

# Thurrock Council volunteer role description

## Co-opted Member (Heritage / Countryside and Conservation Representative)

<b>Supported by</b>	Planning Services
<b>Role summary</b>	Provide a non-voting perspective representing heritage, countryside and conservation interests in planning decisions.
<b>Location</b>	Thurrock Council Offices, New Road, Grays, RM17 6SL
<b>How to apply</b>	Complete an application form at <a href="http://www.thurrock.gov.uk/volunteering">www.thurrock.gov.uk/volunteering</a>

### Tasks and responsibilities

- Attend Planning Committee meetings and contribute to discussions (non-voting).
- Represent relevant stakeholder interests in planning considerations.
- Review planning applications and reports in advance.
- Provide informed commentary on impacts of development proposals.
- Contribute to discussions on policy, development and enforcement matters.
- Maintain high standards of conduct and impartiality.
- Attend training and participate in site visits where appropriate.

### Skills and experience

- Relevant knowledge or experience in the subject area.
- Ability to analyse information and contribute to discussions.
- Good communication skills.
- Ability to remain impartial.
- Willingness to learn planning processes.

### Time commitment

- Attendance at Planning Committee meetings, these usually take place at 6pm on a Tuesday evening, once per month.
- Preparation time to read agenda papers.
- Occasional site visits and training.

### Support you will get

We will:

- provide induction training if needed
- provide on-going support and guidance

**This role does not require a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.**