

**East Midlands Councils Associate Consultants****Michael Braithwaite MRTPI**

Michael brings a range of experience of planning in urban and rural areas. His aim is always to deliver the best possible outcome using resources as efficiently and effectively as possible. He is comfortable and confident when preparing and presenting material at formal committees, informal briefings, public meetings, media interviews, public inquiries and conferences. He has also applied his skills and experience in a range of different projects including membership of the East Midlands Councils Low Cost CPD for Planners Steering Group and representation on a TCPA roundtable on Uniting Public Health and Planning and RTPI roundtable discussions on Delivering Large Scale Developments.

From 2009 to 2013 Michael was Head of the Central Lincolnshire Joint Planning Unit. Prior to this he worked for North Kesteven District Council as Principal Forward Planning Officer, and has had experience with Leeds City Council and the Environment Agency.

**Jennie Catley**

After leaving university Jennie joined the Nottinghamshire Research Observatory based at Nottingham Trent University as a research assistant rising to research fellow. Since 2006 she has been running her own research consultancy where she has undertaken contracts with a variety of public bodies. Jennie is particularly skilled in the use of GIS and undertaking data analysis and interpretation and has advanced skills in Excel including advanced charts, pivot tables and macros as well as the use of statistical packages such as SPSS. She is also competent in undertaking original research including survey design and interviewing. Jennie has worked closely with the Regional Assembly/East Midlands Councils since 2005, having led on the data analysis and presentation in the Regional Annual Monitoring Reports.

Jennie attended Queen's College Cambridge where she gained an MA in Mathematics and Natural Sciences and Philosophy.

**Helen Chadwick FRMetS Associate Member RTPI**

Helen is an expert in climate change, energy and spatial planning across policy, science and implementation arenas. She is a critical thinker with highly developed analytical skills; delivering and managing projects to gather detailed evidence to support policy development. Helen began her career as a Scientific Officer at the Meteorological Office before moving to academia to teach students in the field of spatial planning as well as undertaking her own research in low carbon energy solutions.

From September 2003, Helen was a Policy Advisor – Low Carbon Economy – for East Midlands Regional Assembly/East Midlands Councils where she worked on policy development and implementation of energy and climate change as part of both the Regional Spatial Strategy and Regional Climate Change Programme of Action.

Helen has been an independent energy consultant since July 2010.

Helen holds a PhD in Sustainable Development and Renewable Energy and a BSc (Hons) in Physics with Astrophysics.

**Henry Cleary OBE**

Henry has had extensive experience of working at the interface between local and national government and with the private sector on growth, housing, renewal and infrastructure issues. Recently retired from DCLG after a career of over 35 years, in the last 10 of which he had lead responsibility for housing growth programmes, he is currently helping to establish the Growth Best Practice Network, sponsored by Lincolnshire County Council, which will provide a shared resource for authorities and enable closer working with the environment and infrastructure agencies.

Henry is keen to work with local authorities and communities to help them take advantage of new opportunities to promote development and growth and to tackle barriers whether at local or national level.

**Richard Cooper MRTPI**

Richard's career started at district level in 1979 and culminated in strategic planning at County Council level. He has expertise in demography and population and household projections and Census analysis, applied in a range of policy areas spanning structure and regional planning, and post-regional spatial planning policy. Richard's experience includes housing and employment policy; he led cross-authority work on a sub-regional strategy within the East Midlands Plan, and has worked on evidence for a City-region Core Strategy.

His strengths lie in analysis and explanation of projections and facilitating, for example in planning policy development with officers in a co-operative environment.

Richard has an Honours Degree in Town & County Planning and is a corporate member of the Royal Town Planning Institute. Richard continues to be involved in the CLG National Steering Group on Household Projections.

**Barry Davies CMILT**

Barry is an experienced local and regional government strategic transport manager with operational, planning, marketing, customer service, delivery and partnership building skills. Barry has had a successful 36 year career with County Councils and the East Midlands Regional Assembly/East Midlands Councils where he was Head of Regional Transport.

Barry's contribution to transport planning has been recognised with a national Charter Mark status in 1996 for excellent service delivery in public transport and the Bus Industry Award for Quality Partnership working with bus operators. Barry also chaired the regional branch of the Chartered Institute of Transport, of which he is a member.

Barry's qualifications include an MSc in Transportation and Traffic Planning and BA (Hons) in Geography and Geology.

**Martin Field MCIH**

Martin has spent the past fourteen years within the housing and regeneration sectors, with further regional positions with government investment agencies. Martin has a strong background in housing strategy and policy development, particularly around the management of housing 'enabling' and development services and the development of new community-led partnerships.

As well as being a corporate member of the Chartered Institute of Housing, Martin holds an MA in Social Studies from the University of Warwick and a PhD in Architecture & Building Engineering from the University of Liverpool. Martin regularly contributes article on housing issues to a wide range of professional journals.

**Terry Heselton MRTPI**

Terry is an experienced policy planner with extensive knowledge of planning legislation, procedures and best practice. During a 40 year career, primarily in the public sector, he has been involved in all aspects of planning ranging from strategic issues to site-specific proposals. His development plan work includes evidence gathering, engagement with communities and stakeholders, policy development, evaluation of representations and presenting evidence at Public Examinations and Inquiries.

Between 1991 and 2011 he held the position of Planning Policy Manager at Selby District Council with responsibility for all aspects of forward planning and policy development. He established his own planning consultancy in 2011 operating as a sole practitioner with both Local Authority and private clients. Recent commissions include the preparation of a supplementary planning document for a mixed use urban extension, providing advice and support in connection with local plan and neighbourhood plans, and undertaking sequential flood risk tests.

Terry was accepted on the NPIERS Panel of Neighbourhood Plan Examiners in October 2013 and undertook his first Examination as an Independent Examiner in January 2014.

**Mike Hewitt MICE MIHT**

Mike has extensive experience of working with DfT, local authorities, the Regional Assembly, Regional Development Agency and other agencies, including at chief officer level. Mike's work over the past 10 years has included working with consultants and other agencies in taking forward transport studies, working with local authorities and local partnerships giving advice on Government policy and the content of local transport plans and advising local authorities on the development of major transport schemes. He has wide experience on transport planning issues including the consideration of transport assessments for large developments.

From 2007 to 2010 Mike worked for East Midlands Regional Assembly/East Midlands Councils as Transport Policy Advisor. Prior to this he worked for over 12 years at GOEM as well as holding prior positions at DfT and Derbyshire County Council. Mike is a member of both the Institution of Civil Engineers and the Institution of Highways and Transportation.

**Ian Lings MRTPI**

Ian has been a Corporate Member of the RTPI since 1994, and he has been involved with Planning Policy development with all his jobs with Local Authorities, and the North West Regional Assembly, before being appointed as a Principal Planning Policy Officer with Lincolnshire County Council in 2002. He is also a Planning Aid Volunteer involved with Neighbourhood Plan progress in the region.

Ian continues to work using a collaborative approach with a variety of stakeholders, and is involved in a range of projects which link mainstream planning policy with other socio-economic activities, such as economic development, planning for sustainable rural communities and communicating the work of policy teams to wider professional areas.

**Helen Metcalfe MRTPI**

Helen worked for Planning Aid from 2005 as a Community Planner and Planning Advisor. Her work was wide ranging and included securing involvement from people who may be unfamiliar with the planning system in consultations on core strategies and major planning applications, assisting groups develop their own strategies and working with hard to reach groups. Previously Helen worked for Broxtowe Borough Council as Assistant Director of Community Development where she had overall responsibility for running the Estates, Economic and Community Development Directorate.

Helen is a Chartered Town Planner and Executive Member of RTPI Women in Planning and events organiser for East Midlands RTPI. Her higher qualifications are an MA in Environmental Planning and BA (Hons) Economic and Social History.

**Helen Prangley MRTPI**

Helen has been corporate member of the RTPI since 1993 and has recent experience working for Planning Aid, East Midlands Region, as a Planning Advisor. Her main task was managing the helpline providing professional independent planning advice to callers as well as managing Planning Aid volunteers and community planning events. Prior to this Helen has gained experience in a range of different planning environments including local authorities, private consultancy and academia.

Helen has a degree in Planning Studies and a Diploma in Town Planning.

Helen lists her personal interests as swimming and running.

**Brooke Smith MRTPI**

Brooke is a qualified Chartered Planner (MRTPI) with an Honours Degree in Town Planning. He has over 23 years professional Planning Officer experience in both local plans (planning policy) and development control teams in 5 local planning authorities in London, Yorkshire and Humber, and East Midlands regions. This includes approximately 13 years as a forward planning or spatial planning policy officer, and 10 years as a development control officer.

On policy development, Brooke welcome's opportunities to be responsible for preparation and delivery, or responding to, statutory and non statutory planning documents and policies, in particular the delivery and review of Local Plan documents. He also welcomes the opportunity to assist in the development of any schemes, projects or strategies directly associated with regeneration and economic growth. On development control, Brooke also welcomes taking on responsibilities for playing a key role in processing applications, appeals, enquiries and enforcement issues in an efficient manner that guides development and ensures speed and quality in service delivery and quality in the built environment.

**Penelope Strutton**

Penelope's expertise lies in designing strategies, projects and tools for engaging diverse communities in planning and managing the implementation of the process. In addition, her qualifications and experience in communications allows for successful communication campaigns to be worked into community planning strategies to maximise engagement.

Penelope worked at the Carbon Trust from 2001 where she managed the delivery of financial support packages for businesses to help reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. From 2004 she was regional manager at East Midlands Planning Aid, which up until 2011 offered free, independent and professional planning advice and outreach work to people unable to afford the fees of planning consultants.

Penelope has a degree in Journalism and Organisational Psychology from South Africa and is currently completing a diploma in personal performance coaching.

**Peter Strutton**

Peter has a low carbon career spanning 16 years across a range of energy, environmental and sustainability sectors. He is an innovative leader with a breadth and depth of experience from housing, construction, local government, business, energy and low carbon sectors, having worked successfully with people from all levels, both affluent and those in fuel poverty; at a strategic national policy level to a pragmatic delivery and project/contract management level. Peter has managed large teams in the private sector and has led virtual teams and networks in the public sector and directly managed multi-million pound budgets.

Peter has held a number of positions within East Midlands' local authorities since the early 1990s. In 2002 he joined the Carbon Trust as Regional Manager with responsibility for building relationships with partners to further the work of the organisation. From 2004 to 2010 Peter was Low Carbon Economy Advisor with East Midlands Development Agency where he developed a portfolio of new projects and partnerships to build on the energy heritage of the region. Peter has been providing consultancy services as a Director and Board Member of a Midlands-based consultancy and now as the Managing Director of his own company New Carbon Limited providing knowledge and services within the energy, low carbon and sustainability agendas.

Peter has an MSc in Energy and Sustainable Development from De Montfort University.

**Julie Tanner MRTPI**

Julie is a results-driven planning and management leader. She is MRTPI qualified, having 20 year's experience in strategic spatial planning, economic development and regeneration. Julie achieves high quality creative solutions that are outcome focused. As an independent consultant Julie specialises in partnership, mediation and brokerage solutions with a business-like approach to meeting delivery needs.

Most of Julie's career has been spent in the East Midlands, much of this at the East Midlands Development Agency, where she was head of team in the Strategy Directorate from 2003 to 2007 and the Regeneration Directorate from 2007 to 2011. Following the Government's announced intention to close the Regional Development Agencies, as well as running her own consultancy, Julie is working as interim Chief Executive at Opun, the Architecture Centre and Interim Principal Planning Officer at Harborough District Council.

Julie holds a degree in environmental planning and diploma in town planning from the Queen's University of Belfast and lists a wide range of interests including architecture and world cinema.

**Diane Whitehead**

Diane is a senior manager with extensive experience in disseminating policies to the local level. Highly respected for strong organisational skills and results focus, Diane is competent in strategic planning as well as delivery. She has significant skills in all aspects of communication, verbal and written, and is accustomed to a representational role. Diane's proven ability to develop strong working relationships and well practiced negotiation and influencing skills have been used to improve service delivery.

Until 2011 Diane had worked for a number of years at GOEM. From 1996 to 2005 she was a senior policy officer working on a range of different topics including sustainable development delivery, local transport planning and neighbourhood renewal. From 2005 Diane was Climate Change and Sustainability Advisor working with regional organisations and partnerships to explain and implement Government policy at the local level. As well as working with East Midlands Councils, Diane is currently employed on a part-time basis with Groundwork East Midlands.

Diane has a BSc in Marine Biology and Zoology with Biochemistry. Her main personal interest is riding and training of competitive dressage horses.

**Colin Wilkinson MRTPI**

Colin has over 25 years experience as a planner working in both the public and private sectors. He has considerable management experience at both strategic and service levels. Colin has experience of the full range of local authority planning functions, especially development planning. He has handled major, controversial development proposals including urban brownfield projects, urban housing extensions and rural planning. Colin demonstrates excellent influencing, team building, consultation and communications skills, which he can combine with process, analytical and technical skills to deliver complex and innovative solutions to planning problems.

Colin has a range of experience, mostly gained in local authority planning departments. From 1995 to 2010 Colin was employed by Melton Borough Council where he became Assistant Chief Executive, before forming his own town and country planning consultancy in 2010.

A Corporate Member of the Royal Town planning Institute since 1986, Colin holds a BA (Hons) in Urban and Regional Planning.

If you would like to discuss any interim technical support which EMC or its team of Associate Consultants may be able to assist with then please contact:

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