Southwark Conservation Areas Advisory Group (CAAG)

Are you passionate about development proposal affecting the historic environment in Southwark? Are you interested in volunteering for a group that appraises planning applications affecting conservation areas or listed buildings in Southwark? Do you have a particular interest or experience of conservation of the historic environment and would be able to offer your time?

We are looking for professionals and talented laypersons to join our conservation advisory group from July 2014 for three years. Through our conservation advisory group we offer free advice to developers on conservation and architectural design qualities of developments, infrastructure projects and policy initiatives affecting listed buildings and conservation areas in the borough.

The advisory group meets once a month and reviews around 30 schemes each year including outline and detailed planning applications. Group members are expected to attend around three half-day sessions a year and are not reimbursed.

Applications are invited from all sectors of the design community of the built environment. We particularly encourage volunteers from the amenity societies, community groups and tenants and residents associations in conservation areas.

The closing date for applications is 6pm on Friday 23 May 2014

Please visit our web-page at:

.....to find out more about the work of the Southwark Conservation Advisory Group and the terms of reference for panel members.

To apply, please send us a copy of your CV and include a short commentary in your covering letter to tell us:

- Your interest in Southwark (no more than 100 words)
- The combination of skills you have to offer to the council's conservation advisory group (no more than 100 words)
- The details of at least two conservation projects/initiatives that you have been involved in the last 2 years (no more than 100 words)

Candidates will be selected on their: experience; interest in conservation; interest in Southwark; engagement with community stakeholders; specialist skills and the breadth of expertise they bring to the group including teaching/lecturing or outreach. Built environment specialists who are based in Southwark's conservation areas or who have designed buildings in a conservation area or affecting a listed building are welcomed.

Please e-mail your application to: designconservation@southwark.gov.uk