
File Note

Project:	Renaissance Residential Development
Date:	October 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	Person Profile
Townscape and Visual	Randall Thorp	Joanne Folland (Senior Associate Landscape Architect), BA (Hons), CMLI Joanne specialises in the planning stages of schemes and in Townscape/Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (TVIA/LVIA). Her experience over the past 20 years has encompassed the preparation of many standalone TVIA/LVIA and input to Environmental Statements for a wide range of schemes. As well as being involved in EIA, Joanne has also prepared and presented expert landscape evidence to Planning Appeals. Cassandra Wheadon (Associate Landscape Architect), BA (Hons), BLA, CMLI Cassandra is chartered landscape architect who specialises in the planning stages of schemes and in Townscape/Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (TVIA/LVIA). Her experience over the past 10 years has encompassed the preparation of many standalone TVIA/LVIA and input to Environmental Statements for a wide range of schemes.
Heritage	Turley	Katy Lightbody (Director), MA (Hons) Town Planning, PGDip Conservation of the Historic Environment, MRTPI, IHBC Affiliate Katy is a heritage specialist and town planner, with 19 years' experience. She represents a range of public and private sector clients and specialises in the provision of strategic and detailed advice on managing change within the historic environment. Katy is experienced in dealing with the challenges presented by the reuse, adaptation and alteration of listed buildings, heritage-led regeneration and the integration of new development into a historic context. She has contributed to over 30 Built Heritage ES Chapters involving assessing the impact of new development on the significance and setting of heritage assets, utilising best practice and recognised Historic England guidance and methodology.
Wind	GIA	Jon Winchester (Wind Technical Director), BSc (Hons), MSc, PhD Jon has 9 years of experience of wind analysis for the built environment, developing methods for pedestrian comfort analysis, wind loading and natural ventilation. Jon has provided wind analysis for multiple high profile developments in London, Manchester, Leeds, Birmingham and Dublin and is the Technical Director of the GIA wind analysis department.
Socioeconomics	Avison Young	Laura Day (Associate Environmental Consultant), BA, MA, PIEMA Laura has over 12 years' experience of preparing socio-economic assessments for residential, regeneration, commercial / industrial, waste and energy sectors.
Health	Avison Young	Jonny Wilks (Environmental Planner), BSc (Hons), MSc, AIEMA

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		Jonny Wilks is an Environmental Planner at Avison Young. Jonny has over four years' experience and has prepared Health Impact Assessments for a wide range of developments across a variety of sectors including residential, commercial and infrastructure.
Climate Change	Wardell Armstrong	Christopher Sharpley BEng (Hons), MSc Chris is a graduate Chemical Engineer with a masters in Sustainable Energy Systems from the University of Edinburgh. He has accumulated international experience with the German Agency of International Corporation, where he supported key projects, facilitating the uptake of Renewable Energy in Ghana, West Africa. He has experience working in technical capacity with competencies in several subject areas from energy economics to energy finance as well as delivering energy statements and climate change assessments. Simon Allen BSc (Hons) (Maths & Physics), BSc (Hons) (Renewable Energy) Simon has 15 years' experience as an Energy & Climate Change consultant, after graduating from Exeter University with a 1st Class degree in Renewable Energy. He has been involved in various aspects of wind and solar power development and is competent in project managing Environmental Impact Assessments and planning applications for a range of renewable developments. Previous projects have included onshore wind, biomass CHP, deep geothermal and solar PV developments. His other responsibilities have included writing technical chapters, feasibility assessments and detailed financial appraisals across a range of different project types, as well as carrying out resource modelling, GIS and data interpretation. He has completed numerous greenhouse gas and climate change assessments across activities as diverse as building developments to mining operations, as well as carrying out site appraisals and due diligence work. Paul Evans Bsc (Hons), CEnv, MEI, The Climate Change chapter was reviewed by Paul Evans who is Service Area Director for Energy & Climate Change at Wardell Armstrong LLP. Paul is a Chartered Environmentalist with the Energy Institute, has over seventeen years' experience working exclusively within the fields of renewable energy and climate change, and has been involved in innovative and unique projects. Paul has completed numerous EIAs for a wide variety of national and international projects and has developed energy strategies for large-scale housing developments across the UK.
EIA Coordination	Avison Young	Richard Kevan (Director), BSc, MA (EIA), Mplan, MRTPI, PIEMA Richard Kevan is a Director at GVA HOW Planning where he heads up the Environmental Impact Assessment team. Richard has 14 years' experience of EIA project management and is also a Chartered Town Planner. He provides commercial environmental assessment and planning advice to a wide range of public and private sector clients. Richard has a wealth of experience in the preparation, co-ordination and management of EIA and is fully conversant with the latest Regulations and best practice guidance. He has experience of working within a range of sectors including residential, commercial, infrastructure, minerals and waste.

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		Jonny Wilks (Environmental Planner), BSc (Hons), MSc, AIEMA Jonny Wilks is an Environmental Planner at Avison Young where he provides commercially focussed environmental and sustainability advice, delivering Environmental Statements and EIA advice to clients. This includes day-to-day project management and co-ordination of technical consultants providing input into the EIA process. Jonny has worked on a wide range of projects across a variety of sectors including residential, commercial and infrastructure.