

# Appendix 1A

## Competent Experts

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## List of competent experts

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Principal authors for the various technical chapters were as follows:

**Chapter 5: Planning Policy Context** – Neil Marlborough BA, Diploma; Emma Brown BSc, MSc;

- Neil has over 20 years' experience in major planning applications and EIAs for clean energy, renewables, and minerals developments. He also has experience of managing planning policy preparation projects, through the preparation of development plan and evidence base documents.

**Chapter 6: Carbon Payback and Peat Management** – Graham Burt-Smith BSc (Hons), Ph.D; Richard Bagnall BEng (Hons), CEng MICE; Ben Amaira B.Sc (Hons), FGS;

- Graham has worked in consultancy for more than 20 years' and specialises in assessing the impacts of onshore wind farms, overhead transmission lines and underground cables/pipes on peatland habitats.

**Chapter 7: Noise** – Mark Evans MSc, PGDip, MIOA;

- Mark has extensive experience in noise and vibration assessments requiring knowledge in a range of guidance, standards and regulations. He has undertaken noise and vibration assessments for large scale infrastructure projects, including EIAs for over 35 energy infrastructure projects

**Chapter 9: Landscape and Visual Impact** – Rohan Sinha B.Arch (Hons), MLA and Rebecca Rylott BA (Hons), PgD;

- Rohan has 18 years of consultancy experience in assessing the impacts of large-scale developments.

**Chapter 10: Historic Environment** – Victoria Park BA (Hons), MSc, Ph.D ACIfA; Craig Stewart BA (Hons) MA PCIfA and John Mabbitt BA (Hons) MA Ph.D MCIfA;

- Victoria has over 14 years of experience within the historic environment sector. She has significant experience in impact assessment, providing heritage advice, risk mitigation strategies and project management.

**Chapter 11: Ecology** – Jenny Sneddon, B.Sc, MSc;

- Highly experienced ecologist with over 15 years in the field, who has acted as the Ecology Lead on numerous multi-disciplinary projects and large scale developments, primarily onshore wind, nuclear and power transmission line projects.

**Chapter 12: Ornithology** – Pete Clark B.Sc (Hons), MSc, MCIEEM;

- Pete has 11 years' of ornithological experience in the industry and gained a wealth of ornithological expertise and experience leading on large and complex development proposals including wind farms in highly sensitive areas for birds on the Inner and Outer Hebrides and Southern Scotland.

**Chapter 13: Geology, Hydrology and Hydrogeology** – Shaun Salmon BSc, MSc, Ph.D, FGS, MCIWEM; John Amy B.Sc (Hons), MSc and Kate Thurley B.Sc (Hons), MSc;

- Shaun has 37 years' experience as a professional hydrogeologist and 30 years as an environmental consultant. Shaun led the water EIA for a number of major infrastructure projects, with particular emphasis on the renewable power generation, electricity transmission and distribution, and nuclear new build sectors.

**Chapter 14: Traffic and Transport** – Bev Coupe BA, MSC, Dip, MRPTI and Adam Guy BSc (Hons);

- Bev is a Technical Director with over 28 years' experience in transport planning, as a Project Manager and Project Director for a range of development planning projects for the public and private sectors.

**Chapter 15: Socio-economics** - PGDip, Neil Marlborough BA, Diploma and Emma Brown BSc, MSc;

- Neil has over 20 years' experience in major planning applications and EIAs for clean energy, renewables and minerals developments. He also has experience of managing planning policy preparation projects, through the preparation of development plan and evidence base documents.
- Bev is a Technical Director with over 28 years' experience in transport planning, as a Project Manager and Project Director for a range of development planning projects for the public and private sectors.

**Chapter 16: Infrastructure and other issues** – Steven Fitzpatrick MEng, PgDip; Gareth Hughes B.Sc (Hons), PGDip and Peter Munro MSc;

- Steven has 16 years of experience in project management, providing support to wind farm and other renewables EIA applications and post consent activities for developments in the UK, as well as extensive site feasibility assessment experience.

**Chapter 17: Aviation** – Stewart Heald MCMI (Osprey Consulting).

- Stewart is an experienced aviation consultant with track record of undertaking EIA-related aviation assessments for wind farm developments.

**Forestry Assessment:** Neil McKay MICFor.

- Neil is an experienced chartered forester with a successful track record of forest management and forestry and ecology related tasks now specialising in renewables planning through EIA and forestry advice to developers.

**Project Management:** Glen Robson (BSc (Hons), Ph.D, Vicky Mclean MA (Hons), MSc and Georgia Gabb (BSc (Hons), MSc;

- Glen has 23 years experience and has managed/directed ornithological/ecological assessment projects, multi-disciplinary EIAs, due diligence and Public Inquiry projects.