

ES Addendum Appendix 1.1 – Statement of Competence

Project:	Ryebank, Chorlton
Date:	February 2025
Subject:	Details of Competent Experts

1 REQUIREMENTS

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

1.2 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.”

1.3 The Table below includes details and competencies of the technical personnel contributing to the EIA.

Discipline	Company	Personal Profile
Ecology	Urban Green	Oliver Silver (Director of Ecology), BSc MCIEEM Oliver Silver is a highly experienced ecological consultant with 13 years of expertise across New Zealand, Australia, and the UK. A Full Member of CIEEM, he holds Level 1 bat and great crested newt licences and has acted as an accredited agent on various Natural England mitigation licences. Oliver has extensive experience with the EIA process, contributing to major projects in the oil and gas, residential, and quarrying sectors. As Lead Ecologist on HS2 Phase 2a, he provided expert guidance on protected species and an ancient woodland translocation. He has also successfully delivered complex EPS licences for bats and undertaken numerous HRA assessments for residential developments. In addition to his core discipline of ecology, Oliver also leads a team of specialist BNG consultants, demonstrating his expertise in biodiversity net gain. With a strong technical background in ecology and BNG combined with a pragmatic approach, he ensures robust ecological input into the EIA process.
Socio-economics and Health	Pegasus	Laura Day (Director – Economics) Laura is a Director within the Economics team at Pegasus Group. She has over 16 years' experience working in Socio-Economics and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) coordination. Her experience spans a range of sectors including commercial, residential, renewable energy and energy infrastructure, and oil and gas. Laura has developed experience in a range of Socio- Economics related work throughout her career. This has included Socio-Economics Assessment chapters as part of EIAs, Health Impact Assessment, Equality Impact Assessment, Employment and Skills Plans, development of social assessment toolkits for industrial clients, social performance plans, and validation assurance of CSR reports. Laura's experience includes Town and Country Planning Act (TPA), Development Consent Order (DCO) schemes, and more recently Section 36 consenting routes, as well as projects aligned with international standards.
Climate Change	Ridge LLP	Susie Sidley (Partner), BSc, MA, MIEMA Chartered Environmentalist Susie is a Partner at Ridge & Partners. Susie has over 20 years of experience in sustainability and environmental consultancy. She has prepared EIA climate change chapters for a range of different projects, including within the residential, mixed use and industrial and logistics sectors. Susie is also a licenced BREEAM Assessor and BREEAM Accredited Professional (AP).

Archaeology	Wardell Armstrong	Karl Taylor (Technical Director), BSc (Hons) Archaeology, MCIfA (2398) Karl is a Technical Director at Wardell Armstrong and leads the Archaeology and Heritage Team in the Greater Manchester regional office. Karl has over 25 years' experience of archaeological fieldwork project management and heritage consultancy. He has worked for some of the largest archaeological and heritage consultancies in the UK and is well versed in cultural heritage legislation along with national and local planning policies. He has compiled EIA archaeology and heritage chapters and technical reports for a variety of projects including quarries, residential and mixed use. He is experienced in providing desk-based assessments, heritage statements and impact assessments and written schemes of investigation. Karl also has extensive experience of consulting with stakeholders including Historic England, LPA advisory services and conservation officers
Ground Conditions	E3P	Rebecca Hodnett (Operations Associate Director) BSc (Hons), FGS, MIEnvSc, CEnv Rebecca is an Operations Associate Director at E3P and is a Chartered Environmentalist. She has over 8 years' experience working within the Geoenvironmental Team, specialising in contaminated land and remediation. Rebecca has a wealth of experience in the co-ordination and project management of site investigations and remediation validation, as well as the operational management of the Geoenvironmental Team at E3P. She has experience working within a range of sectors including residential, commercial and industrial and has gained extensive experience in evaluating and mitigating the risks associated with contaminated land in soil and groundwater.
EIA Coordination	Asteer Planning	Liz McFadyean (Director), BSc, MA (EIA), MRTPI, PIEMA Liz is an Associate Partner at Asteer Planning where she heads up the EIA team. Liz has over 15 years' experience of EIA project management and is also a Chartered Town Planner. Liz 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. She has experience of working within a range of sectors including residential, commercial, infrastructure and renewable energy. Josh Thomas (Associate Environmental Planner) BSc, MSc (EIA), AIEMA Josh is an Associate Environmental Planner with six years' experience as an EIA coordinator. He has experience in all aspects of the EIA process, including preparation of screening opinion requests, carrying out scoping exercises and preparing detailed scoping reports, coordinating EIA specialists including in-

		house and external specialists and subconsultants, reviewing technical reports, advising clients on environmental planning risks, report writing and providing post-planning advice. Josh has worked on a wide range of projects across a variety of sectors including residential, commercial and infrastructure. Mike Fisher (Environmental Planner), BSc, MSc (EIA), GradIEMA Mike is an Environmental Planner within Asteer's EIA team. Mike has 3 years' experience in EIA which includes EIA co-ordination for a range of sectors including residential, commercial, energy and highways. Mike's experience on projects has spanned UK local planning consenting routes through to Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) Development Consent Order (DCO) applications.
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