



Florence Maxwell

Senior Built Heritage Consultant

BA (Hons), MA

Florence has worked in both local authorities and private practice, giving her an understanding of the sector from both sides. Her experience includes conservation area appraisals, built heritage appraisals for alterations to sensitive listed buildings and heritage appraisals for large scale developments within the setting of heritage assets. She has worked on behalf of clients in sensitive locations throughout the UK, working for a range of clients from private homeowners to large developers.

Experience

Following on from a degree in Archaeology and Ancient History at Durham University, Florence completed a Master's Degree in Conservation Studies (Historic Buildings) at the University of York, developing knowledge in conservation theory and practice, as well as an understanding of the interpretation of historic buildings. Her Master's dissertation analysed the effects of the recession on charities working with Historic Buildings, and how these effects could be mitigated. During this time Florence also completed a short work placement at an architects firm, in which she assisted on a number of tasks, including historical research for architectural plans and assisting with a quinquennial inspection of a church.

Following the completion of her Master's degree Florence worked in Scotland for Argyll and Bute Council as the Built Heritage Intern. During this time she researched and compiled information for the Council's website, and provided advice to colleagues and the public about heritage applications, the historic environment and the conservation of historic buildings.

Florence then moved to South Northamptonshire Council to work as an Assistant Conservation Officer and completed a number of Conservation Area Appraisals, carried out surveys on listed buildings to identify those at risk and advised planning colleagues on heritage related applications.

Florence started working for CgMs (part of RPS Group) in 2015, and has since completed a number of Heritage Statements for sensitive sites, both dealing directly with conversions to listed buildings, and with large scale development within the setting of numerous heritage assets. Florence uses her experience in the public and private sector to provide clients with advice and to produce high quality appraisals which have helped secure permission for development whilst sensitively managing the historic environment.

Key Projects

Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans for South Northamptonshire Council

Researched and produced over 10 Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans for various settlements within South Northamptonshire in order to provide guidance for colleagues and the public on the sympathetic but adaptive management of the Conservation Area.

Royal Worcester Porcelain Works

Offered built heritage advice and produced a Built Heritage Statement which helped secure permission for the redevelopment of the Royal Worcester Porcelain Works for mixed use development, including the retention of those buildings considered to be most significant.

Anglesea Road, Southampton

Produced a heritage statement and offered client advice on the non-designated heritage assets on site relating to their demolition and on the impact of the redevelopment of the site on the surrounding heritage assets, including listed buildings and a conservation area.