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ICENI PROJECTS BIOGRAPHY

Eilish adopts a conscientious, strategic and commercial focus to her work.

Eilish is experienced in a wide range of commercial, infrastructure, residential and mixed-use projects gained from thirteen years working in the private sector. She has a proven track record for providing quality advice and a fast and efficient service.

Her key strength is in co-ordinating large project teams involving a wide range of consultants. She is an experienced project manager, co-ordinating large multidisciplinary teams and reviewing technical reports for both EIAs and planning applications.

Eilish adopts a strategic and commercial focus to her work, and is particularly good at negotiating environmental solutions with key stakeholders. She excels at the day to day management of planning applications and planning appeals, including Public Inquiries.

She is a Chartered Town Planner (RTPI) and Practitioner member of the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA).

5 defining projects

1: REDEVELOPMENT OF ANGLIA SQUARE, NORWICH

Led a large team of technical consultants in preparing, managing and co-ordinating an EIA for the redevelopment of a 4.51 hectares site at Anglia Square Shopping Centre, to the north of Norwich City Centre. The proposals include the provision of 1,250 dwellings, 11,350 sq m hotel, 9,850 sq m ground floor flexible retail/ commercial space as well as leisure facilities and landscaping

2: ARENA ESSEX, PURFLEET, THURROCK

Manging the Environment and Social Assessments, including the EIA, for the development of this 52 hectare site in Thurrock. The development will deliver a mixed-use scheme comprising of 2500 new homes, community facilities, retail, school, leisure (including a Lido), car parking and associated access arrangements, public realm works and environmental improvements.

3: ABBEY RETAIL PARK, BARKING

Leading a team of consultants to prepare an EIA to support an application for 1300 dwellings, 65,000 sqft of mixed use commercial/leisure space, in Barking.

4: FORMER FORD STAMPING PLANT SITE, DAGENHAM

Preparation, co-ordination and managing the EIA team for the redevelopment of this iconic site.

5: LONDON ASHFORD AIRPORT, LYDD, KENT

In a previous role, Eilish led and managed a large development team to successfully secure planning permission for a runway extension and new terminal in a very ecologically sensitive area in Kent. Eilish was the project manager, co-ordinating and producing environmental information, supporting planning information and managing a large team of consultants. The proposal was subject to a 9 month call-in inquiry and subsequently, successfully won a Judicial Review.