



Thomas Copp

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Thomas 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 private 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. Thomas also provides expert witness advice at appeals and EiPs.

Experience

Thomas is an Associate Director within the CgMs Built Heritage team, having joined the company in 2014. In his time with the company Thomas has worked on a broad range of projects for numerous clients and specialises in new development within highly sensitive sites, notably within conservation areas and World Heritage Sites and within the setting of listed buildings. Although specialising in new housing and development within these locations, Thomas has also been involved in major regeneration projects in urban, industrial and rural locations. Thomas works across the United Kingdom, with experience in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

His detailed understanding of the planning system, and the position of heritage within it, ensures that Thomas can lead on a range of projects, from individual homeowners seeking to alter their listed building, to major redevelopment schemes within conservation areas and urban expansions within the setting of numerous listed buildings. Through liaising with local planning authorities and Historic England, Thomas has been able to secure permission for development throughout the United Kingdom, including both within, and within the setting of, highly sensitive heritage assets.

In addition to providing ongoing advice to support the design and planning process, Thomas has also acted as an expert witness in various planning appeals and Examinations in Public of local plans. This has included expert witness work to support the construction of new housing in highly sensitive locations, including within conservation areas and within the setting of a World Heritage Site.

Prior to joining CgMs Thomas completed an MA Urban Conservation in the University of Leicester's Centre for Urban History, providing him with a sound basis in conservation theory and policy. He has expanded on this knowledge through its practical application in both the private and public sector, coordinating the Buildings at Risk Survey for Barnstaple during an internship with North Devon Council, before joining the Built Heritage team at CgMs.

Key Projects

The Friary Lichfield **Pegasus Life**

Planning permission for new development of later living apartments within the Lichfield Conservation Area and the setting of a listed building.

Church Road, Illogan, Cornwall **Truro Diocesan Board of Finance**

Expert witness work to secure successful appeal for residential development within the setting of a WHS and numerous listed buildings.

Land at Langford and Maldon **Countrywide Developments**

Heritage Statement and Environmental Statement Chapter for a major urban expansion, within setting of numerous listed buildings and within two conservation areas.

Doddington Hall

Lady Delves-Broughton

Assessment of significance for conversion of GI listed Manor House to hotel and spa, including new development within its setting.

Tracey Farm, Great Tew

Soho House

Heritage advice for conversion of GI listed Barn and wider farm complex to form a luxury leisure retreat.

Coombe Shute, Stoke Gabriel

Provision of heritage statement and liaison with Historic England for development within a conservation area and the setting of a Grade I listed church.