

Appendix A.5: EIA Team Expertise and Qualifications

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This Appendix provides information necessary to demonstrate compliance with Regulation 18(5) of the 2017 EIA Regulations, which requires:

- Developers to “ensure that the environmental statement is prepared by competent experts”; and,
- ES to be accompanied by a statement from the developer “outlining the relevant expertise or qualifications of such experts”.

The relevant expertise and qualifications of the competent experts, defined in the context of the EIA Regulations and for their contributions to the ES, who have prepared this ES are documented through the pen profiles provided in **Tables A5.1** (for individuals) and **Table A5.2** (for the organisations) below.

Table A5.1 Individual Pen Profiles

Company	Individual	Pen Profile	Role
Peter Brett Associates LLP, now part of Stantec	Stefan Boss	<u>Qualifications:</u> BSc (Hons), MSc, CEnv, MCIWEM, IEMA Registered Principal EIA Practitioner <u>Relevant Experience and Expertise:</u> Stefan has 15 years of environmental consultancy experience and leads PBA's environmental planning team. Stefan has led over 40 EIAs for a wide range of developments including housing, commercial, mixed use, transport and energy projects across the UK and Channel Islands.	EIA Reviewer
	Sarah Mathews	<u>Qualifications:</u> MEng (Hons), MSc, MCIHT <u>Relevant Experience and Expertise:</u> Sarah has 20 years of transport planning and engineering experience and leads PBA's transport planning team. Sarah has provided transport input to numerous EIAs for a wide range of developments including mixed use, housing, commercial, schools and transport projects across the UK.	Transport and Access Lead Author
	Graham Harker	<u>Qualifications:</u> BSc(Eng), ACGI, CEng, MIMechE, MIAQM, MIEEnvSci <u>Relevant Experience and Expertise:</u> Graham is an experienced environmental professional with a substantial background in environmental consultancy, industrial environmental regulation and the process industry and leads the Air Quality discipline within PBA. He has undertaken and led many air quality assessments for industrial, commercial and public sector developments involving air quality, dust and odour impacts. He has provided evidence at planning appeals regarding the air quality	Air Quality Lead Author

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		and odour impacts of developments as an expert witness.	
	Jane Hirst	<u>Qualifications:</u> BA (Hons), MRTPI <u>Relevant Experience and Expertise:</u> Jane has over 28 years' experience in the planning and development industry and now leads PBA's Planning team across the UK. Jane has led a series of EIA Planning Applications over the years, including high profile ones such as Wembley Stadium, the London Eye and a series of residential and employment led mixed use scheme across the UK. Jane's individual expertise is in socio-economic impacts of development and has over the years been involved in the preparation of circa 60 socio-economic chapters.	Socio-Economics Lead Author
	Rachel Manning	<u>Qualifications:</u> BSc (Hons), MSc, MCIEEM, Natural England Class Survey Licence holder for bats and great crested newts. <u>Relevant Experience and Expertise:</u> Rachel has 12 years of ecological consultancy experience and leads PBA's Bristol based ecology team. Rachel has been the author or technical reviewer of multiple Ecology Chapters and Ecological Assessment Reports to inform planning. These have covered a wide range of developments including housing, commercial, mixed use, transport and energy projects across the UK.	Ecology Lead Author
	Natasha Jones	<u>Qualifications:</u> BA(Hons), BLA, CMLI <u>Relevant Experience and Expertise:</u> Natasha has 20 years of experience practising as a Landscape Architect and leads PBA's landscape team. She has a broad range of landscape planning and design projects, including the preparation of evidence for public inquiries and acting as landscape expert witness.	Landscape and Visual Lead Author
Orion Heritage	Rob Bourn	<u>Qualifications:</u> BA, MA, MCIfA <u>Relevant Experience and Expertise:</u> Rob has extensive experience of advising developers, planning consultants and landowners on all stages of the promotion and construction of proposed developments from land acquisition/due diligence, through the design and planning application (both DCO outline and detailed) process to the discharge of archaeological and historic building conditions. This includes production of desk based assessments and	Cultural Heritage Lead Author

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		historic environment ES chapters, negotiations with local planning authorities, the costing and management of archaeological investigations and appearing as an expert witness at Public Inquiries.	

Table A5.2 Organisational Pen Profiles

Company	Pen Profile	Role
Peter Brett Associates LLP, now part of Stantec	<u>Core Competencies:</u> Peter Brett Associates LLP, now part of Stantec, (PBA) is an independent consulting practice of engineers, planners, scientists, and economists. The Practice has approximately 700 staff with a depth of technical skills spread across 15 regional offices in the UK and three Central European offices. <u>Relevant Accreditations:</u> IEMA EIA Quality Mark (renewed 2018), ISO9001 & ISO14001	Project Management, EIA Co-ordinator, Socio-Economics Assessment, Health Assessment, Transport and Access Assessment, Noise and Vibration Assessment, Air Quality Assessment, Hydrology Assessment, Ground Conditions Assessment, Landscape and Visual Assessment and Ecology Assessment.
Orion Heritage	<u>Core Competencies:</u> Orion Heritage Limited is an archaeological and heritage consultancy with over 50 years collective experience. With three offices based in Brighton, Worcester and Manchester, the company provides nationwide independent advice to the private sector aimed at resolving the demands of heritage conservation with successful and sustainable developments. <u>Relevant Accreditations:</u> Registered CIFA Organisation	Cultural Heritage Assessment

Reading Borough Council (the Applicant) is of the opinion that the information provided in **Tables A5.1** and **Table A5.2** demonstrates that this ES has been prepared by competent experts in accordance with the 2017 EIA Regulations.