

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT (DM)

Meet the team



MANAGEMENT



NAME Andrew Hickie
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Andrew is overall manager, leading the team and is also responsible for Building Control.



NAME Bart Millburn
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Bart leads the team dealing with all development management issues in the West / Inner West and East area neighbourhoods.



NAME Emma Lucas
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Emma leads the team dealing with all development management issues in the Central and South area neighbourhoods.



NAME Janet Wright
POSITION **Technical Support Manager**
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Janet leads the Technical Support Team which underpins all the technical and administration processes for Development Management and Building Control.

WEST / INNER WEST & EAST



NAME Iain Armstrong
POSITION **Senior Planner**
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Iain has significant experience of major development projects including a mix of commercial and large housing schemes. Iain mainly deals with major developments of all type.



NAME Sue Wilkinson
POSITION **Senior Planner**
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Sue has considerable experience of major development projects particularly large housing developments. Sue has also been involved in projects involving the conversion of sensitive listed buildings and developments within conservation areas.



NAME David Morton
POSITION **Planning Officer**
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David deals with a wide variety of both residential and commercial applications. David deals with residential and commercial schemes and is now dealing with more complex and major proposals.



NAME Alison Scott
POSITION **Planning Officer**
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Alison has significant experience of a wide range of major and minor development proposals including residential and commercial schemes. She also has a strong knowledge of telecommunications development.



NAME Claire Simm
POSITION **Planning Technician**
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Claire deals with a wide variety of applications both residential and commercial but predominantly deals with minor household and commercial developments. Claire also helps maintain and update the Section 106 Agreements register.



NAME Callum Coyne
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Callums main responsibilities include dealing with householder and minor applications and other development management support work including service improvement.

CENTRAL & SOUTH



NAME Tracy Long
POSITION **Senior Planner**
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Tracy has significant experience of major development projects particularly retail and commercial developments. Tracy has excellent knowledge of main employment sites across the Borough.



NAME Lois Lovely
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Lois has significant experience of major development projects from her experience in both public and private sector work including residential and commercial development.



NAME Eleanor Cockbain
POSITION **Senior Planner**
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Eleanor has considerable experience of major development projects including a mix of commercial and residential. Eleanor has particular experience in dealing with new development in urban areas where there are sensitive heritage issues.



NAME Graham Stephenson
POSITION **Planning Officer**
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Graham deals with a wide variety of applications including a mix of residential and commercial. Graham deals with major and minor proposals and has a strong knowledge of green belt and agricultural planning issues



NAME Andrew Softley
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Andrew deals with a wide variety of applications both residential and commercial. Andrew deals with residential and commercial developments and is now dealing with more complex and major proposals.

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SPECIALIST SUPPORT



NAME Hugh Daglish
POSITION **Urban Design Officer**
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Hugh works across Development & Enterprise and has a wide and over arching remit to promote design quality throughout the group's activities. Hugh provides urban design advice for DC on the assessment of major development proposals.



NAME Chris Redfern
POSITION **Arboricultural Officer**
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Chris provides arboricultural specialist advice for development proposals as well as assessing his own caseload of applications for tree works. Chris also works with Legal Services to make new Tree Preservation Orders and deals with issues such as high hedge complaints.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT AND BUILDING CONTROL)

Following efficiencies as a result of voluntary redundancies the Technical Support teams of Development Management and Building Control have been merged into one team to cover the staff reductions of two full time posts. The Technical Support team below therefore underpins both planning and building control matters.



NAME Emily Lisle
POSITION **Development Information Officer**
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Emily is a key first line of contact for customers on the telephone, by email and at reception providing planning and building control information and assessing proposals as to whether they need permission. Emily also provides other key technical support for Planning and Development Committee.



NAME Sarah Bell
POSITION **Development Information Officer**
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Sarah is a key first line of contact for customers on the telephone, by email and at reception providing building control and planning information and assessing proposals as to whether they need permission. Sarah also provides other key technical support for Planning and Development Committee.



NAME Donna Jones
POSITION **Senior Technical Support Officer**
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Donna provides key technical support through the application process, ensuring consultation procedures are carried out and updating records. Donna also manages the team training plan and produces the agenda for Planning and Development Committee.



NAME Karen Reed
POSITION **Technical Support Officer**
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Karen's main role is the validation of building control and planning applications, including consultation, publicity and decision notices together with other technical support duties to support the team.



NAME Linda Gerute
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Linda's main role is the validation of building control and planning applications, including consultation, publicity and decision notices together with other technical support duties to support the team.



NAME Louise Usher
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Louise has responsibility for technical support duties for building control and planning including the upkeep of the S106 monitoring record. Louise also produces the agenda for Planning and Development Committee.



NAME Pam Armstrong
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Pam provides technical support for planning and building control including planning appeal, pre application enquires, discharge of conditions, skip permits and building surveyor inspections diary. Pam also works on review of procedures and updating the team of legislative changes.



NAME Sharon Stewart
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Sharon provides technical support for planning and building control including planning appeal, pre application enquires, discharge of conditions, skip permits and building surveyor inspections diary. Sharon is also the main contact for land and property searches.



NAME Mel Storey
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Mel provides technical support for planning and building control including planning appeal, pre application enquires, discharge of conditions, skip permits and building surveyor inspections diary. Mel is also responsible for sending out the weekly list of planning applications and other database information.



NAME Sam Elsender
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Sam provides technical support for planning and building control including planning appeal, pre application enquires, discharge of conditions, skip permits and building surveyor inspections diary. Sam is also responsible for invoicing for site inspection fees.