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Dear Student

### **Environmental Health Apprenticeship at Epsom & Ewell Borough Council**

Have you thought about a career in Environmental Health?

Our team deals with a vast number of issues from the public ranging from complaints about the food hygiene of restaurants, the presence of nuisance neighbours, the safety of workplaces, the conditions of rented properties and of environmental damage.

This is an opportunity of both **earning a salary** working in and **studying** for a degree in Environmental Health. In partnership with the University of Middlesex we have developed a training role in the Environmental Health team undertaking a 4 year degree where **we will cover the cost of your university tuition fees in full.**

During the times you are not attending lectures or workshops, we will provide you with a working environment where you can learn how to be an Environmental Health Practitioner with the support of the dedicated and professional staff at Epsom & Ewell Borough Council.

Over the past year we have investigated accumulations of waste, covid-19 breaches, contamination of food, nuisance from noise and from artificial light, vermin issues and near fatal accidents in a workplace. We have been to court to prosecute those who flytip, operate substandard accommodation, burn industrial waste, cause food poisoning and operate hazardous machinery.

Our work is wide ranging and enjoyable and we offer to you the opportunity of joining a profession where the starting salary post qualification is in the region of £35,000 rising to £60,000 for senior management positions.

I have attached the job advertisement to this letter which gives more detail on the position and I hope that the advert and this letter will interest you enough apply and embark on a career in Environmental Health.

Warm Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Oliver Nelson'.

Oliver Nelson  
Public Protection Manager

**Assistant Environmental Health Officer (4-years)**  
**Degree level Apprenticeship**  
**£19,327 per year**  
**36 hours per week**  
**Tuition fees paid**

**About the Role**

The Epsom & Ewell Environmental Health Team have been at the centre of the local response to Covid-19 - investigating outbreaks, carrying out contact tracing and supporting the community's resilience. We continue to be involved with this work whilst carrying on our existing duties inspecting for hygiene in food businesses, ensuring landlords provide safe homes, dealing with pollution, neighbour noise and poor air quality and investigating waste crimes such as flytipping.

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council is delighted to offer the start of a career in Environmental Health undertaking these tasks and more whilst being paid a salary to both study for a degree and to work assisting the Environmental Health Team in their tasks.

Once you have completed the salaried four year apprenticeship and professional pathway, you will be eligible for employment as a fully fledged Environmental Health Practitioner in a range of public, private and third sector employers with an almost limitless opportunity to make a contribution to public health and public protection. The Covid-19 pandemic has shown the value of Environmental Health Practitioners and the national shortage of suitable individuals makes those with the right training and skills very sought after.

You will study at the University of Middlesex on their four year Environmental Health (Apprenticeship) BSc (Honours) course commencing Autumn 2022, and when not attending taught classes will work with experienced and professional colleagues supporting all the environmental health functions including food safety, housing, pollution control and health and safety at work.

As a condition of continued employment it will be necessary to be accepted on and to progress through the degree programme. Support will be available to liaise with the University directly since this takes place outside of the UCAS process.

**Benefits**

As part of the apprenticeship scheme, the degree tuition fees are fully funded and you will earn a salary while you study and work. We will cover your travel expenses to University and pay for you to become an affiliate member of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health.

You will receive 24 days annual leave to be taken around University and work commitments plus subsidised gym membership.

To find out more about the Environmental Health Apprenticeship Programme, view the material at [Chartered Institute of Environmental Health](https://www.cieh.org) website featuring our previous successful apprentice. To find out about the work of an Environmental Health Practitioner, and the role see [www.cieh.org](http://www.cieh.org), or email Oliver Nelson, Public Protection manager at [onelson@epsom-ewell.gov.uk](mailto:onelson@epsom-ewell.gov.uk).

**TO APPLY** please click on the following link: [Assistant Environmental Health Officer Apprenticeship](#)

**Closing date:** 14 January 2022  
**Interviews:** week of 24 January 2022