



OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL

CO-OPTION APPLICATION FORM

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Guidance for Candidates at Town or Parish council elections in England can be found on the Electoral Commission website at [Qualifications | Electoral Commission](#).

To be eligible to become a Councillor, candidates must meet the following criteria.

I confirm that (please tick all which apply to you):

I am 18 years of age or over	X
I am a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, a qualifying EU citizen or an EU citizen with retained rights	X

Candidates must also meet at least **one** of the following four qualifications.

I confirm that (please tick all which apply to you):

I am, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish in which I wish to stand from the day of my nomination onwards.	X
I have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of my nomination and the day of election or co-option.	X
My main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of my nomination and the day of election or co-option has been in the parish area.	
I have lived in the parish area or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of my nomination and the day of election or co-option.	X

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 Section 80 there are some reasons why a person is disqualified from being a Town Councillor

Guidance regarding the disqualification of Candidates at Town or Parish council elections in England can be found on the Electoral Commission website at [Disqualifications | Electoral Commission](#)

I confirm that (please tick all which apply to you):

I am not employed by the parish/town council or hold a paid office under the parish/town council (including joint boards or committees).	X
I am not the subject of bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order.	X
I have not been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of three months or more (including a suspended sentence), without the option of a fine, during the five years before the day of nomination and the ordinary period allowed for making an appeal or applications in respect of the conviction has passed.	X
I have not been disqualified under the Representation of the People Act 1983 (which covers corrupt or illegal electoral practices).	X
I am not subject to the notification requirement of or under Part 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, and the ordinary period allowed for making an appeal or application in respect of the order or notification has passed.	X
I have not have been convicted of an intimidatory criminal offence motivated by hostility towards a candidate, future candidate or campaigner or holder of a relevant elective office. ⁹ relevant elective office for five years.	X

Explain up to 100 words why you consider yourself to be a suitable candidate to become a Councillor

For the past seven years I have served as Chairman of a large social club in East Sussex, leading it through a period of significant growth and improved financial stability. Through hard work, clear vision, and collaborative leadership, the club has strengthened both commercially and socially for its 1,500 members. This role has given me practical experience in decision-making, accountability, and community engagement. Having now handed over the role, I feel it is the right time to apply these skills locally and work with others to make a positive difference to the Oakham community.

- Candidates may be invited to discuss their application with members of the Council. A decision will then be made at the next scheduled Council meeting on whether a particular candidate is to be co-opted
- Prospective candidates are not permitted to attempt to canvass members of the Council with regard to their application. Members will report any such attempt to the Chairman who will then instruct the Clerk to write to the candidate stating that they will no longer be considered.
However, please note that this does not prevent them from discussing the role of a Councillor with an existing member

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this form. Please return to the
Town Clerk, Oakham Town Council, Rol House, Long Row, Oakham, LE15 6NL
or via enquiries@oakhamtowncouncil.gov.uk**