

CONSULTANCY

Headland Archaeology is one of the largest heritage consultancies and contractors in the UK with particular expertise in Cultural Heritage Assessments and related work, especially for larger schemes requiring heritage input into Environmental Statements. Its recent integration into the RSK Group extends the range of associated expertise the heritage team can call upon.

We have a wealth of experience in the field of renewable energy – we have been involved in wind farms, biomass and energy-from-waste plants. Away from this sector, we have been involved in numerous opencast collieries, quarries, housing and masterplanning projects. We provide our clients with a

complete integrated service taking them from initial feasibility studies to design, impact assessment and implementation of mitigation. Our approach is informed by the knowledge that many projects will be subject to forensic examination and our work is correspondingly robust and is integrated with the work of our expert witness.

The consultancy team is led by Dr Andy Towle, one of our Directors with over 27 years' experience in the field. Expert witness work is led by Dr Stephen Carter. Research and impact assessments are undertaken by a team of experienced heritage professionals whilst our network of offices across the UK provides the regional expertise as required for our clients.

CAPABILITY STATEMENT

CONSULTANCY SERVICES

HEADLAND'S INPUT THROUGHOUT THE LIFE OF A PROJECT

Headland's experienced consultants can provide input to all stages of a project. Our involvement benefits the client by reducing risk whilst the company's ability to provide the full spectrum of cultural heritage services allows for a seamless process that helps keep the project on schedule and reduces the need for management by the client.

» *SITE FEASIBILITY AND SELECTION STUDIES*

We can provide advice regarding potential development sites, providing early warning of potential cultural heritage constraints associated with the development. This helps the client understand the risks associated with the site and hence make an informed decision on how to proceed. Accommodating heritage at an early stage is an effective mechanism for reducing costly mitigation measures later in the development cycle.

» *CONSULTATION*

By engaging effectively with consultees, Headland will establish early on what their requirements are likely to be, thus preventing delays later in the project.

» *DESIGN INPUT*

Taking account of cultural heritage at the design stage of a project can have numerous benefits like improving design quality by helping it reference the local historic character or allowing the construction footprint of the development to avoid key areas of archaeology. As well as benefiting the historic environment, this is in the best interest of the client as it can ease the development's progress through the planning process and reduce or avoid the need for subsequent archaeological excavation. Headland can advise on how the design could be influenced by the cultural heritage considerations.

» *IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING*

Headland's Environmental Statement chapters are thorough but focused on the assessment of impacts. They concentrate on providing the information pertinent to the assessment clearly and concisely and providing an assessment which is clearly reasoned and based on transparent criteria.

» *MITIGATION PROPOSALS*

Our consultancy and contracting teams work in close collaboration to provide mitigation proposals and implementation that are proportionate to the impact and which take into account both best practice and the interests of the client. Hence, the work proposed will satisfy planning requirements without imposing undue burdens upon the client.



PAST PROJECTS

- › **East Anglia One** Scottish Power Renewables, Onshore Cable Route, Suffolk TECHNICAL ADVICE ON MANAGING THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL MITIGATION WORKS, QUALITY ASSURANCE ON POST-EXCAVATION WORKS, LIAISON WITH CONSULTEE
- › **Triton Knoll** RWE, Onshore Cable Route, Lincolnshire ES, GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY, DESK-BASED ASSESSMENT, EXPERT WITNESS TO SECURE DCO
- › **Drax Group** Ouse Renewable Energy Plant, Yorkshire and Immingham Renewable Energy Plant, North Lincolnshire ES, GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY, EVALUATION TRENCHING
 - › **E.On** Rosehall, Highland ES, MITIGATION
- › **Forth Energy** Dundee, Grangemouth, Leith and Rosyth Renewable Energy Plants ES
- › **RES Ltd** Parkhead Wind Farm, Northumberland ES, EVALUATION TRENCHING
 - › **Wadlow Wind Farm** Cambridgeshire EXPERT WITNESS AT PLI, MITIGATION, CONSULTANCY
- › **RWE npower** Mynydd y Gwair Wind Farm, Swansea EXPERT WITNESS AT PLI
- › **SSE** Beatrice Offshore Wind Farm and Transmission Infrastructure ES
- › **Clyde Wind Farm** (original application & extension) South Lanarkshire ES, EXPERT WITNESS AT PLI, ARCHAEOLOGICAL CLERK OF WORKS
- › **SSE/SHETL** Western Isles Interconnector, Highlands ES



» LANDSCAPE RECONSTRUCTION AND MITIGATION

The team at Headland is fully equipped to undertake field investigations such as topographic and auger surveys producing 3D modelling and 2D contour reconstruction maps, with the aim of identifying the potential of areas to contain significant archaeological materials.

» EXPERT WITNESS

We can provide experienced expert witness services at Public Local Inquiry.

KEY STAFF

ANDY TOWLE (DIRECTOR / HEAD OF CONSULTANCY)

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Andy has over 27 years of professional archaeological experience in the UK and beyond, gained in both the public sector and in consultancy. Andy has worked on residential and commercial property developments, linear infrastructure projects for road, rail and energy clients and mineral extraction schemes. For most of his consultancy career, he has worked on projects in England and Wales. As director of the consultancy team, Andy is responsible for the management of programmes of work relating to the historic environment, helping to identify, evaluate and resolve constraints and provide sustainable solutions that allow developments to proceed

on clients' projects. He has extensive experience of engaging and negotiating with statutory bodies on behalf of clients to help secure planning consents, with scoping, specifying and managing programmes of work to secure the discharge of archaeological conditions.

STEPHEN CARTER (PRINCIPAL HERITAGE CONSULTANT)

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Stephen has worked in the cultural heritage sector since 1978 and was one of the founding directors of the company. Over the past 15 years, his knowledge has been directed towards environmental impact assessment and he has developed particular experience in assessments of the setting of heritage assets. He regularly provides advice and expert witness services on cultural heritage issues in development management, including experience of hearings and public inquiries as well as criminal prosecutions brought under Ancient Monuments legislation. To date, he has represented our clients in wind farm planning appeals in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

He has been closely involved with the development of better approaches to the setting of heritage assets. He is currently a member of the Advisory Panel for a joint project between Clfa, IHBC and IEMA to develop guidelines for cultural heritage impact assessment and was appointed Chair of the Clfa Board of Directors in 2018.



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