

Appendix 1.1 Statement of Competence

Part 17(4) (a) and (b) of The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2017 requires that an Environmental Statement (ES) must be prepared by persons who have 'have sufficient expertise to ensure the completeness and quality of the statement' and that a statement must be included describing the expertise of the person (or persons) who prepared the ES.

This appendix sets out statements of competency for all topic authors of the ES and for the EIA lead.

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Discipline	Consultancy	Lead consultant	Experience
EIA Co-ordinator and Socio-Economics	Savills	Jack Pugsley	Jack is an Associate at Savills and has over 8 years of experience working as an EIA co-ordinator and planning consultant in the UK. He has a Master's Degree in Town and Country Planning from the University of the West of England and a Degree in Architectural Design and Technology. He is a chartered Member of the RTPI. Jack has experience of managing the EIA process for a number of large scale development projects, across a number of sectors.
Transport and Travel	Atkins	Tim Colles	Tim is an Associate Director heading up the Development Planning team at Atkins Birmingham office. He is a Civil Engineer with a background in Transport Planning, Traffic Engineering and multidisciplinary project management for a wide range of schemes. Tim has worked as a consultant for over 20 years and has gained considerable experience throughout the UK and Middle East. Tim has prepared Transport ES Chapters for a wide range of schemes including TWOAs, DCOs and planning applications.
Air Quality	Atkins	Victoria Sykes	Victoria is an Associate at Atkins with over 20 years' experience of air quality assessments for a wide range of developments. She has acted as the air quality lead for a large range of projects, including nationally significant infrastructure projects and has presented evidence as an expert witness at public inquiry and DCO. She has a BSc (Hons) Geography, is a Chartered Scientist and is a Member of the Institute of Air Quality Management.
Noise	Atkins	Philip Hainsworth	Philip is a Principal Consultant in Acoustics, Noise & Vibration at Atkins (a member of the SNC-Lavalin group) and has over 9 years' experience working on large scale infrastructure projects in the UK, North America and Middle East. He holds a MSc in Applied Acoustics, a BSc in Sound, Light and Live Event Technology and PGDip in Acoustics & Noise

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			Control from the University of Derby. Philip is a corporate Member of the Institute of Acoustics.
Soils, Hydrogeology and Ground Conditions	PJA	Charlotte Smith of PJA	The Soils, Hydrogeology and Ground Conditions chapter has been prepared by Charlotte Smith of PJA. Charlotte has a BSc (Hons) in Environmental Earth Science and she has been a Chartered Geologist since 2013. Charlotte has 14 years' experience in ground investigation and geo-environmental consultancy, and during her career she has worked on a range of public and private sector development schemes. Charlotte has broad experience in the assessment and management of land contamination, having supported planning applications and planning condition discharge, Development Consent Order applications and prospective land acquisitions and divestments. Her specific EIA experience includes HS2 Country North, A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down, and Tilbury2.
Water and Flood Risk	PJA	Alison Caldwell	The Water Environment chapter has been prepared by Alison Caldwell of PJA. Alison has a MEng (Hons) in Civil Engineering and has been a Chartered Engineer with the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) since 2016. Alison has over 11 years' experience in the water environment, with extensive experience working on all elements of project delivery, from master planning to construction in both private and public sectors; providing technical advice to local authorities, developers, designers, planners and others involved in the planning and design of the built environment with respect to flood risk and drainage matters, at strategic, regional and local scales. Over her career, Alison has extensive experience in surface water management, drainage design, sustainable drainage, green infrastructure, master planning, integrated water management, resiliency studies, flood risk assessments and flood modelling projects supporting development through the planning application process, prospective land acquisitions and divestments. Her specific EIA experience includes HS2 Enabling

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			Works, Project Apple, South West Milton Keynes and Langley Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE).
Biodiversity	Ecology Solutions	Jacob Hepworth Bell	Jacob is a Director of Ecology Solutions (Manchester) Ltd and has been practicing as an ecological consultant for over 8 years. He has a degree in Zoology from The University of Manchester and is a full member of both the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management and the Institution of Environmental Sciences. Jacob has extensive experience on large scale developments, including regionally and nationally significant infrastructure projects. He holds class licences for various faunal groups and is experienced in developing mitigation strategies for a wide range of protected species and notable habitats. Jacob has a robust understanding of advising on environmental law, not least the Habitat Regulations and has provided evidence to planning inquiries in relation to the Habitat Regulations on numerous occasions.
Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment	Soltys Brewster	Richard Cole	Since joining Soltys Brewster in 2004, Richard has been involved in many projects requiring a Landscape and Visual Assessments (LVIA), including the site work assessment and report writing. He has led the landscape assessment for many major projects including, housing developments, school sites, wind farms, tidal lagoons, solar farms, including DNS applications. Richard has provided a lead supporting role to the Landscape Expert Witness in several major Planning Inquiries/Hearings and has an in-depth appreciation of how landscape assessment and design supports the planning process. Qualifications include: • PG Diploma Landscape Architecture • BA (Hons) Geography • Chartered Member of the Landscape Institute
Climate change	Arup	Ann Cousins	Ann Cousins is a chartered environmentalist with 15 years' experience. She is a climate change and sustainability specialist, whose work spans

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			from policy and strategy to project advice and assessment, in the cities, mixed use development and infrastructure sectors. She has contributed to climate change chapters for multiple environmental impact assessments. She has extensive experience in Wales, relating to Welsh policy and legislation and has acted as expert witness to a planning enquiry.
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