

## APPENDIX 1.2 – AUTHOR EXPERTISE STATEMENT

1.1 RPS is a member of the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Quality Mark. This means that RPS adheres to the following quality mark commitments:

- EIA Management – We commit to using effective project control and management processes to deliver quality in the EIA we co-ordinate and the Environmental Statements we produce.
- EIA Team Capabilities – We commit to ensuring that all our EIA staff can undertake regular and relevant continuing professional development.
- EIA Regulatory Compliance – We commit to delivering Environmental Statements that meet the requirements established within the appropriate UK EIA Regulations.
- EIA Context & Influence – We commit to ensuring that all EIAs we coordinate are effectively scoped and that we will transparently indicate how the EIA process, and any consultation undertaken, influenced the development proposed and any alternatives considered.
- EIA Content – We commit to undertaking assessment that include: a robust analysis of the relevant baseline; assessment and transparent evaluation of impact significance; and an effective description of measures designed to monitor and manage significant effects.
- EIA Presentation – We commit to deliver Environmental Statements that set out environmental information in a transparent and understandable manner.
- Improving EIA Practice – We commit to enhance the profile of good quality EIA by working with IEMA to deliver mutually agreed set of activities, on an annual basis, and by making appropriate examples of our work available to the wider EIA community.

1.2 The EIA planning and project management consultants responsible for the Project Environmental Statement (ES) have wide-ranging experience in co-ordinating EIA for various types of development, including extensive experience in large scale development, as do the various topic specialist leads, as set out below.

### Project Management

#### Andrew Lucas

1.3 Andrew is Chartered Town Planner and Director with RPS. He has over 20 years' experience in the public and private sector, working across a wide array of projects and has extensive practical experience of EIA for a range of sectors including infrastructure, energy, commercial and residential development. Andrew has directed or project managed many EIAs covering a wide range of development types including energy and infrastructure in Milford Haven, elsewhere in Wales and in England. As Environmental Co-ordinator for several larger projects, Andrew has managed all environmental activities, providing technical expertise, liaison with clients, acting as the projects'

environmental interface with the public and stakeholders, as well as negotiating with statutory consultees.

- 1.4 Andrew also has extensive experience of public consultation, information exhibitions and of public inquiries presenting evidence for a range of planning aspects and EIA procedures.

### **Dafydd Williams**

- 1.5 Dafydd Williams is a Chartered Town Planner and Associate with RPS. He has 13 years' experience in both the public and private sectors with a background in renewable energy and infrastructure. Dafydd has managed and assisted in the co-ordination and review of ES documents and is experienced in the requirements of Screening and Scoping reports, ES chapter review and Non-Technical Summaries. Dafydd has experience in a wide range of projects including Developments of National Significance, energy and commercial projects.

### **Marine Ecology and Coastal Processes**

#### **Nicola Simpson (BSc Marine Ecology, MSc & DIC Advanced Methods in Taxonomy and Biodiversity)**

- 1.6 Nicola has specialist expertise in EIA and HRA processes for major energy infrastructure projects in the coastal environments, and a wealth of experience relevant to the project. Nicola provides support to clients in gaining all marine and environmental consents for developments and subsequently ensuring compliance with marine and environmental consent conditions. Nicola has a wide-ranging understanding of UK and EU environmental policy and legislation, which she uses in the strategic environmental advice provided to clients, and engages on their behalf with engineers, contractors, regulators and other stakeholders to meet the needs of major infrastructure projects.

### **Shipping and Navigation**

#### **Nicola Simpson (BSc Marine Ecology, MSc & DIC Advanced Methods in Taxonomy and Biodiversity)**

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### **Noise and Vibration**

#### **Susan Hirst (BSc (Hons), MIOA, ANC Registered Insulation Tester)**

- 1.8 Susan has over 10 years of experience in the field of acoustics. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Acoustics from Salford University and a diploma in professional studies for a placement

year spent at the Building Research Establishment. Susan is a member of the IOA and an ANC registered Sound Insulation Tester. Susan has experience in providing acoustic design advice for a range of developments including residential, offices, schools, hospitals, industrial uses and performance spaces including advice for the achievement of BREEAM credits; the discharge of planning conditions and other design criteria as required.

## **Air Quality**

### **Fiona Prismall (MSc, BSc (Hons), CEnv, MIAQM, MIEEnvSc)**

- 1.9 Fiona has extensive experience in undertaking air quality assessments for a broad range of developments including waste management facilities, major transport infrastructure schemes, minerals operations, industrial installations, commercial, retail, residential and mixed-used developments She contributed to the IAQM 'Guidance on the assessment of dust from demolition and construction' and is also a member of a joint EPUK/IAQM working group, created to update the air quality significance criteria for planning.

## **Historic Environment**

### **Mick Rawlings (BA Hons, MCIFA)**

- 1.10 Mick has more than 30 years' experience within the historic environment sector, on projects in the UK and overseas. Over the last decade Mick has provided the historic environment input into a considerable number of Environmental Statements for major schemes, including several for NSIPs and the M4 Corridor Around Newport project where he gave evidence at Public Inquiry.

## **Ground Conditions**

### **Phil Thomas (BSc Environmental Geoscience, MSc Geoenvironmental Engineering, ROGEP)**

- 1.11 Phil has over 13 years' experience of managing the environmental aspects of contaminated land projects in support of due diligence, redevelopment and permitting and has a proven track record of providing high quality advice in relation to contaminated land, waste management, permitting/consents and engineering supporting large scale redevelopment. Phil has acted as contaminated land lead in relation to numerous EIAs and has a detailed understanding of the contaminated land regime. He also has substantial experience in the development and delivery of effective remediation solutions, preparing contaminated land appraisals and remedial schemes dealing with a wide range of contaminants many of which have been in sensitive settings both with respects to the environment (Sites of Special Scientific Interests (SSSI), Special Areas Conservation (SAC)) and human health.

## **Landscape and Visual Impact**

### **Helen Donnelly (BA (Hons) Dip LA, CMLI, MA Urban Design)**

- 1.12 Helen has over 20 years' professional experience working in both the public and private sector in the UK and Ireland providing consultancy services in urban design, masterplanning and landscape architecture and assessment for a range of developers, house builders, local authorities, the MoD, private and public institutions, housing associations and private clients.

## **Flooding and Hydrology**

### **Jonathan Morley (BSc (Hons) Environmental Management)**

- 1.13 Jonathan is a highly experienced project manager and technical expert in hydrology, having authored numerous EIAs, Flood Risk, Flood Consequence Assessment and SuDS documents for a range of residential, commercial, industrial, waste and energy developments. These include; large commercial estates, landfill sites, waste recycling sites, energy from waste facilities, solar farms, battery storage and gas engine sites, onshore wind farms and European interconnector projects.

## **Biodiversity**

### **Tim Oliver (MSc, BSc (Hons), CIEEM)**

- 1.14 Tim is a highly experienced ecologist having worked in the field for over 20 years, bringing a depth of experience and technical expertise to projects. He has long standing experience of managing complex ecological projects in a variety of sectors including energy, residential, industrial, infrastructure, education and mineral extraction throughout the UK. This diverse project portfolio allows Tim to support projects in addressing biodiversity conservation within the framework of their objectives.

## **External Topic Specialists**

### **Transport**

- 1.15 Lime Transport was founded in 2015 and provides transport planning advice on a wide variety of development projects throughout the UK.

#### **Andy Roberts**

- 1.16 Andy is a Director of Lime Transport and has over 25 years' experience of the transport and land use development planning process and has held senior positions at several large multi-disciplinary consultancies. He works with developers providing advice on a wide variety of schemes throughout the UK and overseas. His experience includes assessing project feasibility, identifying the scope and extent of the likely development impact and preparing documents to support planning applications together with the negotiation of legal agreements. Andy has considerable experience in producing EIA, including acting for local government in reviewing an application for the construction of a deep-sea container port and 1,000,000 m<sup>2</sup> commercial development in South East England.

### **Socio - Economics**

- 1.17 Hardisty Jones Associates is an expert economic development consultancy that operates throughout the UK. It works with both private and public sector clients to design, deliver and demonstrate economic growth and development.
- 1.18 The company was founded in 2011 by Dr Gareth Jones and Stuart Hardisty who have been involved in economic development, regeneration and sustainability advice, support and academic research since the early 1990s. It has provided economic development support to many public, private and community bodies in the UK and overseas including contributing to EIAs.

- 1.19 Hardisty Jones Associates follow the Institute of Economic Development's Code of Professional Conduct for Consultancy.

### **Stuart Hardisty**

- 1.20 Stuart is a Member of the Institute of Economic Development and a Director of Hardisty Jones Associates with 18 years' experience of all aspects of economic development consulting. Stuart's expertise includes economic analysis in relation to property development and planning policy, economic strategy preparation, economic impact analysis, project appraisal and evaluation. Stuart is an experienced project manager and leader with strengths in stakeholder consultation, understanding the implications of economic analysis, forecasting and modelling, survey development/management and data collection and analysis. Stuart has worked extensively in Wales and across the south of the UK as well as various projects in other parts of the UK, Europe and Worldwide. Prior to becoming a Director of Hardisty Jones Associates in 2011, Stuart enjoyed an 11-year career with an international property consultancy, latterly leading its economic development presence in Wales, South West England and West Midlands.