



Pete Owen

Associate Director

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Pete has twenty years professional experience providing historic environment advice and services to the private and public sectors. He began his career as a field archaeologist and subsequently gained extensive experience working for a number of multi-disciplinary consultancies. Pete has experience of working on a wide range of project types, from individual residential projects to National Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs). He has worked across the UK and has an in-depth knowledge of historic environment and planning legislation and policy.

Experience

The early years of Pete's career were spent working as a field archaeologist on commercial projects across the UK. The projects he worked on ranged from watching briefs on small housing developments to large-scale archaeological excavations undertaken for High Speed One (then known as the Channel Tunnel Rail Link) and Heathrow Terminal 5. Such experience has been invaluable in his later career, providing a grounding in archaeological practice and an understanding of how archaeology works 'on the ground', from the perspectives of the client, archaeological curators and both construction and archaeological contracting organisations.

Following this time spent as a field archaeologist, Pete grew his historic environment consultancy expertise over many years whilst working in a multi-disciplinary consultancy environment. This has allowed him to become skilled in liaison and negotiation with project stakeholders and provided the opportunity to work alongside a range of other disciplines including civil, structural and M&E engineers, project managers, quantity surveyors, architects, ecologists, traffic planners, and environmental scientists. This breadth of experience has given Pete the ability to work effectively within teams encompassing many, often conflicting viewpoints to deliver the desired outcome.

Pete has experience of a very diverse range of project types and is equally at home assisting a residential developer gain planning permission for 20 new homes or producing Environmental Statement chapters and providing input into Development Control Applications for major infrastructure schemes. Most recently he helped gain consent for the M4 Smart Motorway Junctions 3-12 Scheme and the Silvertown Tunnel, both Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects. Pete has extensive knowledge of both below-ground archaeology and the historic built environment.

Pete has been a full Member of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists since 2008 and was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland in 2015. He was also recently accepted as an Affiliate of the Institute for Historic Building Conservation.

Key Projects

Silvertown Tunnel Transport for London

Project Archaeologist for a proposed new tunnel beneath the River Thames between the Greenwich Peninsula and Silvertown (NSIP).

Crossrail Stations West Vinci

Contractor's Archaeologist for station improvement works between Acton and Maidenhead (NSIP). Included historic building recording and the management of multiple archaeological watching briefs

Solar Farms Lightsource

Historic Environment advice and services to support successful planning applications for the construction of solar farms on numerous sites across the UK.

Westleigh Waterfront Canals and Rivers Trust

Historic Environment advice and services to support a successful outline planning applications for 500 new homes adjacent to the Leeds Liverpool Canal (Greater Manchester).

Manchester North West Quadrant Highways England

Project Archaeologist providing strategic relating to a number of potential road construction and improvement schemes within the north-westerly portion of Greater Manchester.