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Areas of expertise

Andy provides clients with strategic advice on delivering local economic and other benefits as the basis of winning community and political support and securing planning consent. He has worked in academia, politics and lobbying and combines academic rigour with an understanding of politics, government and decision making and the delivery of public services. He helps clients position their developments so that they meet the objectives of key decision makers and maintains a hard-headed commercial approach to helping clients deliver appropriate community facilities and negotiate S106 agreements.

He has a detailed understanding of the policy environment and extensive experience of helping steer major projects through the planning system and has acted as an expert witness at a number of major planning inquiries dealing with the social and economic impacts of schemes.

Key experience

Andy has worked on most of the biggest regeneration schemes in the UK as well as large-scale residential and commercial projects, major shopping centres and essential infrastructure, including roads, railways, waste and power infrastructure.

Infrastructure:

Crossrail 2 – Led a multi-disciplinary team assessing the level, type and value of development that could be supported by Crossrail 2. Client: TfL.

Northern Line Extension – Regeneration Statement and input to Planning Statement and evidence at Inquiry for TWAO for extension to Battersea Power Station. Client: TfL.

Heathrow Airport – Input to airport masterplan, labour market and regeneration strategy and support for submissions to the Airports Commission. Client: Heathrow Airport Ltd.

Key projects

Alconbury
Bluewater
Brent Cross Cricklewood
Brierley Hill
Canada Water
Crossrail 2
Earl's Court
Ebbsfleet Valley
Elephant & Castle
Heathrow Airport
Hinkley Point C
Kodak, Harrow
Leith Docks
Lincoln Western Growth Corridor
North Harlow
Northern Line Extension
One New Change
River Don District (Sheffield)
Royal Albert Docks
Stansted Airport
Stratford City
Television Centre
Wembley City
Woodberry Down
York Potash

Key clients

Actis

York Potash – Economic Impact Assessment and ES chapters for a mine, mineral transport system, and port facilities in the North York Moors National Park. Client: Sirius Minerals.

Transport – a range of studies that identify the economic and employment benefits of transport schemes, including Stansted Airport, the Thames Gateway Bridge, the A3 Hindhead Bypass, the East London Line extension and Crossrail 1+2. Work has included looking at the impacts on businesses, labour and property markets, to support business cases, lobbying and in two cases public inquiries.

Freight – a number of economic and labour market impact assessments of logistics and railfreight interchanges including Alconbury and a public inquiry into the Kent International Gateway scheme near Maidstone.

Waste – Expert Witness at public inquiries into the economic and social impacts of Energy from Waste plants in Nottingham, Shrewsbury and Swansea, and strategic planning advice for a number of waste PFI bidders.

Power – advising EDF on the socio-economic aspects of the proposed new nuclear power stations at Hinkley Point in Somerset. As well as Sizewell C in Suffolk and on a windfarm off Dorset.

Urban Mixed Use Development:

Wembley City – Strategic advice, masterplan input, Socio-Economic assessment, regeneration strategy, and Section 106 negotiations. Client: Quintain Estates and Development.

River Don District – Community facilities audit and S106 negotiations to support an application for a new residential community as part of a mixed use development in Sheffield. Client: British Land.

Kodak Harrow – EiP reps and appearance over the site's Strategic Industrial Location designation, strategic input to masterplan, including mix of employment uses, community facilities audit, community consultation. Client: Land Securities.

Croydon Gateway – Community facilities audit, S106 negotiations on health, open space assessment, evidence to public inquiry on provision of child playspace. Client: Stanhope/Schroders.

Woodberry Down – Community Facilities Audit, ES Chapter and Social Sustainability Assessment for a major estate renewal programme in LB Hackney. Worked with the client, local residents, LB Hackney and infrastructure providers to agree the

Amey Cespa Waste
AXA Investments
British Land
Brookfield
Candy & Candy
Chelsfield Partners

Commercial Estates Group
DMI Properties
EDF Energy
First Base
Genesis
Goodman
Hammerson
Heathrow Airport Ltd
Heidelberg Cement
Highways Agency
Land Securities
Legal & General
Lend Lease
McAlister Holdings
Peabody
REIT Investments
Rennes Metropole
Sirius Minerals
Standard Life
Stanhope
Urban & Civic
Urban Splash
Taylor Wimpey
TFL

Waste Recycling Group

Public Inquiries/Examinations

A3 Hindhead Bypass
Battlefield EPW
Croydon Gateway
(mixed-use regeneration scheme)
Hinkley Point C
London Plan EiP
(industrial land release)
Navitus Bay
Northern Line Extension
Power Station
Test Valley



requirements for a revised masterplan that significantly increases the on-site population. Client: Berkeley Group.

Earl's Court – Local Employment and Business Strategy agreed with two LPAs to discharge a pre-commencement condition. Client: Capital & Counties.

Royal Albert Docks – ES Chapter, Regeneration Statement, Business Case, and S106 Negotiations for a major mixed-use scheme in the Royal Docks, LB Newham.

Television Centre – ES Chapter, Regeneration Statement, and S106 Negotiations for a major mixed-use scheme in LB Hammersmith & Fulham. Client: Stanhope.

New Settlements and Communities:

North Harlow – economic case for growth, masterplan input, community consultation, social infrastructure advice. Client: Land Securities/Places for People.

Alconbury – local economic assessment, employment trends and literature review of Cambridge sub-region. Client: Urban & Civic.

Lincoln – masterplan input, community consultation, social infrastructure advice, regeneration statement. Client: Taylor Wimpey.

Mereham – Community facilities audit, S106 negotiation, public inquiry appearance. Client: Brookfield.

Eastern Quarry – regeneration statement. Client: SecondSite.

Rennes – social and economic context report, review of key trends, strategic input to masterplan. Client: Rennes Metropole.

Retail:

Stratford City – identified the economic impact of the scheme including 200,000 sqm retail floorspace then produced a “Jobs and Business Strategy” to ensure the benefits are captured locally. Client: Chelsfield, Stanhope, Lend Lease, Westfield, LCR and the ODA.

Brent Cross Cricklewood – produced a Regeneration Statement for the whole of the 1.3m sqm scheme in LB Barnet, including an assessment of the economic benefits of the expansion of the Brent Cross Shopping Centre. Client: Brookfield, Hammerson and Standard Life.

White City – produced a study that set out the local employment opportunities from the shopping centre, and a strategy for maximising them. Client: Chelsfield.

Bluewater – review of economic and employment impacts, and the role of the centre in supporting the fast growth of the Dartford and Gravesham economies. Client: Lend Lease.

The Accra Mall – review of wider social and economic impacts of investment in first western-style mall in Ghana. Client: Actis.