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Alistair is a historic environment specialist with over 15 years of experience covering a wide range of sectors including commercial and residential property, renewables, infrastructure and local authority developments. Having worked in both the private and public spheres, he is well placed to advise on and manage mitigation for proposed or consented developments. Alistair negotiates effectively with stakeholders to agree proportionate and best-value methodologies to meet planning requirements.

Experience

Alistair works within a team dedicated to providing specialist advice concerning archaeology and cultural heritage. Support is provided to clients undertaking EIA, preparing planning applications and discharging conditions. He has an in-depth understanding of his discipline and the associated planning requirements of all types of development.

Alistair has extensive experience of developer-funded archaeology, having held both commercial and government posts. This means he has a holistic knowledge of planning procedure and is best placed to negotiate on behalf of his clients. Over the past few years he has successfully worked on a variety of developments ranging from residential schemes in Inverness to energy infrastructure projects at Drax Power Station.

Separate residential developments at Castle Terrace, Berwick-upon-Tweed required mitigation due to their proximity to a scheduled monument. Alistair negotiated with the LPA to ensure the scope remained proportionate to the archaeological findings and as a result minimised the impact to the clients' costs and programmes.

More recent work has involved addressing the constraints on development of a battery storage site at Peterborough Power Station, adjacent to the scheduled monument of Flag Fen. A multi-stage programme of mitigation has been instigated that will interlace with the development programme and avoid delays to the project.

Alistair is based in the Edinburgh Office. He is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Field Archaeologists.

Key Projects

Drax Power Station, Selby

Management of multi-phase mitigation work in advance of construction of carbon capture & storage facility at the site.

Castle Terrace, Berwick-upon-Tweed

Agreement with the LPA and management of mitigation scope at two residential developments adjacent to a Scheduled Monument.

Caldewgate, Carlisle

Completion of mitigation works in advance of supermarket development on a former brownfield site.

Crown Circus, Inverness

Agreement and completion of mitigation works for development in historic town centre.

Kilmondwood quarry, Durham

Successful negotiation with LPA to reduce scope of mitigation at quarry extension site.

Peterborough Power Station

Preparation and management of multi-stage mitigation for storage site adjacent to scheduled monument.