

Mark Harrison BA (Hons) University of Nottingham, DTp MRTPI

Senior Consultant



Professional Qualifications and Training

- BA (Hons) Urban Planning & Management (Nottingham University)
- Dip Tp Diploma in Town Planning (with Distinction) (Nottingham University)
- MRTPI Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (2002)
- Diploma in Management (Level7) Loughborough College

Profile & Career Summary

A self-motivated and hard working Town Planner/ Urban Designer, with seven years local authority experience, and recent experience undertaking land and planning work for a national house builder. He is comfortable taking responsibility for specific planning and development projects and working as part of a multi-disciplinary team. Mark has the ability to communicate ideas effectively to a range of different audiences being able to deliver his message at both Board level and 'shop floor' particularly useful in relation to consultation events.

Mark has a specialist and detailed knowledge of planning policy and the new planning system brought in by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, and also a strong understanding of the development management process and commercial issues.

He has been a Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute since 2002 and is also a member of the RTPI Summer School Team.

Recent projects:

Since joining us Mark has been involved in taking the following projects forward:

Buckminster Trust, Grantham, Lincolnshire – Advising a major landowner on the release of development value from 400-acre 'edge of town' landholding – mixed residential and commercial development. The commission is current it involves providing local plan, planning application, environmental impact and development advice and generally steering a complex development project towards delivery and landowner receipts.

East Birmingham Employment Sites – Working with Advantage West Midlands and The East Birmingham & North Solihull Regeneration Zone to deliver employment sites in East Birmingham. Includes acquisition and disposal of a number of significant development sites.

South Kesteven DC - assessing major planning applications and advising developers at a pre-application stage. Involvement in planning appeals and a number of Examinations in Public for the Regional Spatial Strategy, Structure Plan and neighbouring local planning authorities, including preparation of evidence



Lead role in ensuring that Grantham was identified by Government as one of 29 New Growth Points in the Country, securing funding of £5million to unlock the development of key sites in the town and alignment of the Growth Point with the emerging LDF process for SKDC.

Prior to working for ANCER SPA, Mark held the following posts:

KIER RESIDENTIAL

2007 – 2008 Strategic Land Manager,

Production of reports assessing the development viability of sites, including financial appraisals and evaluation of the planning prospects for Kier Homes Northern and Allison Homes Eastern

Preparation of offer letters, negotiation with landowners, management of existing strategic land portfolio, managing consultants, and development of planning applications

SOUTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

2006 – 2007 Planning Policy Manager

Manager of the Planning Policy and Conservation Service at South Kesteven District Council, leading a team of four officers to develop the new Local Development Framework for the district, and with responsibility for managing eight members of staff in total

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Production of various LDF documents and consultation papers, leading consultation events and liaising with partner authorities

Involvement in regeneration work and masterplanning for Grantham and Bourne town centres

CITY OF LINCOLN COUNCIL

2002 – 2006 Senior/Principal Planning Officer (Policy)

Key role in the development of the Local Development Framework for Lincoln – developing options and policy for the above portfolio areas, lead responsibility for LDF publicity, media liaison and organisation of events.

Project management of Area Action Plan work being delivered by consultants. Production of background studies to form “robust information



base” and setting up new monitoring systems to feed into Annual Monitoring Report

Policy portfolio specialist in the areas of Regeneration, Employment, Retail and Built Environment and Heritage whilst at Lincoln City Council

Production of two area-specific, design-based Supplementary Planning Guidance documents, which assisted in the regeneration of key Brownfield sites in Lincoln

Production of 3 Supplementary Planning Guidance documents; two design-based, and one involving innovative engagement of the local community

2000 – 2002 Planning Officer (Policy)

Part of the project team that secured a £1million Townscape Heritage Initiative grant to regenerate the Flaxengate / Danesgate area of Lincoln City Centre

Management of contracts with consultants to deliver one-off reports on retail and regeneration of Lincoln City Centre

Clients include:

Regional Development Agencies: East Midlands (EMDA), East of England (EEDA) and Advantage West Midlands (AWM), English Partnerships.

Local Authorities: Lincoln City Council, South Kesteven District Council, Birmingham City Council

Private Sector Clients:

Kier Homes
Buckminster Trust

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