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Professional Qualifications

BSc (Econ) Economics & Geography
Master of Civic Design
Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute

Career Profile

1998 - to date	Director, CgMs
1994 - 1998	Planning Director, Elsworth Sykes
1983 - 1994	Director, Town Planning Consultancy
1979 - 1983	Senior Planner, WS Atkins

Relevant Experience

Christopher's extensive experience has primarily been at the sharp end of the development process dealing with planning appraisals, applications and appeals across a wide range of sectors. He has a particular interest in retail and housing projects. He regularly gives evidence at hearings and public inquiries.

Project Examples

Royal Mail Group - Planning advice to RMG in respect of their property portfolio within the M25. Currently providing guidance for new 65,000 sq ft mail distribution centre and circa 400-vehicle park in East London.

Arcadia - UK consultant to Arcadia advising in relation to mezzanines and use conditions, particularly in relation to out of centre development.

Office of the Deputy Prime Minister - Responsible for appraising the planning merits of proposed sites for Regional (Fire) Control Centres in the North-West and Yorkshire Humberside.

University of London - Redevelopment of Queen Mary College's Halls of Residence site at South Woodford to provide circa 500 dwellings.

British American Tobacco - Advice and planning applications in respect of alternative uses for factory, R & D, office and sports facilities, consequent upon the downsizing of their operation in the UK.

Lord Chancellors Department - Co-ordinating professional team and providing planning evidence at Inquiry in support of a proposed Immigration Hearing Centre for asylum seekers at Newport, Wales. This controversial proposal drew substantial interest from the public.

Institutional Clients - Providing advice in respect of the property portfolio of Land Securities, Foreign and Colonial, GE Capital and Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society. Audits and development plan monitoring, applications and representations with a view to improving the value of stock through the planning process.

Total UK Ltd - Planning consultant to Total since 1985 and subsequently Fina and Elf, across their network of over 1000 petrol filling stations.

Medway and Hackney Councils - Consultant to Medway Council in respect of applications for proposed retail warehouse developments including a B & Q store of 130,000sq.ft. Consultant to Hackney Council during the disposal of over 100 of their properties.

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