



Robert White

Director

Profile

Rob White has over 20 years' experience in Planning and Environmental Consultancy and has developed a unique blend of skills within the sector.

Rob is a Chartered Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (MRTPI), a Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv), a Full Member of the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (MIEMA) and a long-term member of the UK Environmental Law Association (UKELA).

He is recognised as an expert in his field and has successfully appeared as an expert witness at Planning Appeal inquiries and Examinations in Public.

Having previously been a founding Partner at a Manchester based planning consultancy, he left to set up White Peak Planning in 2012, with a focus on planning, managing and delivering challenging projects for clients across the country.

Key Skills

- Project Management of multi-disciplinary planning application teams
- Planning Applications across a range of development and application types
- Environmental Impact Assessments
- Sustainability Assessments
- Expert Witness and Informed Commercial Advisor

Experience

At White Peak Planning, Rob continues to lead the project team working for Bloor Homes and Persimmon Homes on the proposed strategic urban extension to the northwest of Cheltenham including 4,750 new homes, two schools and a 10Ha business park in the Green Belt.

He also leads the team for the proposed 1,050 home new development in North Hertfordshire also in the Green Belt and a 2,250 residential unit project in Northamptonshire, both for Bloor Homes.

Other projects include:

- Ongoing applications in relation to peat extraction and composting projects in the north and southwest of the country for White Moss Horticulture and Scotts Miracle Gro (UK);
- New applications at Radcliffe School in Milton Keynes in relation to the school's regeneration project;



- Small-medium sized residential projects across the northwest for various developers and housebuilders – including site search, land promotion and site appraisal;
- Waste to energy proposals at two sites in the northwest;
- Wind farm projects in urban and rural locations across the northwest.

Previous planning experience has included:

- Planning Expert Witness for The Co-operative Group for their wind farm project at Bigglewsade in Bedfordshire;
- Briefing leading planning Counsel in relation to major housing schemes and Enforcement Actions;
- Major mixed use regeneration schemes in Sheffield for RREEF that included road closure orders;
- ROMP applications for peat extraction operations in Lancashire and Somerset for White Moss;
- Extension to inland port facilities in Warrington for Peel Ports;
- The redevelopment and regeneration of New Brighton Waterfront in the Wirral for Neptune Developments;
- Redevelopment of Port Askaig in Islay for Argyll & Bute Council including Planning and EIA Expert Witness;
- Merseytram Line 2 in Liverpool for Merseytravel;
- Thames Gateway in east London for Bellway Homes;
- RAF Cardington in Bedford for Bellway Homes;
- Coppergate in York for Land Securities;
- Sewage Sludge Incinerator in Warrington for United Utilities;
- Sustainable Building witness at the EiP for the further revisions to the London Plan on behalf of Bellway Homes and Westminster Developers;
- Advising the Home Builders Federation on Sustainable Housing working alongside the WWF and other stakeholders.

Through this varied project experience, Rob has developed the project management skills necessary to lead multi-disciplinary project teams, alongside the strategic, tactical and commercial skills required to promote complex and often controversial projects, and finally the report writing skills needed to present an application and accompanying technical documents.

Prior to working directly in planning, he worked for leading environmental consultancy Environ in London undertaking contaminated land assessments, environmental management and auditing, water quality monitoring and EIA work, including for Thameslink 2000. Projects included a High Court case for Mobil Oil, investigation and remediation of former research sites for SmithKline Beecham, pollution monitoring and management for British Airways, power station pollution monitoring for National Power and numerous contaminated land assessments and audits.

He subsequently worked for multi-disciplinary engineering consultancy Waterman Group and latterly for environmental and planning consultancy ERM, both based in Manchester. During this time he also developed skills in Sustainable Development, training as an EcoHomes and BREEAM Assessor and latterly a Code for Sustainable Homes Assessor.



Professional Development

Throughout his career Rob has sought out opportunities for ongoing training and professional development that build on his academic training. These have covered technical disciplines, assessment and certification schemes, the planning system and environmental planning law, as well as personal and business skills.

He was successful in achieving the EIA Quality Mark status at his previous company and was part of the IEMA author group drafting new climate change and EIA guidance. He was also part of the DCLG stakeholder group that considered allowable solutions as part of the Zero Carbon Homes initiative.

He regularly attends seminars relating to planning practice, planning and environmental law and property development and seeks to keep abreast of emerging policy & guidance and how this affects the delivery of commercially viable schemes.