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ICENI PROJECTS BIOGRAPHY

Kieron considers all the angles and has a collaborative approach much valued by clients.

Kieron's interest in planning was sparked at an early age during his upbringing in North Devon when he realised the devastation that Planners can cause when they get it wrong!

After studying in Bristol, Kieron's professional career began in 2001 as a planning officer at The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead where his planning cases included work on a number of high profile sites such as Windsor Castle, Eton College and the Ascot Racecourse redevelopment, before moving to the London Borough of Camden in order to work on the regeneration of King's Cross.

In addition to his public sector experience, Kieron has spent 8 years in private practice working for DTZ and Gerald Eve LLP providing planning advice to clients on complex, large scale, mixed use developments, predominantly in Central London. Significant projects within London included the Sterling Prize winning Evelyn Grace Academy, the Hanover Square Masterplan and new Crossrail station for Great Portland Estates, over 1 million square feet of mixed use development on the River Thames for Land Securities and work on complex, multi-site planning strategies for the Howard de Walden and Portman Estates. Kieron's wider experience outside London includes the strategic planning and promotion of the Northstowe new settlement, in South Cambridgeshire. Kieron joined Iceni as a Director in September 2012 where he leads on a wide range of client and planning advisory roles, including site appraisal, promotion, public consultation, planning application and appeal work. Kieron's is able to advise on any type of planning proposal from beginning to end.

His public and private sector experience enable him to consider all the angles of a project to quickly identify and mitigate planning risk before applying his thorough knowledge of planning law and policy to develop innovative and bespoke planning strategies to secure permission.

During his limited spare time Kieron uses his skills to advise public organisations on planning and property. These include non-executive roles with a number of Housing Associations, including First Wessex. Kieron enjoys playing golf (badly), shooting and Rugby Union as well as spending time with his family, friends and his two Border collie dogs.

5 defining projects

1: THE EMBASSY, 33 THURLOE SQUARE

Kieron advised the Embassy of Oman on the comprehensive refurbishment, redevelopment and extension of the Embassy at 33 Thurloe Square, London. The instruction required extensive engagement with the embassy and their representatives as well as a clear strategy for political and stakeholder engagement to ensure planning was delivered on this highly prominent grade II listed site. The permission was the last of the double basements to be granted within the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

2: NORTHSTOWE NEW SETTLEMENT

Advised the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) and Gallagher Estates on the planning promotion and development of the 10,000 unit new settlement in South Cambridgeshire.

3: ARUNDEL GREAT COURT

Advised Land Securities on the development of Arundel Great Court. The scheme secured conservation area consent and planning permission following a public inquiry for the demolition of all the existing buildings and the redevelopment of circa 1 million square feet of new floor space to provide 151 new homes, offices and a hotel.

4: CROSSRAIL BOND STREET STATION AND OVERSITE DEVELOPMENT, HANOVER SQUARE

Provision of planning advice to Great Portland Estates and Crossrail to secure planning permission for the development of the Crossrail Bond Street station eastern ticket hall and over site development at the north west corner of Hanover Square.

5: CENTRAL LONDON RESIDENTIAL

Kieron advises a number of landowners on strategic planning and the delivery of new residential development across central London.