



# Built Heritage

## An introduction to our services



The CgMs Built Heritage Team has the expertise to provide high-quality, commercially-aware heritage advice to a range of public and private sector clients. Drawing on a range of experience and expertise, which includes former local authority planners and conservation officers; former Historic England Inspectors; surveyors and architects the Built Heritage team is able to advise on development within the most sensitive historic locations, including sites within the setting of listed buildings and within conservation areas, registered parks and gardens and World Heritage Sites.

We are able to provide thorough assessment and advice at all stages of the planning process, including pre-purchase and feasibility advice; pre-application discussions; submission documents and assistance post-consent with the discharge of conditions.

Our range of services includes the provision of Statements of Significance; Heritage Statements; Environmental Impact Assessments and informal advice. We also assist in the submission of listed building consent applications and provide thorough, robust assessments to support a wide range of planning applications.

The Built Heritage Team also has extensive experience of acting as expert witnesses at Examinations in Public, Public Inquiries and in the Courts we are subsequently well-placed to advise on the most contentious and challenging sites. Our experience and detailed knowledge of heritage law and policy means that we are able to identify key opportunities and constraints to unlock the potential and achieve development within the most sensitive sites throughout the United Kingdom.

### Our services

Heritage Statements and Impact Assessments

Environmental Impact Assessments

Planning Inquires

Design Guidance

Architecture and Historical Research

Pre-acquisition Advice/Statements of Significance

Conservation Management Plans

Enforcement Cases

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## Our Senior Team Members

### Jonathan Smith, Deputy Operational Director, Southwest

Jonathan is a widely experienced and fully qualified heritage professional with practical familiarity and an extensive track record in heritage management. This includes experience, gained over twenty-five years, as a commercial contractor, lecturer, local government curator and as a consultant in the commercial sector.

### Veronica Cassin, Director, London

Veronica trained as an architect and has specialised in heritage conservation for over twelve years. Her experience spans the disciplines of design, construction, planning and conservation. She has worked in local government as well as across a variety of sectors in private practice and understands demands of statutory compliance and commercial performance in both London and international contexts.

### Jo Evans, Director, London

Jo has over 20 years' experience in the private and public sector with experience in all aspects of building and area conservation, including, development appraisals, townscape assessments, conservation area reviews and local lists, urban design, enforcement and listed building prosecutions and numerous public inquiries and hearings. Jo is the immediate past Chair of the Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC), prior to which she was the Membership Secretary of the IHBC and the Chair of the Institute's Membership and Ethics Committee.

### Tom Copp, Senior Associate Director, London

Tom has a broad range of experiencing having acted on behalf of clients in highly sensitive locations throughout the UK, working for a range of private clients from homeowners to large developers. His experience includes alterations to listed buildings, new development within conservation areas and large-scale development within the setting of numerous heritage assets. Tom has experience as an expert witness at appeals and EiPs. He is currently instructed to appear as an expert witness at two imminent Public Inquiries.

### Hannah Hamilton Rutter, Associate Director, Newark

Hannah is a widely experienced heritage professional who is confident in the application of planning legislation and policy to make informed decisions about the impact of development on the historic environment. She has both practical and technical knowledge and has previously worked in the public sector as a Senior Conservation Officer. Her experience includes providing advice on projects affecting heritage assets or their settings, guidance on appropriate design, involvement in the Appeal process and as an expert witness at EiPs.

