



Jennifer Cooke

Heritage Consultant

BA (Hons) Psychology, Philosophy, Anthropology, Post-Graduate Diploma in Law, MA Cultural Heritage Management

Jennifer has a background in commercial law and has recently completed a MA in Cultural Heritage Management. She is able to combine knowledge of conservation theory and heritage assessment with the analytical and project management skills gained as a lawyer. She has experience advising commercial and public-sector clients and an aptitude for interpreting legislation, guidance and policy.

Experience

Following her studies at Durham University, Jennifer worked as a commercial lawyer both in private practice and at a FTSE100 company advising clients on a range of infrastructure and finance transactions. After deciding to make a career change she took on the role of General Duty Manager at a National Trust property overseeing all elements of property management and advising on budgeting and resourcing. Jennifer went on to complete a MA at York University in Cultural Heritage Management which included work with the Council for British Archaeology focussing on researching and reviewing listed building planning applications and conducting a strategic review of their annual plan.

Jennifer has significant experience in the public sector having worked extensively with Local Authorities in her previous roles. She is on the Board of Directors for the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists working with a range of heritage professionals and stakeholders and has volunteered with the National Trust. She is also on the Board of Trustees for the Jubilee House charity.

Since joining CgMs, Jennifer has gained experience working with both private and public sector organisations and works closely with clients and design teams to develop high quality development proposals appropriate to their historic contexts. Projects include the production of Built Heritage Statements to support alterations to listed buildings and the production of Built Heritage Assessments to support planning applications for larger schemes, including new residential developments in rural and town-edge settings. These projects regularly involve the assessment of a large number of heritage assets, and the potential impact of proposals on their significance.

Finally, Jennifer has supported colleagues on a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project with specific focus on the assessment of the cumulative impact of the design proposals and agreeing the statement of common ground with statutory consultees.

Key Projects

Land Development Binfield, Bracknell

Built Heritage Assessment to inform planning application for residential development.

East Square, Basildon

Built Heritage Assessment and Statement of Significance to inform redevelopment of town centre.

Tilbury 2 (NSIP)

Assessment of heritage assets in context of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project.

Old Justice Public House

Built Heritage assessment to support retrospective planning application.