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Jonathan is a widely experienced and fully qualified heritage professional with practical familiarity and an extensive track record in heritage management. This includes experience, gained over thirty years, as a commercial contractor, lecturer, local government curator and as a consultant in the commercial sector. He has a long, successful track record as an expert witness at EIPs and at planning appeals.

Experience

Jonathan has a thorough understanding of the planning process in relation to the historic environment. He is well practised in negotiating, delivering and managing the provision of specialist advice and information to council officers and members, the public, Historic England, architects, engineers, developers, agents, other environmental professionals and heritage assets owners on all matters relating to the management of designated and non-designated heritage assets. He has experience in all aspects of the UK's historic environment (excepting marine) and its investigation, and has worked on most types of heritage assets across the country.

Jonathan has an extensive and successful track record (from 1998) of acting for clients at appeals and at Local Plan examinations in public. This includes written representations and as an expert witness at hearings and public inquiries (separate CV of appeal experience available on request).

Jonathan is a full member of both the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists and the Institute of Historic Building Conservation. He has produced columns and articles in both institutions' publications, and has been a speaker at their conferences.

Jonathan is a visiting lecturer at Oxford Brookes University on their Historic Conservation masters course.

Key Projects

Elsley Road, Wandsworth

Provision of Heritage Statement in relation to the impact of new development on the character and appearance of a Conservation Area, and the setting of Listed Buildings.

Newport City Centre (S Wales)

Cultural Heritage ES Chapter for extensive commercial regeneration of city centre considering numerous and extensive impacts on Conservation Areas, Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings and non-designated heritage assets, with the provision of appropriate mitigation measures.

Odd Down, Bath

Heritage Assessment in relation to strategic allocations in the LPA's Core Strategy in relation to a proposed development site including a World Heritage Site, a Scheduled Monument, Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings and their settings.

The Studio, Paignton

Historic Building assessment of Modernist office by named architect being considered for designation as a listed building, resulting in a successful rebuttal of Historic England intention to designate.

Burnden Park, Bolton

Provision of an historic building survey of a non-designated built heritage asset in advance of demolition to enable discharge of conditions on planning consent.