

# Andrew Walters

DIRECTOR – PLANNING & EIA



### QUALIFICATIONS

LLM Master of Laws, Strathclyde University, 2016

LLB Bachelor of Laws, Strathclyde University, 2005

Diploma in Town Planning, Heriot Watt University, 1994

MA (Hons) Geography, University of Aberdeen, 1991

Member of Committee on Radioactive Waste Management

Board Member of UK Environmental Law Association, 2006 to present

Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute, 1996

### CURRENT POSITION

Director of Planning & EIA

### OFFICE LOCATION

London & Edinburgh

### EXPERTISE

- Director of Projects
- Project Management & Direction;
- Environmental Impact Assessment;
- Feasibility and constraints studies.
- Impacts of major power, waste and transport infrastructure projects;
- Power transmission projects;
- Environmental Due Diligence and Auditing;
- Marine & coastal projects;
- Public Inquiry Expert Witness
- Stakeholder Consultation; and
- Liaison With Statutory Authorities

### Summary of competencies

Andrew is a highly experienced Chartered Town Planner and Environmental Lawyer with over 18 years' experience working on an extensive range of project and policy work both in the public and private sectors. Andrew has considerable experience in environmental consenting. He has undertaken lead consent management on a broad range of infrastructure projects including the construction of deep water ports, light and heavy rail, bridge, conventional and renewable energy projects across the UK and overseas.

He specialises in taking forward development consent and approvals for large scale infrastructure projects in multiple legislative environments, often with complex engineering challenges in highly sensitive sites of significant environmental importance.

Andrew's key skills lie in bringing together the full spectrum of Environmental Assessment, aligned with the demands of complex design, stakeholder management, community engagement and project performance. Andrew has supported a range of wind projects as well as major port and linear infrastructure projects delivering extensive and usually complex EIA's as part of the planning and consenting process.

Andrew has supported the delivery of multiple EIAs and has a successful track record in the effective management of the consenting process and will take the lead in the engagement with Statutory Consultees at the detailed stage of each assessment.

He has also undertaken the completion of multiple ESIA and associated permitting for deep water port in support of a large scale mining project in Guinea, West Africa. This work has provided him with experience in Africa including working with African Government officials on permitting matters.

He has advised on a broad range of planning, environmental permitting, licencing and consenting matters both offshore and onshore, including planning applications and appeals; environmental impact assessments; construction projects; energy projects; waste planning and corporate support. He often works as the Project Manager / Technical Leader on large, multi-disciplinary teams for Environmental Impact Assessments for industrial clients.

### MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

Andrew is a Member of the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM). He provides specialist support to the full Committee which acts as an independent scrutiny and advisor to the UK governments on the long-term management of higher activity radioactive wastes. CoRWM is an advisory non-departmental public body, sponsored by the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy.

### OCCUPATION ROLES

#### RPS GROUP – NOVEMBER 2014 TO PRESENT

Leadership role in the co-ordination and management of a planning and consenting teams across multiple offices in the UK in the delivery of large range of development planning, infrastructure and environmental projects from pre-design through to construction.

#### CH2M HILL – NOVEMBER 2013 TO NOVEMBER 2014

Lead Business development Manager and Technical Director for the Environment and Nuclear Energy Group

#### SINCLAIR KNIGHT MERZ – NOVEMBER 2009 – DECEMBER 2013

Planning and Consenting lead for UK energy and infrastructure

#### RIO TINTO – SEPTEMBER 2011 TO MARCH 2013

Principal Environmental Adviser on Deep Water Port in Guinea West Africa

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#### JACOBS ENGINEERING – JANUARY 2005 TO NOVEMBER 2009

Senior consent manager with line management responsibility for 6 planning teams across the UK

#### SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT – 1996 TO 2004

Advising Scottish Ministers on planning policy and major developments across three structural Plan areas in Scotland.

#### SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

##### **Energy Park Fife - Marine Licences for Capital Dredging and Coastal Protection Works | Firth of Forth | Scotland**

Detailed marine licencing for capital works (dredging, marine structures and coastal protection works) adjacent to a sensitive coastal site including Marine Special Protection Areas, Sites of Special Scientific Interest and Special Protection Areas.

##### **Peterhead Harbour Marine Licencing. Capital Dredging and Marine Works**

Marine licencing for capital works (dredging and marine structures) and Best Practical Environmental Options Report for main fishing and offshore vessel supply site in the North East of Scotland.

##### **Sound of Iona Piers Master Plan and Development Framework**

Completion of Master Plan and Development Framework in line with Sound of Iona Harbours Committee spatial development vision. Detailed feasibility study undertaken that addresses the objectives of the economic and social circumstances of an iconic area on the remote west coast of Scotland

##### **Tottenham Hale Rail Interchange (value c £8m), Transport for London (TfL):**

Technical Planning and Environment Lead in supported of TfL's Development and Planning Team in the delivery of a detailed EIA in support of a planning application. This project included the comprehensive redesign of the Tottenham Hale interchange as a new fully integrated transport interchange improving access, encouraging increased use of public transport and supporting wider regeneration of the Tottenham Hale area north London..

##### **Rio Tinto Alcan (RTA) Lynemouth Power Station Biomass Storage Facility**

- Planning lead in the planning application made for the proposed conversion of Lynemouth Power Station to dedicated biomass facility.

##### **ReGen Material Recovery Facility Seagoe Industrial Estate Belfast – Planning Appeal**

Planning expert witness in defense of a significant waste facility located adjacent to a large scale pharmaceutical facility.

##### **Strategic Advisor – Zone Appraisal Planning - Dogger Bank Round 3 Offshore Windfarm**

Provision of strategic planning advice on Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects for on and offshore shore projects for Zone and Appraisal Planning (ZAP) of the Dogger Bank Round 3 offshore wind farm

##### **Project Manager – Planning & EIA – Blyth Offshore Demonstration Project**

Advisory capacity in completing a detailed consenting strategy and scoping study for an EIA for the Blyth Offshore Demonstrator Scheme. Scoping and strategy studies addressed the range of potential technologies to be deployed within the site applying principles of a "maximum credible scenario" or "Rochdale Envelope" of a project as it may be constructed.

##### **Scottish Power Renewables, Project Manager - Whitelee Windfarm Extension Phase 2**

Environmental Manager for the second phase of a proposed extension to Whitelee Windfarm, which is the largest consented onshore windfarm in Europe. Scope of

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commission included the co-ordination of all technical input in the completion of a full EIA and completion of the ES; conceptual design; Public Consultation, statutory consultations and Exhibitions and Planning Statement as part of a Section 36 Application.

#### **Dounreay Planning Framework**

Senior Consultant to UKAEA on the development of a Dounreay Planning Framework and Masterplan. The central purpose was to present a summary of the medium term programme as a clear basis for the determination of future planning applications in the context of the Dounreay Site Restoration Plan. Key objectives is the preparation of a concordat and protocol between the stakeholders to facilitate effective appreciation of the highly technical nature of the decommissioning compliant within the regulatory and legislative environment within Dounreay operates.

#### **Consent Management, Alexandra Dock Renewable Energy Project - RES UK & Ireland Ltd's**

Co-ordination and management of project submissions for a 50 MWe, [Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP)] Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Secretary of State (SoS), and recommendations relating to the application made by National Infrastructure Directorate (NID) within the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). Provision and management of a Environmental Scoping Report (ESR) forming the NID, under Regulation 8(1) of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 (as amended) of the content of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), for a power station with a generating capacity of 150MWe of electricity and combust approximately 1,200,000 tonnes of biomass per annum for a project located within Hornby Dock adjacent to the Alexandra Branch Dock No. 3 in the Port of Liverpool with development of associated water cooling infrastructure extending into the Mersey Estuary and an inland grid connection to Bootle Grid Substation.

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#### **Simandou Iron Ore Project, Mine, Rail & Port Environmental & Social Impact Assessment, Guinea – 2011/13**

**Role:** Principal Advisor (Client Team). Port Study Manager

#### **Key achievements:**

- Principal lead environmental adviser for port developments at Simandou
- Co-ordination of field reconnaissance and social and environmental baseline surveys
- Management and co-ordination of environmental and social studies teams for delivery of multiple ESIA, Government Permits and Approvals
- Active engagement with the Government of Guinea at National and Prefectural levels in support submission of Port Social and Environmental Impact Assessments
- Co-ordination of EPCM and EPC in-field operations
- Co-ordination & management of Environmental Monitoring Programmes
- Scoping, drafting, co-ordination & review of terrestrial and marine Construction Environmental Management Plans
- Embedded the highest standards of safety and social responsibility

#### **Sustainability Project Manager Forth Replacement Crossing - Transport Scotland**

- Sustainability is at the forefront of the Scottish Government's agenda, and is considered important that sustainable development principles are incorporated into the design and construction of the Forth Replacement Crossing.

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- The role as project manager is supporting the development of an assessment methodology suitable for this large government infrastructure project to inform the Specimen Design of the project being taken forward to Tender. This is recognised as being innovative and is breaking new ground for a major Scottish Government infrastructure project. This includes:

- Developing the Sustainability Framework
- Carbon Footprinting
- Sustainability Appraisal
- Sustainable Development Policy
- CEEQUAL –Interim & Full Design and Construction Awards
- Sustainable Resource Management Strategy

#### **Project Director - Aire Valley Leeds - Infrastructure Study, Client: Leeds City Council, Aire Valley Leeds & English Partnership**

Taking forward a study to determine whether sufficient value can be generated from the potential of well over 400 hectares of development land in the Aire Valley in Leeds. The outcome of the study is to determine the level of fund necessary to delivery infrastructure projects considered essential to the City. The recommendations within it will be used as evidence at Inquiry in support of the proposals for 51 sites within the Aire Valley Area Action Plan (AVAAP). The study supported a bespoke business delivery plan for Aire Valley Leeds.

#### **Environmental Project Manager Transport Scotland Multiple Framework Agreement..**

- EIA Project Manager of Transport Scotland (An agency of the Scottish Executive) Framework Agreement in the role-out of a series of major trunk road refurbishment in Scotland, including: A90 Findon, A96 Delnies, A9 Crubenmore, A9 Kincaig, A7 Maybole, A77 Haggstone, A985 Kincardine, A9 Perth to Blair Atholl.
- The role involves the project management of technical inputs into EIA including STAG appraisal methodology for Trunk road upgrades.

#### **Environmental Lead: Edinburgh Tram Network**

Acting Environmental Lead for the Edinburgh Tram Network. Advise tie in relation to all Project related environmental matter including comprehensive audit of Environmental Compliance measures as it related to a Code of Construction Practice, Environmental Management Plan, Appraisal of legislative framework and environmental commitments, Review of Approvals and Consents Management Plan, Review of prior approval protocols and Review of schedule of permitted work.

#### **Glasgow Bridge**

The development of an iconic structure across the River Clyde that forms an integrated solution in the regeneration of the Broomielaw and Tradeston districts in the City. It forms a key link in the strategic framework for the public realm on both sides of the river which will both release the potential of Tradeston as a new city quarter and overcome the present shortcomings of the North Bank.

#### **Advising Scottish Executive Inquiry Reporters**

- Advising Inquiry Reporters on case precedents and emerging policy within territorial areas. Provided direction on options available in administration of Planning Appeals.
- National Planning Policy
- Involved in national planning policy initiatives.
- National Data Services
- Project Management and production of three national data series including The Planning Bulletin, The Scottish Vacant and Derelict Land Survey and The Employment Land Survey.

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### PUBLISHED REPORTS

- The Disruptive Driver and the New Global Reality, paper presentation at the UK Renewable Conferences (2010 and 2011)
- The Bigger Picture: Overcoming the Uncertainties Facing Offshore Consent Success, paper presentation at the UK Renewable Conferences (2010 and 2011)