

Appendix 1.2

Statement of Expertise

1 RPS

1.1 RPS is a member of the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Quality Mark. This means that RPS adheres to the following quality mark commitments:

- EIA Management – We commit to using effective project control and management processes to deliver quality in the EIA we co-ordinate and the Environmental Statements we produce.
- EIA Team Capabilities – We commit to ensuring that all our EIA staff have the opportunity to undertake regular and relevant continuing professional development.
- EIA Regulatory Compliance – We commit to delivering Environmental Statements that meet the requirements established within the appropriate UK EIA Regulations.
- EIA Context & Influence – We commit to ensuring that all EIAs we coordinate are effectively scoped and that we will transparently indicate how the EIA process, and any consultation undertaken, influenced the development proposed and any alternatives considered.
- EIA Content – We commit to undertaking assessment that include: a robust analysis of the relevant baseline; assessment and transparent evaluation of impact significance; and an effective description of measures designed to monitor and manage significant effects.
- EIA Presentation – We commit to deliver Environmental Statements that set out environmental information in a transparent and understandable manner.
- Improving EIA Practice – We commit to enhance the profile of good quality EIA by working with IEMA to deliver mutually agreed set of activities, on an annual basis, and by making appropriate examples of our work available to the wider EIA community.

1.2 The EIA project management consultants responsible for the Port Relocation Proposals Environmental Statement (ES) have wide-ranging experience in co-ordinating EIA for various types of development, including extensive experience in large scale development.

Project Management

Dr Peter Ireland

1.3 Peter Ireland is a Senior Director and Director of Environmental Planning with RPS. He has over 28 years' experience in the private sector, working closely with developers, contractors, engineers, designers and architects, providing strategic advice and has extensive practical experience of EIA for a range of sectors including infrastructure, energy, commercial, residential and mixed-use developments. Peter has directed, or project managed a large number of EIAs covering a wide range of development types including approximately 30 highway or transport related projects for the Welsh Government, Highways Agency and various highways authorities. As Environmental co-ordinator for a number of larger projects, Peter has managed all environmental activities,

providing technical expertise, liaison with clients and acting as the projects' environmental interface with the public and stakeholders, as well as negotiating with statutory consultees. Additionally, Peter has successfully coordinated all environmental activities for the £1 billion M4 Corridor around Newport project in south Wales that lead to the publication of draft Orders and a comprehensive 27 volume ES, and Habitats Regulations Assessment following a 52 week programme from appointment.

- 1.4 Peter also has extensive experience of public consultation, information exhibitions, and of public inquiries presenting evidence for a range of environmental aspects including construction, contaminated land, biodiversity, rights of way and EIA procedures.

Natalie Brisland

- 1.5 Natalie Brisland is a Senior Consultant and project manager with RPS. She has five years' experience in environmental consultancy and has a background in renewable energy and residential industries, as well as in hydrology and geomorphology. Natalie has managed and assisted in the co-ordination and review of all ES documents and is experienced in the requirements of screening and scoping reports, ES chapter review and Non-Technical Summaries. Natalie has experience in a wide range of projects including highways, residential and large scale Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects.

2 TOPIC AUTHORS

Historic Environment

- 2.1 Chapter 5: Historic Environment has been prepared by Cotswold Archaeology, under the overall management of Duncan Coe, BA (Hons), MCIfA, FSA. Duncan is a Principal Heritage Consultant and Head of Exeter Office with over 30 years of experience of working within the historic environment. A former Inspector of Ancient Monuments at Historic England and Archaeological Officer at West Berkshire Council, Duncan joined Cotswold Archaeology in 2012. Duncan has extensive experience of archaeology and heritage management and has been involved and led a number of major projects, including providing evidence at appeals and inquiries

Townscape and Visual Resources

- 2.2 Paul is an Associate Landscape Architect and Landscape Planner at RPS. He is a Chartered Landscape Architect with 27 years' experience in industry and private practice. He specialises in landscape planning and Landscape & Visual Impact Assessment work both to support individual planning applications, forming part of the Environmental Impact Assessment process, or to guide future site development options across a range of sectors including defence, residential, leisure, commercial, renewable energy, mineral extraction, transport infrastructure and waste management. Paul has also overseen the implementation and subsequent management of large & small-scale landscape schemes within the urban and rural environments and has been expert witness at a number of Oral Hearings (Republic of Ireland) and local plan inquiries (UK).

Geology, Hydrogeology and Ground Conditions

- 2.3 Liz Holland is a Senior Consultant at RPS. She has a BSc in Geographical Sciences and a MSc in Hydrogeology. Liz has over nine years' experience working in the environmental sector, specialising in contaminated land assessments to support planning applications and for due diligence purposes. Specialist technical areas include undertaking Phase 1 Preliminary Risk Assessments, Phase 2 site investigations, Detailed Quantified Risk Assessments for controlled waters and human health receptors, and Ground Conditions and Hydrogeology chapters for EIA. Liz has worked on small to large scale projects including residential properties, operational commercial and industrial sites, and nuclear licenced facilities. Her work includes the assessment of potential impacts of ground conditions on proposed developments, determination of a site's suitability for use, and identifying potential development constraints. Liz has also produced remediation options appraisals and strategies and has carried out site conditions reports for environmental permit applications and surrenders (as required under the Environmental Permit Regulations). She has also undertaken required monitoring and reporting in relation to the operation of permitted sites for submissions to regulatory authorities.

Hydrology and Flood Risk

- 2.4 Kevin Lang has 36 years of experience in the civil engineering industry and is a director in a private consultancy specialising in engineering, drainage and flood risk management. Kevin leads multi-

disciplinary teams working on a wide range of projects throughout the UK. He has worked on both major and minor projects in the private sector which include mixed-use developments in town centres and regeneration areas. He has also worked on major schemes in the public sector for highway authorities.

Traffic and Transport

- 2.5 Adrian Cole has 32 years of experience in transport planning, traffic engineering and urban design. Adrian specialises in leading and working with multi-disciplinary teams for public and private sector clients working closely with clients and stakeholder groups to achieve successful transport outcomes. Adrian has worked on projects in the UK and overseas and have developed particular expertise in London, the South East and East Anglia, where he has worked on major development projects, town centre and regeneration studies. Adrian has worked on public and private sector projects around the world, notably in the UK, Australia and Ireland. Adrian is a Fellow of the Institute for Logistics and Transport (FCILT).

Air Quality

- 2.6 The assessment has been managed by Conal Kearney, Head of Noise and Air at REC. He has over 20 years' experience in the air quality sector including within both consultancy and local authority. His role includes the production and project management of Air Quality Assessments in support of planning applications for a wide range of UK and international clients and sectors. He also has detailed knowledge of the LAQM process and annual reporting to DEFRA, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), co-ordination of multi-disciplinary environmental assessment work in support of planning applications and dispersion modelling studies. Conal has a Master of Science degree in Environmental Pollution Control, is a member of the Institute of Environmental Science and a member of the Institute of Air Quality Management.

Noise and Vibration

- 2.7 Ben Tomlin is Principal Consultant at dBx Acoustics. He graduated from the University of Salford in 1999 with a BSc(Hons) in Audio Technology. He is a member of the Institute of Acoustics and has been working with dBx Acoustics since 2018, and in the acoustic industry since 2000. He is a member of the Institute of Acoustics.

Further Information

- 2.8 Duncan Painter is founder and owner of Applied Ecology Ltd, ecologist with over 25 years professional experience, BSc and PhD in applied ecological science and full member of the Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) and a Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv).