotely on Tuesday 11 June 2024 at 10.30am. (Agenda will be forwarded nearer the time). At this meeting you will be advised on a number of matters including arrangements for postal vote despatch and opening, arrangements for verification and count and key dates post election.

For information, this letter and the attached documents will appear on the East Cambridgeshire website https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/elections-voting/uk-parliamentary-general-election-4-july-2024

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at <u>elections@eastcambs.gov.uk</u> or telephone 01353 616460.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely

John Hill

Acting Returning Officer (Elv and East Cambridgeshire)

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