



Robert Masefield

Director, Archaeology

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Robert has over twenty years of experience in British archaeology including consultancy management of some of large-scale and complex archaeological and heritage projects following more than ten years of undertaking archaeological fieldwork. At RPS he has responsibility for the development of projects and for providing advice on archaeological responses/strategies in relation to planning and development proposals. As a consultant with urban and rural experience Robert is used to working in multi-disciplinary Design Teams with commercial and statutory organisations.

Experience

Robert has experience of compliance with Town and Country Planning/ NPPF, Scheduled Monuments, Conservation Area and Listed Building legislation, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), and the Highways Agency Design Manual for Roads and Bridges. He has extensive experience in the management and design of archaeological projects and of liaison and negotiation with archaeological curators. Expertise includes some of the largest complex archaeological projects undertaken in southern England (Colchester Garrison; Brighton & Hove Waste Water Treatment Works; Thanet Earthhydroponic greenhouses; and Great Western Park, Didcot) input into masterplans, production of desk-based assessments and proofs of evidence.

Robert has worked as both a commercial and consultant archaeologist and has a wide knowledge of British archaeology and development. Through membership of multidisciplinary design teams and knowledge of approaches to mitigation by design/engineering solutions, he has ensured significant cost and programme savings. This has been achieved via effective communication with clients and their architects, landscape architects, engineers and Main Contractors and by regular liaison with LPA Development Control Archaeologists and English Heritage Inspectors. Key solutions include designing out impacts to nationally significant archaeological remains. He has also designed approaches to the display and care and maintenance of archaeological remains, where required.

Current projects include heritage and archaeology advice to assist identification of key historic environment issues and aid runway options appraisal at Gatwick R2, Colchester Garrison development and associated residential development, including identification and subsequent advice on retention within detailed design of Britain's first Roman circus.

Robert has lectured on archaeological projects and process at the Society of Antiquaries (for which he is a Fellow), presented at conferences and to numerous local archaeological and historical societies. He has published widely in International, national and local archaeological journals including Society of Antiquaries and BAR.

Key Projects

Gatwick R2

Gatwick Airport Limited

Archaeology and Heritage baseline provision and input into runway options appraisal.

Brighton & Hove WWTW

Southern Water

Provision of ES Chapter, provision of proof of evidence and attendance at PI, design and management of major archaeological investigation of WWTW development.

Wickhurst Green Broadridge Heath Countryside Properties

Archaeological project design and management of major archaeological investigation of residential development

Sheerness WTW

Peel Ports

Provision of ES Chapter and complex negotiation of heritage aspects with English Heritage, statutory bodies and stakeholders enabling planning consent.

Great, Western Park, Didcot

Taylor Wimpey

ES provision, project design and management of major archaeological investigation of residential development

Colchester Garrison

RMPA & Taylor Wimpey

Provision of ES/ management of fieldwork and reporting 2002-ongoing. Roman circus and over 1,000 Roman burials.