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Director

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

1996 – 1999: University of Wales Aberystwyth

BSc Hons Countryside Management;

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

MCIEM Member of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ecological Assessment

Project lead / management experience of a broad range of sites involving a wide range of issues. Extensive experience in phase one and two survey work, identification of planning constraints such as the presence of UK Priority habitats and species protected under the “Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981” and “The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017” (and other statutory instruments, such as the “Hedgerows Regulations 1997” and “The Environmental Damage, Prevention and Remediation, England, Regulations 2015”), designated and non-designated sites of conservation importance, and other species and habitats of conservation significance. Includes work in England and Northern Ireland under the separate planning systems and wildlife laws.

Mitigation Programmes

Extensive experience of the development and implementation of mitigation and enhancement strategies for a wide range of partially and fully protected species, and in relation to Special Protection Areas (SPAs), Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), Ramsar Sites, Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), and a range of non-statutory designations. Also, experience in the preparation of strategies for the control of birds in relation to air safety and human health issues. Experienced negotiator with statutory nature conservation authorities (Natural England, Northern Ireland Environment Agency - Natural Heritage) the Wildlife Trusts and other third parties.

Direction and supervision of works under licence, including for example, closure of Badger setts, the erection of exclusion fencing and the carrying out of relocation work and habitat removal for Great Crested Newts. Direction and supervision of non-licensable works such as that associated with clearance of nesting bird habitat and translocation programmes for Common Lizard, Slow-worm, Grass Snake and Adder. Experienced in preparing detailed reports (including relevant data analysis) on the results of surveys and mitigation programmes for presentation to statutory nature conservation authorities and Planning Authorities.

Environmental Statements

Experienced in scoping, managing and preparing the Ecology and Nature Conservation Chapter of Environmental Statements for a broad range of scheme types (e.g. residential, commercial, minerals and waste management).

Information for Appropriate Assessment (Habitats Regulations Assessments)

Extensive experience of scoping and preparing shadow Habitats Regulations Assessments, dealing with implications for European protected sites. Sound knowledge on the application of the relevant statutory tests, associated domestic and European guidance, and relevant jurisprudence.

Planning Appeals and related work

Directly involved in the production of evidence for numerous planning appeals and attendance at conferences with Counsel, in both lead and supporting roles. Presentation of written and oral evidence at Section 78 appeals and informal hearings; written and oral evidence for Local Development Plan Examinations and evidence by way of Written Representations. Experience with Lands Tribunal cases in relation to compensation claims regarding matters concerning mineral extraction at designated sites.

Work undertaken with Craig Howell Williams QC (Francis Taylor Building Chambers), Christopher Katkowski QC, Christopher Boyle QC (Landmark Chambers), Stewart Beattie QC (The Bar of Northern Ireland), Christopher Young QC (No.5 Chambers), Mary Cook (Town Legal), Satnam Choongh (No.5 Chambers), Thea Osmund-Smith (No.5 Chambers).

Key issues addressed include the appropriateness of development in close proximity to or within sites designated for their nature conservation value, including SPAs, SACs, Ramsar sites, SSSIs and non-statutory designated sites; the efficacy of protected species and habitat mitigation strategies such as those relating to implications for common reptiles, invertebrates and qualifying interest features of European designated sites; the confidence to be drawn from work undertaken by opposing consultants.

Licences

Natural England Great Crested Newt Class licence.

Holder of numerous development licences issued by Natural England in relation to Great Crested Newts and Badgers.

Example Project Experience

Pagham South – Hanbury Properties Ltd: Consent gained for large-scale mixed-use development, including 400 residential units on land close to Pagham Harbour SPA, Ramsar site and SSSI. Liaison with Planning Authority, RSPB and Natural England over SPA issues, including matters concerning supporting habitat for Brent Geese. Production of Ecological Assessment and project specific shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment along with written and oral submissions in support of the sites allocation through the Arun Local Plan Examination. Ecology Solutions is retained to facilitate implementation of the detailed phases of development.; **Lindfield – Wates Developments:** Consents for large residential scheme over two phases with protected species constraints including Dormice, common reptiles, bats and several Badger setts. Consent for a third phase residential scheme granted on Appeal following public Inquiry. Despite the closure of the public Inquiry, in the wake of the judgement handed down by Justice Jay in case; *Wealden v SSCLG* [EWHC 351], further evidence specific to Ashdown Forest matters was invited by the Department for Communities and Local Government. The evidence put forward by Ecology Solutions was determined to be sound and permission was subsequently granted.

Skimmingdish Lane, Bicester – Greenlight Developments: Consent for a care home development granted on appeal determined by way of Informal Hearing. Relevant issues addressed include direct losses to a proposed District Wildlife Site along with the efficacy of a reptile mitigation programme and biodiversity net gain. Written and oral evidence presented at the Hearing. **Oak Farm Maylands, Romford – Gardens of Peace:** Consent for a Muslim burial ground and associated infrastructure, granted on appeal determined by way of Public Inquiry. Relevant issues addressed include direct impacts on a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) and implications for common reptiles, bats, riparian habitat and matters concerning biodiversity net gain. Written and oral evidence presented at the Inquiry. Subsequent production of documents to discharge planning conditions and implementation of habitat and species mitigation programmes. **Puriton, Bridgwater - BAES / This is Gravity:** Consent for large scale energy uses at former operational BAES munitions site. Project lead for EIA work and (e.g. licenced) protected species mitigation strategies / implementation, including in relation to nesting birds, Badger (sett closures), Great Crested Newts (translocation) and Water Voles. Retained to advise on an evolving masterplan, future mitigation / enhancement strategies and site habitat management. **Sholden, Kent – Greenlight Developments:** Consent granted by way of appeal determined by way of Informal Hearing, for residential scheme including care home. Ecology matters were not contested at appeal. Issues included, the presence of reptiles and nesting birds on unmanaged agricultural land, delivering net gains for biodiversity and the potential presence of Dormice as reported by a third party. Given the proximity of nearby European designated sites (SPA, Ramsar site and SAC), robust reporting was required in relation to addressing the implications of the People over Wind Judgment, in the light of the NPPF, concerning the presumption in favour of sustainable development. **Funtley and Titchfield – Reside Developments:** Allocations / consents granted for residential development. For each site, issues included the presence of Dormice, Reptiles and bat foraging habitat and in addition, matters concerning ancient woodland and implications for non-statutory designated sites. Work included negotiating with Hampshire County Council (ecology consultee) on the appropriateness of the impact assessments and efficacy of the proposed mitigation strategies. **Tamworth - St Modwen:** Consent granted (at appeal heard by way of Public Inquiry) for a large-scale commercial development. Ecology matters were not contested at appeal. Main issues included the presence of nearby Great Crested Newt breeding ponds, multiple Badger setts and matters associated with demonstrating biodiversity net gain. Retained to assist with Reserved Matters applications, planning condition discharge and also to obtain and implement Badger sett closure exercises (including a successful live dig methodology). **Hillsborough, Northern Ireland - Porter and Co Homes:** Review survey and assessment work undertaken by others in relation to impacts of a proposed residential scheme on a Badger sett discovered during works to a hedgerow. Matters concerning what had been documented by others, to be a main sett, were the last hurdle to be overcome during the planning process. Statute, planning policy and guidance meant that the presence of the sett represented an impasse in terms of delivering a legally compliant planning permission. Attempts were made in the first instance to qualify that the sett was not in fact likely to be a main sett and evidence to this effect was presented. However, in the absence of being able to fully satisfy the statutory authority, Ecology Solutions advised on appropriate scheme modifications. These modifications fully addressed concerns relating to the Badgers, whilst maintaining the viability of the scheme. All matters were resolved to the satisfaction of the client and planning permission was granted. Additionally, a Statement was prepared on behalf of the client in relation to the initial impacts on the sett and any potential breach of the legislation. **Portland – Stone Firms Ltd:** Compensation claim determined by way of Lands Tribunal with appropriate settlement achieved for the client. The main issue related to consented works to remove stone from a site where the required access route was through land subsequently designated as an SAC. Supporting role in the production of formal evidence and joint lead on field studies / impact assessment. Worked closely, in a supporting role, with the legal team including Senior Counsel (Christopher Katkowski QC) and Junior Counsel (Robert Walton QC).

Hesmonds Stud: Preparation of detailed shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment dealing with traffic related air quality issues associated with the Ashdown Forest SPA/SAC. Matter attained heightened significance given Wealden District Councils approach to AA for its Local Plan. Worked closely with Christopher Boyle QC (Landmark Chambers) and the appointed air quality consultants in refining the HRA and package of information submitted to the planning authority and Natural England.**Inspired Villages / Wealden Local Plan Examination:** Preparation of detailed shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment dealing with traffic related air quality issues associated with the Ashdown Forest SPA/SAC. Worked closely with Mary Cook (Town Legal) and the appointed air quality consultants in refining the HRA and in the production of detailed submissions to the Local Plan Examination, at which oral submissions were also made.

CAREER DETAILS

- 2006 – present** **Ecology Solutions**
- Appointed to the Board of Directors in January 2016
- 2005 –** **MKA Ecology:** Great Crested Newt Field Survey Operative and clerk of works at two sites overseeing reptile translocations.
- 2003 – 2005** **Essex Wildlife Trust:** Project Delivery Officer overseeing a wide range of conservation and reserve enhancement projects funded by Heritage Lottery funding.
- 2000 – 2003** **Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory Trust:** Manager of estate worker team delivering species conservation projects, habitat creation / management initiatives and visitor access / small scale infrastructure projects.