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## ICENI PROJECTS BIOGRAPHY

# Clients value Laurie’s ability to dissect complex heritage arguments, and build a strong and comprehensive case in favour of development.

Laurie has been Director of Iceni’s Heritage Team since January 2016, following five years of consultancy experience at RPS CgMs, and leads the firm’s Townscape specialism, formally launched in 2018. He is an experienced, commercially minded heritage and townscape professional, whose focus and expertise lies in negotiating complex consents across a variety of scales. He has a particularly detailed knowledge of policy and legislation and its application, gleaned and kept keen by significant and on-going public inquiry experience, and is also adept at inputting into the design process.

His experience ranges from urban, mixed use heritage-led regeneration schemes to strategic housing and infrastructure projects, and detailed work with sensitive, highly graded buildings and landscapes. He cut his teeth working on the redevelopment of London Bridge Station and leading on heritage matters in the delivery of an Outline Consent for Alconbury Weald, a major employment and residential development of the Second World War and Cold War airfield of RAF Alconbury.

He has gone on to develop, alongside his core development control work, particular expertise in listing rebuttals and Certificates of Immunity; advising on tall buildings projects; producing Townscape and Visual Impact Assessments; and appearing as an expert witness at inquiry. He is particularly enthusiastic about Brutalism, military architecture and anything slightly intimidating and built of concrete. In his ‘spare’ time he acts as Chairman of the Crystal Palace Park Trust, which is in the process of taking over the Park from the London Borough of Bromley.

# 5 defining projects

## 1: DODDINGTON HALL, CHESHIRE

Laurie was able to persuade Historic England, Cheshire East Council and the Georgian Group of the merits of a scheme which returned this Grade I country house, and other Grade II and II\* buildings, to use as a hotel. Consent was granted in 2015.

## 2: PUBLIC INQUIRY EXPERIENCE

Laurie regularly provide expert witness services to developers, local authorities and Rule 6 parties at public inquiries; past clients include Gladman Developments, The London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Gallagher Group and Brighton and Hove City Council.

## 3: ALCONBURY WEALD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Laurie assisted in the delivery of Outline and detailed consents for the former RAF Alconbury site, providing 5,000 homes and 8,000 jobs, addressing the presence of Grade II and Grade II\* listed buildings, and numerous undesignated heritage assets.

## 4: CERTIFICATES OF IMMUNITY AND LISTING REBUTTALS

Laurie’s extensive work on listing cases has included the delivery of Certificates of Immunity from Listing for four major power stations, and rebutting listing for the Art Deco Regal Cinema in Bridlington, and Greenwich Sainsbury’s.

## 5: 33 CREECHURCH LANE, CITY OF LONDON

Laurie is acting as heritage and townscape consultant in support of the development of proposals for 33 Creechurch Lane, a 20 storey tower in the City of London, close to highly graded listed buildings, and the Tower of London World Heritage Site.