



# MARK RUSSELL

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## PLANNING MANAGER

### PERSONAL PROFILE

Mark is a committed, self-motivated, innovative and effective chartered town planner with significant experience of delivering a range of planning projects; including: rail, infrastructure, retail and residential. He has extensive experience of successfully dealing with: planning authorities, other project stakeholders, landowners, project contractors, external consultants and development partners by providing innovative and bespoke solutions.

### ACHIEVEMENTS AND EXPERIENCE

#### Planning Manager, ethical partnership: 2018 - onwards

Mark is Planning Manager with ethical partnership, with responsibility for Environmental Impact Assessments and securing planning permission for major infrastructure for private and public clients. With ethical partnership Mark is currently engaged on a number of high-profile projects, including: the redevelopment of a large site in Stannington, Northumberland for a hotel, business hubs and EV charging station including - **planning advice on redevelopment** of the site as well as **commissioning and preparing assessments** for noise, transport, biodiversity, contamination, socio-economic and **preparation of planning proposition; project managing** the securing of permanent status for a school in Gateshead through **complex negotiations with different stakeholders** including the local authority; various residential developments throughout Northumberland, Newcastle and South Tyneside including preparing and commissioning **noise, transport, biodiversity, contamination, socio-economic assessments** and preparation of planning proposition. Mark has also **secured planning permission** for a diversity of **large scale mixed use, residential, commercial and leisure developments across the UK** such as 780 static caravans, 100 touring caravans for leisure use within Seton Sands, East Lothian; a large extension to a manufacturing plant in Prudhoe, Newcastle Upon Tyne; and 240 residential units, Kilmarnock.

### QUALIFICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

MA (Hons) Town and Country Planning (2:1), Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, 1998.

Full Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (since July 2000).

### PREVIOUS ROLES

#### Principal Planning Advisor Homes for Scotland | Jan 2016 - March 2017

Mark represented the company's position on planning and related matters which included submitting representations on policy matters with the advice of members through area planning committees and executive committees. He acted as an expert witness on behalf of the industry at planning examinations and also represented the industry's position to other external bodies and agencies as required. Mark provided an advisory service to members on planning and related matter and prepared analysis and advice on strategic and local development plans, supplementary planning guidance, housing land audits and related planning matters. He also serviced two area planning committees as the principal means of formulating industry positions on planning and related matters.

#### Lead Officer Fife Council | 2009 - 2016

Mark led a team of thirteen staff as part of Enterprise, Planning and Protective Services. This involved allocating work to team members, improving performance, mentoring staff and liaising with councillors and other teams within the service. He was a committee lead for two of the the area committee's. He further deputised as a Planning Advisor to the Fife Local Review Body, which required him to present the review before members, answer questions and prepare the decision notice.

#### Associate Director RPS Group | 2005 - 2009

Mark advised clients on the development potential of their land including full site appraisals, which included giving strategic policy and planning advice. He took day-to-day responsibility of the management of the planning team, which involved project identification and motivation of staff. Mark managed a range of projects from inception to completion on behalf of clients, which required him to liaise with planning authorities and other project stakeholders, including landowners, project contractors, external consultants and development partners.