

ESA TECHNICAL APPENDIX 1.2 – COMPETENCY STATEMENT

The project team is outlined in the below table.

Topic Area		Professional Consultant
Chapters 1-6 & 15	EIA Coordination and ESA Review Front-end chapters Socio-Economic Chapter Climate Change Cumulative and Summary Chapters (with input from project team) Non-technical summary (with input from project team)	Boyer
Chapter 7	Transport and Access	Abley Letchford Partnership Ltd
Chapter 8	Air Quality	Air Quality Consultants Ltd
Chapter 9	Hydrology and Flood Risk	Abley Letchford Partnership Ltd
Chapter 10	Biodiversity	Ethos Biodiversity Planning
Chapter 11	Landscape and Visual	Environmental Dimensional Partnership
Chapter 12	Archaeology and Heritage	Environmental Dimension Partnership
Chapter 13	Noise	Omnia Consulting
Chapter 14	Ground Conditions	Omnia Consulting
Chapter 15	Climate Change	Boyer

Boyer

Boyer is a multi-skilled national planning and development consultancy with six offices across the UK and over 60 employees. Boyer has been established for more than 30 years and has a wealth of experience of working on large scale residential led projects, including strategic urban extensions and EIA developments.

Boyer are competent experts in preparing and co-ordinating EIA and are corporate members of the Institute of Sustainability and Environmental Professionals (ISEP) (formerly the Institute of Environmental Management & Assessment (IEMA)). Boyer has achieved the ISEP EIA Quality Mark in recognition of our commitment to excellence in our EIA activities from managing the process and maintaining staff capabilities, to effective presentation of the assessment findings and our pledge to taking action to improve environmental practice, to ensure you receive the best advice and service possible.

Our experts have the right depth and breadth of experience for Screening, Scoping, coordinating, and contributing to the whole EIA process. As corporate members of ISEP, we keep abreast with new and emerging legislation and practice, and we understand how to apply current guidance, case law and best practice.

The co-ordination of the ESA has been carried out by Jude Aggett, Catherine Pollard and Alyson Jones.

Alyson Jones BSc Phil MRTPI, Director

Boyer EIA Lead

Alyson is a Chartered Town Planner and has over 20 years' experience acting on behalf of Clients and has successfully promoted sites and negotiated planning permissions across a range of projects including large scale mixed use new settlements, later living, commercial, retail and leisure schemes.

Alyson is the Boyer Lead on Environmental Impact Assessment work and has EIA Screening and Scoping request experience as well as preparing, contributing to and reviewing Environmental Statements in relation to a range of different projects including mixed use, residential and commercial. This work has also involved the preparation of flexible written development parameters in relation to small- and large-scale outline planning applications, to ensure commerciality, flexibility and longevity of planning permissions through implementation, whilst ensuring compliance with the EIA Regulations and that best practice is deployed in line with the ISEP EIA Quality Mark.

Catherine Pollard BA MA MRTPI, Principal Planner

EIA Project Lead

Catherine is a Chartered Town Planner with over 20 years' experience enabling her to co-ordinate and deliver a wide range of planning work, assisting both public and private sector clients across the Southern and Eastern Regions.

Catherine has significant experience of preparing and co-ordinating all aspects of Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA), including EIA Screening, Scoping Requests and Environmental Statements over a number of years. These have been in relation to a wide range of projects including large-scale residential, mixed-use regeneration and commercial projects. Catherine also prepares socio-economic chapters.

Socio-Economics

Jude Aggett BSc (Hons) MRTPI, Senior Planner

Jude is a Chartered Town Planner and joined Boyer in 2023 having completed a BSc (Hons) in 2021 and MPlan in 2023 at Newcastle University. He has since been involved in multiple EIA projects across England, including EIA Screening and Scoping requests for various residential-led and mixed-use schemes, and the preparation of multiple Environmental Statements for residential and mixed-use development. Jude also prepares Socio-economic chapters and has experience in submitting Environmental Statement Addendums.

Transport and Access

The Transport and Access Chapter has been prepared by Abley Letchford Partnership (ALP). All staff involved in preparation of the ESA Chapter are members of the Chartered Institute of Highways and Transportation (CIHT).

Air Quality

The Air Quality Chapter of this ESA has been prepared by Air Quality Consultants Ltd. The Chapter was prepared by Penny Wilson BSc (Hons) CSci MEnvSc MIAQM and Jack Buckley, BSc (Hons) MSC MEnvSC MIAQM.

Ms Wilson is a Technical Director with AQC, with more than 20 years' relevant experience in the field of air quality. She has been responsible for numerous assessments for a range of infrastructure developments including power stations, road schemes, ports, airports and residential/commercial developments. She has provided expert evidence to a number of Public Inquiries and civil court, and is a Member of the Institute of Air Quality Management and a Chartered Scientist.

Mr Buckley is a Principal Consultant with AQC. He has over eight years' experience in the field of air quality, carrying out technical work for a range of projects, including road and rail infrastructure schemes, residential and mixed-use developments and industrial facilities. He is a Member of both the Institute of Air Quality Management and the Institution of Environmental Sciences.

Hydrology and Flood Risk

The Hydrology and Flood Risk Chapter has been prepared by Abley Letchford Partnership (ALP) on behalf of Lightwood Strategic and Nicholas King Homes. All staff involved in the preparation of this ESA Chapter are members of CIWEM. It has been checked and approved by an ALP Associate Director who is a chartered engineer and a chartered member of CIWEM. All staff involved in the production of this ESA Chapter are competent in the appraisal of flooding and drainage.

Biodiversity

The Biodiversity Chapter has been prepared by Katie Munday MSc BSc (Hons), Ecologist at Ethos Environmental Planning and Qualifying Member of CIEEM. The Chapter has been reviewed and approved by Jim Phillips MSc BSc (Hons) MCIEEM, Managing Director of Ethos Environmental Planning.

Landscape and Visual

All technical inputs have been subject to technical review prior to issue. The chapter was prepared by Meg McMeekin and Matt Wilson of The Environmental Dimension Partnership Ltd and technically reviewed by Will Gardner (BSc (Hons), MSc, CMLI), Chartered Member of the Landscape Institute, with 18 years' experience in the technical area and involvement in over 20 EIAs to date. The lead authors hold qualifications including BA (Hons), MA, and CMLI accreditation, with 5 and 3 years' relevant technical experience respectively, and involvement in 4 and 2 EIAs to date.

Archaeology and Heritage

The Archaeology and Heritage Chapter has been prepared by Mr. Matthew Bamborough, Consultant at The Environmental Dimension Partnership Ltd (EDP). Mr. Bamborough has over four years of experience in a heritage role, which includes two years in a professional field archaeology role and over two years in a professional archaeology and heritage consultancy role. Mr. Bamborough has experience in preparing heritage and archaeology assessments and ESA Chapters and is a Practitioner member (PCIfA) of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists. It has been reviewed by Dr Edward Oakley, Associate at EDP and full member (MCIfA) of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists.

Noise

The Noise Chapter has been prepared by Professional Consult. In accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (2017), this Chapter has been completed by Martyn Parker (BSc (Hons) & MIOA) who has over 13 years' experience in Noise and Vibration Assessments and is a Member of the Institute of Acoustics.

Ground Conditions

The Ground Conditions Chapter of the ESA has been prepared by Omnia Consulting, by suitably qualified and experienced Geo-Environmental Consultants. It was written by Hannah Spurling BSc, reviewed by Olivia Maxwell MSc, AMIES and authorised by Dr Adrian King BSc (Hons), MSc, FGS.

Climate Change

The Climate Change Chapter of the ESA has been prepared by Rhys Lewis, Graduate Planner and Emre Gundogdu, Planner. Both are based in Boyer's Wales and West Office. Rhys joined the team following completion of the BSc Urban Planning and Development degree at Cardiff University. Emre joined the team following completion of an MSc in Spatial Planning and Development at Cardiff University and BA in Geography and Planning at UWE Bristol. Both have been involved in a variety of planning work, and have aided in the preparation of EIA Screening and EIA Scoping Opinion Requests.

The preparation of the Chapter was overseen by Bethan Haigh, Associate Director in Boyer's Wales and West Office. Bethan is a dual-chartered Planning and Development Surveyor (MRICS) and Town Planner (MRTPI), with over 10 years' worth of experience working on a range of residential, commercial and mixed-use developments. Bethan is a key member of Boyer's EIA Team and prepares and coordinates EIA Screening and Scoping Requests and Environmental Statements for Boyer.