



GA2, Land North of Great Ashby Environmental Statement

Appendix 1.6: Competency Statement

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Background

Directive 2014/52/EU of the European Parliament requires that, for all developments considered to constitute an Environmental Impact Assessment development ('EIA development'), the EIA report (i.e. the Environmental Statement) is prepared by 'competent experts'. In addition, the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended)¹ section 18 (5)(b) states that *"the Environmental Statement must be accompanied by a statement from the developer outlining the relevant expertise or qualifications of such experts"*.

As such, this Statement of Competence has been prepared by Icení Projects, as lead EIA Coordinator for the Proposed Development, to outline the capability of the company and the competency of the individuals responsible for undertaking and reporting the EIA.

Icení Projects

Icení Projects ('Icení') is a registrant of the Institute of Sustainability and Environment Professionals ('ISEP') EIA Quality Mark programme, and the certificate is located within the front pages of the Environmental Statement. Icení is a leading provider of environmental services with a thorough understanding of the UK town and country planning system and the EIA Regulations, which enables us to ensure that we deliver comprehensive and robust Environmental Statements. Icení have managed numerous EIA projects across the UK and we clearly and concisely understand the impact of development on the environment.

Competent Experts

Summaries of the qualifications and experience of the EIA Project Manager, responsible for the checking and review of the Environmental Statement, and the EIA Project Management Team, responsible for the coordination of the EIA are presented below.

EIA Project Manager, MRTPI, ISEP

The EIA Project Manager is a Director within the Strategic Planning Team at Icení Projects with over 12 years' professional experience, specialising in EIA and is a practitioner member of ISEP.

The EIA Project Manager has experience in the preparation and coordination of EIAs for a range of residential, commercial, mixed-used and infrastructure projects around the UK.

EIA Project Coordinator, MRTPI, ISEP

The EIA Project Coordinator is a Senior EIA Consultant within the Strategic Planning Team with over five years' professional experience specialising in EIA and is a practitioner member of ISEP.

EIA Assistant, GradISEP

The EIA Assistant is a Consultant within the Strategic Planning Team with over 2 years' professional experience, specialising in EIA and is a graduate member of ISEP. The EIA Coordinator

and has experience in the preparation and coordination of EIA's for a range of projects around the UK and

EIA Technical Consultants

EIA Technical Discipline	Consultant	Summary
Volume I, Chapter 3: Utilities and Construction	Brookbanks	Part of the chapter was authored by Mathew Capper, Brookbanks Director of Utilities, who has 18 years experience in delivering utility infrastructure consultancy to clients across various sectors, on residential and commercial development schemes ranging from single dwellings to large urban extensions and new towns. Mat leads Brookbanks utility consultancy function providing expert advice to developers across England, Scotland and Wales.
Volume I, Chapter 6: Air Quality	Waterman	Stephanie Jones is a Graduate Consultant (BSc (Hons) Geography, MSc Environmental Consultancy) working within the EIA and Air Quality teams. Stephanie has one year of experience assisting with the co-ordination of EIAs and preparing Environmental Statements for a range of projects for a variety of clients in both the public and private sector. Andy Fowler (Associate Director, CEnv, BSc (Hons), Member of the IAQM) has been responsible for the technical delivery of a wide range of air quality projects for a variety of clients in both the public and private sector. These projects include consideration of emissions from both transportation and industrial sources, through both monitoring and modelling, and therefore he has an in depth understanding of the regulatory requirements for these sources and the published technical guidance for their assessment.
Volume I, Chapter 7: Archaeology	Iceni Projects	This chapter has been authored by the Archaeological Project Manager (BA MA MCIfA) at Iceni Projects. The text has been reviewed by the Director of Archaeology (BA, MA MCIfA), at Iceni Projects. Both individuals are full Members of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (MCIfA), a professional organisation for

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		archaeologists working in the United Kingdom. They are deemed qualified and competent experts, having significant knowledge and experience in Archaeology.
Volume I, Chapter 8: Built Heritage	Iceni Projects	This chapter is authored by Hugo Tomassi BA (Hons) MSt (Cantab), Senior Consultant, with review by Georgia Foy BA(hons) MA MAUD IHBC, Associate Director, and Laurie Handcock MA (Cantab) MSc IHBC, Director – Built Heritage & Townscape. Hugo possesses 3.5 years of experience, Georgia possesses 7 years of industry experience, working in both public sector as an Assistant Conservation Officer in the New Forest National Park Authority and in private sector heritage consultancy first at Lichfields and then at Iceni. Laurie has 13 years of experience and has been leading Iceni's Built Heritage and Townscape team since 2016, having worked for 5 years at CgMs before that. Both Laurie and Georgia are full members of the Institute for Historic Building Conservation.
Volume I, Chapter 9: Ecology	CSA Environmental	Assessment work carried out by Senior Ecologist Carly Howes and Director (Ecology) Jamie Woollam both of CSA Environmental, full members of the Chartered Institute of Ecology & Environmental Management (CIEEM), with combined experience of over 20 years' experience of ecological assessment and compiling robust Ecological Impact Assessments (EclAs).
Volume I, Chapter 10: Climate Change and Greenhouse Gases	Iceni Projects	This chapter has been prepared by an Associate (BSc, MSc, AISEP) within Iceni Projects' Strategic Planning Team. The Associate has 5 years' post-qualification experience, and has worked on a number of assessments for EIA Development across England, for a variety of residential, commercial and mixed-use schemes.
Volume I, Chapter 11: Landscape and Visual Impact	Iceni Projects	The assessment was prepared by a qualified Chartered Member of the Landscape Institute, with experience of

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		writing Landscape and Visual Impact Assessments which forms part of Environmental Statements.
Volume I, Chapter 12: Noise and Vibration	Waterman	Innes Urbanski (Associate Director, MSc, BSc (Hons), MIOA), has over 20 years' experience in acoustics being involved with numerous EIA projects ranging from both residential and commercial developments on greenfield and brownfield sites.
Volume I, Chapter 13: Socio-Economics	Iceni Projects	This chapter of the ES has been prepared by a Senior Consultant who has 13 years technical experience and is a Member of the Institute of Economic Development (MIED), and Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (MRTPI). It has been reviewed by a Director who has 8 years technical experience and is a Member of the Institute of Economic Development (MIED). Iceni Projects holds the ISEP QMark.
Volume I, Chapter 14: Soils and Agricultural Land	Kernon Countryside Consultants	This chapter of the ES has been written by Tony Kernon. Tony is a Chartered Surveyor and a Fellow of the British Institute of Agricultural Consultants, who has over 35 years' experience in assessing the effects of development proposals on agricultural land and businesses. Tony has drafted this chapter and surveyed the site. The ALC survey has been provided by qualified and experienced soil surveyors at Amet Property Ltd.
Volume I, Chapter 15: Transport	Woods Hardwick	This assessment was undertaken by an Associate Director with 16 years' industry experience, Bachelor of Arts (Honours) and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Highways and Transportation.
Volume I, Chapter 16: Water Environment and Flood Risk	Woods Hardwick	This Water Resource and Flood Risk Chapter was prepared by a senior engineer with 10 years' experience. The report was also reviewed and signed off by an Associate Director with 16 years' experience.