

CV - LIZ BETH BA Hons; MA; Dip Design in the Built Environment; MRTPI

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A chartered Town Planner with neighbourhood planning, community engagement and teaching experience. Project management experience in planning and regeneration, accredited examiner for neighbourhood plans.

Planning Consultant – LB Planning

March 2015 – Present

- Successfully assisted many groups to completion of their made neighbourhood plans including; **Lawrence Weston** Forum (Bristol); **Rode** (Mendip DC) and **Highworth** (Swindon BC). Plan Drafting and submission work undertaken for **Cricklade** (Wiltshire) and **Tetbury** (Cotswolds DC) among others;
- General advice, Site Selection Reports, Basic Conditions Statements, Visual Impact and Village Character Assessment work undertaken with NP groups – examples include Rode and Highworth. Training and process advice given from inception to the examination stage, and health checks on developing plans.

Accredited Examiner with NPIERS

June 2015 – Present

Examinations undertaken include: **Carr House** NDO for Yorkshire Dales NPA; **Whitnash** NP for Warwick DC; **Little Aston** NP for Lichfield DC; **Leintwardine, Cusop** and **Shobdon** NPs for Herefordshire; **Hungarton and Great Glen** NP for Harborough DC; **Gotherington** NP (with Hearing) and **Tywning** for Tewkesbury BC; **Lanreath** and **Crantock** for Cornwall; **East Horsley** for Guildford BC.

Neighbourhood Planning Advisor

Planning Aid England (RTPI)

June 2013 - Sept 2015

- Worked with over 30 neighbourhood planning groups, both urban forums and parish councils, developing plans and policies. Gave advice on process, topics and project management as well as evidence required.
- Provided training to groups on community engagement and consultation; developing a vision and aims; policy-writing; planning and the neighbourhood planning process and site assessment. Presentations given on neighbourhood plans with organisations including the Planning Advisory Service) and the RTPI.

Lecturer

City of Bristol College

Jan-June 2013

Teaching part-time on the Construction Professional and Technical Skills NVQ course

Self-employed: Contract work on Neighbourhood Plans Health Check for Locality

Oct 12 – March 2013

Low Carbon Localism Project Manager

CSE (Centre for Sustainable Energy)

Oct 2011 - Sept 2012

- Working with the charity CSE for a year, developing the 'Low Carbon Localism' project - including engagement work and advice on policy and tactics for front runner neighbourhood planning groups;
- Developing and running planning training for staff and local energy groups; undertaking consultation responses on the developing national policy and Localism agenda and offering general planning advice;
- Ran a series of workshops for local councillors and activists for the PlanLoCal programme;
- Formal planning opinion given on Renewable Energy Planning Policy for Wakefield MBC.

Senior Development Officer

Kettering Borough Council

Nov 2006 – Oct 2011

- Worked on Planning Applications for 6 months, before transferring to Infrastructure section, where project implementation work undertaken, mostly using Growth Area funds.
- Set up and chaired the Non-motorised Road Users Forum, working on sustainable transport options.
- Worked on policy option developments for green infrastructure section of Local Development Framework.

Area Manager for Sustrans – West Sussex and Brighton

July 2002 – Nov 2006

- Negotiated with local authorities, landowners and others to complete the national cycle network (NCN) in the area, Successful fundraising of £60,000 for construction in 2006.
- Drew up briefs and undertook feasibility studies for potential cycle routes and networks. Undertook survey, research and report-writing. Generated income of £10,000 pa.
- Represented Sustrans at Public Inquiries and undertook other planning duties for them.

Senior Planner**Brighton and Hove City Council****Nov 1997 – August 2002**

- Project Managed and evaluated the Ocean Boulevard Single Regeneration Budget (SRB) Improvement Scheme on 2 major shopping streets in Brighton. Managed consultation with public and stakeholder groups, successfully bid for extra funding.
- Worked to acquire and implement Public Art Projects funded by s106 monies. Briefs for Artists drawn up, shortlisting and selection panels organised and chaired.
- Negotiated and Monitored the Withdean S106 agreement covering transport issues linked to the temporary permission for the Brighton and Hove Albion Football Club stadium. Included resident & Club liaison, statistical analysis of monitoring; reports to Committee.

Planning Officer**Sheffield City Council****1989-96**

Responsibilities included the full range of development control duties, writing reports, presenting applications at committee, representing the council at appeals and negotiating with developers. Other duties included Chairing the Women's Planning & Environment Group, input into Development Plan process and residents' consultation on policy and applications.

Visiting Lecturer Posts**Transport, the Environment and Society:** Brighton University 2003 – 2005**Planning Practice:** Sheffield Hallam University 1996 – 99 - Taught and assessed this unit of the postgraduate MA Planning Course. Included a day public inquiry simulation exercise.**Design for Development Control:** Sheffield University Planning Department: 1993-1995**Voluntary Activity and Experience****2016 – 2017 Pro-Bono planning support for RADE** – Residents against Dirty Energy, preparing and presenting planning evidence to committee and Appeal Statement on diesel generation proposal in Bristol.**2009 – 2011 Parish Councillor with Woodhouse Parish Council.****2001 – 2004 Director and Company Secretary of Turningwaves Ltd**, a company for residents of our block of flats. I co-ordinated our negotiation and purchase of the freehold of the building.**1996 - Present Neighbour Mediation Service in Sheffield, Brighton and Bristol.** Following training and certification, providing mediation services to local community.**1994-6 Friends of the Earth Board Member for the NE.** Helped develop the mission and strategy of a £6m turnover organisation. Provided training for local groups, chaired regional meetings.**Education and Qualifications**

- **City and Guilds Level 4:** Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector August 2013
- **Environmental units** Open University; Energy for a Sustainable Future Unit passed with Distinction 2007; Environmental Ethics Passed 2010.
- **Post-graduate Diploma Design in the Built Environment** Cheltenham and Gloucester HE College 1990-2
- **Science Foundation** (distinction) & **Ecology** units both passed Open University 1988-90.
- **MA Town and Regional Planning** Sheffield University 1984-86 MA Thesis: Residential Road Design. Also published article jointly with Dr T Pharoah 1988 Traffic Engineering and Control.
- **BA Hons (2.1) Archaeology and Prehistory** Sheffield University 1979 -81

Continuing Professional Development: Regular update seminars on Urban Design, Planning Law and Policy; IT training as required; Conferences on Ecology, Sustainable Development, Housing & Neighbourhood Planning.

3 day course in Project Management (2001); Energy Awareness NVQ level 3 passed Dec 2011. Neighbourhood Planning Independent Examiner Training RICS Nov 2012. Permaculture Course Nov-Dec 2016.

Presenter: Webinar on NPs 2015; Examinations 2015-7; Aspects of Neighbourhood Planning 2013- Present.

Personal development includes Assertiveness Training and Counselling Skills level 3 NVQ.