

APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION TO KINGSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

I(1) of
(2)

hereby apply for co-option to Kingsbrook Parish Council

I declare that on the date of application shown at (3) below:

- I am at least 18 years old.
- I am a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union
- I meet at least one of the following four qualifications (tick as appropriate)

I am registered as a local government elector for the parish of Kingsbrook in respect of the qualifying address shown at (2) above	
I have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish during the whole of the 12 months before the day of this application (shown at (3) below). Show description of land or other premises below.	
My main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of this application (shown at (3) below) has been in the parish. Show address of place of work and, where appropriate, name of employer	
I have lived in the parish or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of this application (shown at (3) below) Show address in full if different from address shown at (2) above	

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief I am not disqualified for being elected by reason of any disqualification set out in, or decision made under, section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972, section 78A of the Local Government Act 2000 or section 34 of the Localism Act 2011.

Applicant's signatureDate (3)
------------------------------	---------------

- (1) Insert the full name of the person making the application
 (2) Insert the address of the person making the application

Qualifications To be able to stand as a Parish Councillor

An applicant must:

- be at least 18 years old on the day of nomination.
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union.
- meet at least one of the following four qualifications:
 - (i) They are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish from the day of their application onwards.
 - (ii) They have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish during the whole of the 12 months before the day of their application.
 - (iii) Their main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of their application has been in the parish.
 - (iv) They have lived in the parish or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of their application.

Disqualifications

Apart from meeting the qualifications for standing for election, they must also not be disqualified from standing. There are certain people who are disqualified from being elected to a parish council. They cannot be elected if at the time of their application:

- (i) They are employed by the parish council.
- (ii) They are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order.
- (iii) They have 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 their application.
- (iv) They have been disqualified under the Representation of the People Act 1983 (which covers corrupt or illegal electoral practices and offences relating to donations) or under the Audit Commission Act 1998.

The full range of disqualifications is complex and if the applicant is in any doubt about whether they are disqualified, they must do everything they can to check that they are not disqualified before submitting an application as they will be asked to sign an 'Application for Co-option' (see below) to confirm that they are not disqualified. It is a criminal offence to make a false statement on the application as to their qualification for being elected, so if they are in any doubt they should contact their employer, consult the legislation or, if necessary, take independent legal advice. The Returning Officer will not be able to confirm whether or not they are disqualified.