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Simon has led historic environment consultancy and archaeological field work teams on a diverse range of projects spanning infrastructure, energy, town centre re-development and brown-field/greenfield sites. He provides consultancy advice on historic environment responses in relation to development proposals. With over twenty-six years of experience of working in the historic environment sector, including over ten years of undertaking archaeological fieldwork, Simon has a unique knowledge of the historic environment and development.

Experience

As a consultant with urban and rural experience Simon is used to working in multidisciplinary Teams and has extensive experience in liaison/negotiation with statutory curators. His understanding of the development process and engineering design options as a means of mitigating impacts has resulted in cost savings on major development projects. His experience includes work on five of Southwark's Scheduled Monuments and the preparation of successful Scheduled Monument Consent applications for those sites.

Recent projects include Empire Warehouse in Southwark, a site located in a Conservation Area and Archaeological Priority Area. This site had a number of significant constraints that needed to be addressed including pre-determination archaeological evaluation, historic building recording and archaeological mitigation to navigate through the planning process. Simon's strategic advice (in conjunction with the Client's Design Team) helped reduce engineering impact and the overall archaeological cost and programme.

At City Airport (CADP) Simon wrote the Historic Environment chapter for submission to the LPA. This project was awarded the "Best Environmental Initiative" at the Airport Operators Association (AOA) Awards in November 2013.

At Bedford Castle Quays, archaeological constraints threatened development viability. With regular consultation with the County Archaeologist, the English Heritage Inspector of Ancient Monuments and the appointed archaeological contractor Simon helped re-design ground impacts, thus achieving substantial preservation of archaeological deposits. This project also required the display of archaeological remains. It won the 2009 Homes & Communities Agency award for "Places for All: Strengthening Communities through Culture and Heritage".

He is currently working on the Phase 3 redevelopment of St Bartholomew's Hospital, Greenwich Peninsula and the Phase 2 redevelopment of Canning Town (Hallsville Quarter) plus other significant development schemes across London.

Key Projects

Empire Warehouse, Southwark

Reports and advice in relation to Conservation Area Consent and Archaeological & Historic Building Recording conditions.

Greenwich Peninsula

Assessment, EIA Chapters and post-planning support on major development schemes on Greenwich Peninsula.

Charterhouse Street, Islington

Heritage Statement in support of Listed Building and Conservation Area Consent application.

London City Airport

Baseline and EIA Chapter, liaison with LPA's Advisors and addressing consultation responses.

St Bartholomew's & Royal London Hospital

Phase 2 support /advice on mitigation and risk management in relation to development delivery at St Barts. Phase 3 is now progressing. Strategic advice at the RLH.

Wembley

Archaeological advice in relation to development around the National Stadium.

Canning Town

EIA Chapter and archaeological support in address planning conditions across this multi-phase development.