## **Candidate Questionnaire and Answers**

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COUNCIL	Whittlesea City Council 2024
WARD (if applicable)	Lalor Ward
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	McNAUGHT, Ellen

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? *(maximum 50 words)* My vision is a thriving, sustainable municipality where everyone feels safe and connected. I see vibrant community spaces, innovative local businesses, and services that meet our diverse needs. We'll prioritise environmental initiatives, affordability, enhance active transport, and foster inclusive decision-making.

What expertise or attributes do you have which would help you in undertaking the role of Councillor? *Provide details (maximum 50 words)* 

Holding senior leadership roles in the for-purpose sectors, I bring strong governance and collaborative leadership skills. My background in mental health and volunteering demonstrates my community focus. Undertaking a PhD, I offer analytical thinking and policy expertise. My independent stance ensures decisions based on community needs, not party politics.

Have you read the current Council Plan for the council named above?	Yes
Have you read the current Councillor Code of Conduct for the council named above?	Yes
Are you endorsed by a registered political party? Note: Registered political party has the same meaning as in Part 4 of the Electoral Act 2002. If yes, provide the name of the registered political party.	No
Are you currently a Councillor?	No
If yes, what has been your attendance record at Council meetings during your current term of office? Note: Council meetings means Council meetings referred to in section 61 of the Local Government Act 2020 but does not include meetings held for which a Councillor has been granted leave from attending by the Council.	
What are your contact details (so that voters can contact you)? <i>Provide details</i> ellen.for.lalor@gmail.com	

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