
File Note

Project:	HIF Infrastructure – Advanced Enabling Works
Date:	November 2021
Subject:	Details of Competent Experts

The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (SI 571) require that an Environmental Statement ('ES') be prepared by 'competent experts'.

Section 18, paragraph 5 of the 2017 EIA Regulations states that *'In order to ensure the completeness and quality of the environmental statement-*

- a) The developer must ensure that the environmental statement is prepared by competent experts; and*
- b) The environmental statement must be accompanied by a statement from the developer outlining the relevant expertise or qualifications of such experts.'*

Table 1 set out below includes details and competencies of the technical personnel contributing to the EIA.

Table 1: Competency Details of EIA Personnel

Discipline	Company	Name & Qualifications	Person Profile
EIA Coordination	Avison Young	Richard Kevan - Director, Environmental Planning BSc, MA, MPlan, MRTPI, PIEMA Laura Day - Associate Environmental Consultant BA, MA, PIEMA	Richard Kevan Richard has practised for 18 years in the private sector, working on various projects throughout the UK. He has a wealth of experience in providing planning and Environmental Impact Assessment advice and delivering planning permissions to both private and public sector clients on a range of high profile regeneration projects. He is experienced in all aspects of planning and EIA work, with a particular specialism in complex, mixed-use, residential, commercial, waste and minerals projects. Laura Day Laura is an Associate Environmental Consultant at Avison Young. Laura has over 12 years' experience in EIA project management. Laura's experience includes EIA project management within a range of sectors including residential, commercial, onshore windfarms, onshore pipelines and cable routes, biomass Combined Heat and Power (CHP) facilities, and waste management facilities. Projects have spanned UK local planning consenting routes through to Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) Development Consent Order (DCO) applications.
Ecology and Nature Conservation	TEP	Emma Pickering - Principal Ecologist BSc (Hons), ACIEEM Stephanie Davies - Senior Ecologist BSc (Hons), MSc	Emma Pickering Emma Pickering is a Principal Ecologist at TEP. Emma has over nine years' experience in ecological consultancy and is an associate member of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management. She has worked on a variety of projects including residential, commercial and mixed-use developments and infrastructure projects. She authors and reviews ecology chapters of Environmental Statements and provides detailed design and mitigation advice to clients across a broad range of ecology issues. Her projects include local planning consenting routes and Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) Development Consent Order (DCO) applications. Stephanie Davies Stephanie Davies is a Senior Ecologist at TEP, where she provides ecological technical support on a variety of applications. These applications include both small and large-scale residential and commercial developments, utilities and infrastructure schemes. She holds a Class II survey licence for bats assessing development impacts on this ecological feature, among others and providing input into the EIA process.
Townscape and Visual	Arup	John Willerton - Principal Urban Designer BA (Hons) Dip LA CMLI	John Willerton John Willerton is a Principal Urban Designer at Planit-IE and has considerable experience in landscape and visual impact assessment and townscape and visual impact assessment for both ES and non-ES

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		Gillian Webb - Project Landscape Architect BA (Hons) MLA CMLI	projects. John is a Chartered Member of the Landscape Institute with over 20 years' experience. He leads one of the Urban Design teams within Planit, overseeing the design and delivery of complex and challenging schemes. Gillian Webb Gillian Webb is a Project Landscape Architect at Planit-IE with extensive experience in landscape and visual impact assessment and townscape and visual impact assessment work for both ES and non-ES projects. Gillian is involved in all aspects of masterplanning and urban design projects within Planit to ensure that an iterative approach is embedded into the design process involving environmental assessment and consultation.
Drainage and Flood Risk	Arup	Hannah Robson - Senior Scientist – Water BSc (Hons), MSc, MCIWEM C.WEM Victoria Smith - Environmental Scientist BSc (Hons), MSc, PhD	Hannah Robson Hannah is a Senior Scientist at Arup and a Chartered Member of the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management. Hannah has over 13 years' experience in hydrology, flood risk and assessing the impacts of development on the water environment. She has authored and reviewed water chapters of Environmental Statements for a wide range of large-scale developments including road schemes, onshore wind farms and residential developments. Victoria Smith Victoria Smith is an Environmental Scientist at Arup, where she provides water-related technical support on a variety of applications, contributing drainage and flood risk content and advice to clients for Environmental Statements and Environmental Impact Assessments. This includes day-to-day project support and co-ordination of technical specialists providing input into the EIA process.
Ground Conditions	Arup	Melanie Thrush - Senior Engineer MSc, BEng(Hons), CEng, C.WEM, MCIWEM.	Melanie Thrush Melanie specialises in contaminated land risk assessments for human health and environmental receptors, waste assessments, remediation design, regular environmental monitoring programmes and verification reports for contaminated sites. Melanie regularly provides contaminated land and material management advice for large-scale projects working closely with the consulting and buildings teams to ensure a collaborative approach which adds value for the Client.

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		Colin Reader - Principal Engineer BSc (Eng) (Hons), FGS.	Colin Reader Colin Reader is a Chartered Geologist with over thirty years' experience in the field of geotechnics and brownfield land. He has a wide range of experience in the contaminated land, waste management and geotechnical sectors. Colin's recent focus has been the design and successful implementation of remedial strategies, to allow brownfield sites to be returned to productive use.
Climate Change	Arup	Natasha Connolly - Associate Director BEng (Hons), CEnvP Noemi Arena - Senior Sustainability Consultant Meng, EngD, CEng, CEnv MChemE, MIEMA Catherine Fine – Consultant BSc (Hons), MSc, PIEMA	Natasha Connolly Natasha is an Associate Director with over 20 years' experience in sustainability, environmental, carbon and climate change. She has extensive experience across a range of sustainability areas from sustainability strategy, assessment and advice, strategic assessment & appraisal, sustainability certification, carbon & climate change through to corporate sustainability. She is a Certified Environmental Practitioner (CEnvP) through the EIANZ, and Accredited Professional for rating tools including ISCA, Greenstar and CEEQUAL. Noemi Arena Noemi is a Senior Sustainability Consultant with over 8 years' experience in Carbon Management and Life Cycle Assessment. She holds a Doctorate in Sustainability for Engineering and Energy Systems and is a qualified Chartered Chemical Engineer and Chartered Environmentalist with significant experience in process and product design and sustainable solutions in the engineering field. Catherine Fine Catherine is a Sustainability Consultant with 4 years' experience in Environmental Impact Assessment and Whole Lifecycle Carbon assessments. Catherine has worked on a wide range of projects across a variety of sectors including infrastructure, master planning and sustainable events.