

APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTING ONTO THE EARLS COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Parish Councillor.

Please provide the below information to assist ECPC in making their decision.

Please complete both PART A and PART B.

PART A

Full Name & Title	
Home Address	
Mobile and Telephone Number	
Email Address	
About You Please provide ECPC with some background information about yourself. Please use a separate sheet if required.	

Reasons for applying.

Please provide ECPC with your reasons for wanting to become a Parish Councillor. Please use a separate sheet if required.

PART B

In order to be eligible for co-option as a Earls Colne Parish Councillor you must be a British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union; and on the 'relevant date' (i.e. the day on which you are nominated or if there is a poll the day of the election) 18 years of age or over; and additionally able to meet one of the following qualifications set out below.

Please tick which applies to you:

- a) I am registered as a local government elector for the parish; or
- b) I have, during the whole of the twelve months preceding the date of my co-option, occupied as owner or tenant, land, or other premises in the parish; or
- c) My principal or only place of work during those twelve months has been in the parish;

Or

- d) I have during the whole of twelve months resided in the parish or within 3 miles of it

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Please note that under Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972 a person is disqualified from being elected as a Parish Councillor or being a member of a Parish Council if they:

- a) Hold any paid office or employment of the local council (other than the office of Chair) or of a joint committee on which the ECPC is represented; or
- b) Is a person who has been adjudged bankrupt or has made a composition or arrangement with their creditors (but see below); or
- c) Has within five years before the day of election, or since their election, been convicted in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man of any offence and has been sentenced to imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for not less than three months without the option of a fine; or
- d) Is otherwise disqualified under Part III of the representation of the People Act 1983 for corrupt or illegal practices.

This disqualification for bankruptcy ceases in the following circumstances:

- i. If the bankruptcy is annulled on the grounds that either the person ought not to have been adjudged bankrupt or that their debts have been fully discharged.
- ii. If the person is discharged with a certificate that the bankruptcy was caused by misfortune without misconduct on his/her part.
- iii. If the person is discharged without such a certificate.

In (i) and (ii) above, the disqualification ceases on the date of the annulment and discharge, respectively.

In (iii), it ceases on the expiry of five years from the date of discharge.

DECLARATION

I..... hereby confirm that I am eligible for the vacancy of Earls Colne Parish Councillor, and the information given on this form is true and accurate record.

Signature	
Date	

Please return your completed application to the ECPC Parish Clerk.

Your application will be considered at the next available ECPC meeting, where a vote will be held to decide whether the ECPC agrees to co-opt you onto Earls Colne Parish Council.

Data Protection: The information provided on this application will remain Private and Confidential.

APPENDIX B – CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR PERSONAL SPECIFICATION

Competency	Essential	Desirable
Personal Attributes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sound knowledge and understanding of local affairs and the local community. • Forward Thinking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can bring a new skill, expertise, or key local knowledge to the ECPC.
Experience, Skills, Knowledge, and Ability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to listen constructively. • A good team player. • Ability to pick up and run with a variety of projects. • Solid Interest in local matters. • Ability and willingness to represent the ECPC and their community. • Good interpersonal skills and able to contribute opinions at meetings whilst willing to see others' views and accept majority decisions. • Ability to communicate succinctly and clearly. • Ability and willingness to work closely with other members and to maintain good working relationships with all members and staff. • Ability and willingness to work with the ECPC partners (e.g. voluntary groups, other parish Councils, principal authority, charities). • Ability and willingness to undertake induction training and other relevant training. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working or being a member in a local authority or other public body. • Experience of working with voluntary and or local community / interest groups. • Basic knowledge of legal issues relating to town and parish Councils or local authorities. • Experience of delivering presentations.
Circumstances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability and willingness to attend meetings of the ECPC (or meetings of other local authorities and local bodies) at any time and events in the evening and at weekends. 	