

Thurrock Council volunteer role description

Co-opted Member (Trade and Commerce Representative)

Supported by	Planning Services
Role summary	Provide a non-voting perspective representing local trade and commerce to support balanced planning decisions.
Location	Thurrock Council Offices, New Road, Grays, RM17 6SL
How to apply	Complete an application form at www.thurrock.gov.uk/volunteering

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.