

TECHNICAL APPENDIX 1.3: BARKHAM SQUARE, ARBORFIELD GREEN: ES STATEMENT OF COMPETENCY November 2025

Regulation 5(b) of the EIA Regulations requires that an ES sets out the relevant expertise and qualifications of contributors to the EIA. A summary of contributors and their expertise is summarised in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Statement of Competency

Ch.	Topic	Expertise and Qualifications
1-6, 15,16, NTS	Introductory Chapters, Cumulative Effects, Overview, Non-Technical Summary	Prepared by Sarah Smith BA (Hons) MRTPI (Consultant to Rapleys LLP). Sarah has over 32 years of experience in Town Planning, including some 28 years of experience, co-ordinating and managing the EIA process. Sarah is an Affiliate Member of the Institute of Sustainability and Environmental Professionals (ISEP - formerly IEMA)
7	Transportation	Prepared by Tom Haslam CENg MCIHT, Associate at I-Transport
8	Ecology/Conservation	Prepared by Nicholas Betson PhD BSc (Hons) CEnv MCIEEM. Nicholas has over 25 years post graduate experience in ecology including the last 18 in consultancy. During this time, he has undertaken the ecology lead role on numerous large-scale residential schemes, including as the author of the ecology chapter for a project's Environmental Statement, reporting the outcomes of the Ecological Impact Assessment process to CIEEM guidelines.
9	Historic Environment - Archaeology	Prepared by Sally Dicks, Director-Heritage at RPS Consulting Services Limited. Sally has over 20 years of experience in providing archaeological input for Environmental Impact Assessment in support of major residential schemes. Sally is a full member of Chartered Institute for Archaeologists.
10	Landscape & Visual	Prepared by Joanne John CMLI and reviewed by Richard Waddell CMLI , both chartered landscape architects from Bradley Murphy Design.
11	Water/Drainage/Flood Risk	Prepared by Georgia Athanasia, a Project Associate Ardent Consulting Engineers. Georgia holds a MEng (Hons) in Civil Engineering and MSc in Hydrology and Business Management and has 12 years of professional experience in the flood risk sector in both the public and private sector.
12	Air Quality	Prepared by Dr. Tara Rasoul, BSc, MSc, PhD, MEnvSc, MIAQM and reviewed by Paul Zanna, BSc(Hons). Tara is a Doctor in the field of Air Quality and has 5 years of experience working in this area, providing advice to developers and preparing relevant chapters to support Environmental Impact Assessments. Paul Zanna is the Technical Director for Air Quality at Create Consulting Engineers. Paul has over 30 years of experience supporting the delivery of large infrastructure projects, through to residential developments.
13	Climate Change	Prepared by Michael Dray at Aether Ltd. Michael has over 10 years' experience in climate change and GHG emissions assessment for land development projects. His relevant training includes Domestic Energy Assessor, Passivhaus Consultant, Energy Management Systems (ISO 50001) and Construction Life Cycle Assessment Specialist (i.e. whole life carbon assessment). He is an

		Associate Member of the Energy Institute and a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.
14	Noise	Prepared by Mat Tuora, BSc(Hons), MIOA and reviewed by Jody Blacklock, BEng(Hons), CEng, MIOA, MCIBSE . Mat has over 11 years of experience in acoustics, providing acoustic advice for major and minor schemes and preparing relevant chapters to support Environmental Impact Assessments. Mat is also Vice Chair for the Sustainability working group for the Association of Noise Consultants. Jody has in excess of 20 years and is the Technical Director for Acoustics at Create Consulting Engineers. Jody has prepared numerous Environmental Chapters and has acted as expert witness on several occasions. Jody is also the Chair for the Eastern branch of the Institute of Acoustics. Create are corporate members of both the Institute of Acoustics and the Association of Noise Consultants.