

Richard Atkinson BA (Hons) DMS MRTPI
Director



Professional Qualifications

BA (Hons) Town and Country Planning
Diploma in Management Studies
Member Royal Town Planning Institute
Principal EIA Practitioner (IEMA)

Career Profile

2008 - to date Director, CgMs
2006 - 08 Head of Planning, Cheffins
1998 - 2006 Associate, Atkins
1996 - 98 Principal planner, Scott Wilson
1991 - 96 Associate, Cobham Resource Consultants
1990 - 91 Development officer, Kirklees Metropolitan Council
1989 - 90 Project officer, Clifford Barnett Group
1976 - 89 Planning officer, Kirklees Metropolitan Council
1974 - 75 Planning assistant, Department of the Environment

Relevant Experience

Richard has extensive experience of Development Planning. He has managed a wide range of environmental assessments of major infrastructure projects including light rail, airport, waste water treatment plants and overhead electricity transmission lines. He has also prepared strategies for environmental improvement and recreation provision and feasibility studies to accompany funding bids and support planning applications. He acts as a consents officer for National Grid.

Project Examples

National Grid - securing consents under the Planning and Electricity Acts for overhead lines and associated infrastructure.

Barratt Strategic - promotion of new community of 4000 houses through LDF process.

Highways Agency - environmental adviser on several major highways projects.

Northern Ireland Water Service - environmental assessments of major waste water projects.

Lancashire County Council - expert witness in gas storage appeal.