

Appendix 9.1: Experience and Expertise

Kay Hawkins, BSc (Hons), BLD, CMLI

- A1.1. Kay Hawkins is a Chartered Landscape Architect and member of the Landscape Institute (CMLI). She has a BSc (Hons) in Ecology from the University of Lancaster (1982) and a post-graduate Bachelor in Landscape Design (BLD) from the University of Manchester (1986). She is a Supervisor for candidates on the Landscape Institute's Pathway to Chartership and has been an Examiner for the Institute's Professional Practice examinations since 1996.
- A1.2. Kay has over 35 years' experience in the design, assessment, management and implementation of environmental and development projects in the rural, urban and marine environments throughout the UK. These have included renewable energy projects, projects for the water industry, infrastructure projects, residential, leisure and recreational developments, industrial and commercial developments, land remediation schemes, waste management, mineral extraction and agriculture. She has worked with private and public sector clients, both in support of and in opposition to development proposals.
- A1.3. She has been undertaking landscape and visual impact assessments (LVIAs) since before the implementation of the original UK Environmental Assessment (EIA) Regulations in 1988 and has developed a particular expertise in EIA and the assessment of effects on landscape, seascape, visual amenity and heritage assets. She has managed teams of experts undertaking EIAs, has prepared site selection and feasibility studies, screening and scoping reports and has undertaken consultations. She has undertaken and directed the production of landscape, seascape, visual, cumulative and cultural heritage assessments. She has also produced written representations, hearing statements and proofs of evidence and presented evidence at examinations in public (EiPs), hearings and public inquiries for 60 appeals throughout the UK.
- A1.4. Based on the guidance on LVIA for England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, and on her professional judgement and experience, she has developed an approach to and methodologies for LVIA which she uses to assess the likely effects of various types and scales of development projects (both EIA and non-EIA). These methodologies have been regularly updated to ensure compliance with evolving guidance and have been rigorously tested by their use in numerous planning applications and appeals.
- A1.5. She has also been involved in various research projects, policy and good practice guidance documents relating to EIA, LVIA, cumulative LVIA (CLVIA), photography and visualisations and has presented papers at conferences, seminars and on university courses.
- A1.6. Alongside her consultancy work, she was also a part-time module tutor for the BA and MA landscape design courses at the University of Gloucestershire from 2017 - 2020, teaching professional practice and landscape planning and was a visiting lecturer for the MA landscape design course at Birmingham City

University, teaching professional practice, landscape planning and landscape and visual impact assessment.

- A1.7. She has also trained to be an Examining Authority for National Strategic Infrastructure Projects and was appointed to the pool of Appointable Persons at The Planning Inspectorate in 2016.

Mike Spence, BA (Hons), MLD, CMLI, REIA, FRGS

- A1.8. Mike Spence is a Chartered Landscape Architect and member of the Landscape Institute (CMLI). He has a BA (Hons) and a Master of Landscape Design (MLD). He has acted as technical advisor to the Landscape Institute's Technical Committee, providing expertise in photography and photomontages in LVIA since 2013 and was also a member of IEMA's Impact Assessment Steering Group (2019 - 2022).

- A1.9. Mike and his team have worked on multiple renewable energy projects including solar farms across the UK.