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Project:	Wythenshawe Town Centre
Date:	November 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.

Socio-economics and Health	Nexus Planning	Fiona Bruce (Principal Analyst), MA (Hons) Geography and International Relations, AIED Fiona Bruce is a Principal Analyst at Nexus Planning and works in the Analytics & Research unit in the London office. Fiona has over 4 years' experience of assessing socio-economic and human health impacts in the built environment. She has compiled EIA chapters, HIAs and other technical reports for a variety of projects across the UK in relation to residential, commercial and mixed-use developments.
Climate Change	Ridge and Partners	Susie Sidley (Partner), BSc (Hons) Environmental Science, MA Environment & Business, CEnv, MISEP Susie Sidley is a Partner at Ridge & Partners LLP and leads the Sustainability Team in the north of England. Susie is a full member of ISEP and a Chartered Environmentalist. She has over 20 years' experience of environmental and sustainability consultancy. She has compiled EIA climate change chapters for a variety of projects including residential, purpose-built student accommodation, industrial / logistics and mixed use.
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 18 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.