

Form Title: 2022 Council Elections - Candidate Questions

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#	Question	Response
1	Candidate Name	Samina Riaz Nagra
2	Party Represented	Labour Party
3	Ward Standing In	Feltham North
4	Do you live in the ward which you wish to represent?	No
5	Why this ward, if you don't live here?	I am a resident of Hanworth and the local residents express similar concerns across the wards. I feel I am able to apply my experience from talking to residents in Hanworth to Feltham North.
6	What motivates you to stand as a local councillor?	I have always been a people's person and love engaging with people from all backgrounds. I am passionate about representing the underrepresented members of the community and about resolving local issues.
7	How do you plan to engage with the local community if you are elected, beyond mandatory surgeries?	As an elected Councillor, I will be visible and accessible to my residents by frequently visiting the ward. In addition to this, my social media platform will also be available for residents to access.
8	How do you think we could better serve the young people in our community, outside of school related activities?	There needs to be an increased provision of youth community centres in the ward. Will also work closely with the Police and community to focus on youth development and play a more central role in promoting youth centres within the ward.
9	How confident are you that we have enough infrastructure for the planned influx of residents?	At present, there is a strong need for social housing but that must be channeled through the correct avenues and through consultation. We need to create a balance between authorizing new developments and preserving our green spaces.
10	How do you feel you can contribute to get more residents into employment?	The emphasis by better engaging with local businesses to promote apprenticeships.
11	How do you think we should balance the need for green space, and additional accommodation in the area?	Consultation with residents and developers to find a balance.
12	What time per week/month do you feel you will be able to commit to your role as a councillor?	I am available on weekends and most of the time during week days as well.
13	What activities do you currently undertake within the community beyond your working life?	Being an active labour member, I have been participated in Hanworth Food Bank during the Covid-19 pandemic and I had helped opening universal accounts for jobless residents and given advices for job searching platforms.
14	How do you feel about the planned developments in the local area? Which do you support, or not support?	There is a great need for social and affordable housing in the area. It's about finding the correct balance between development and preserving green spaces.
15	Do you support more resident participation in council meetings, like the Area Forum?	Yes, involving residents will enable us and them to make better informed decision on local issues. It's about working together for the betterment of the ward.