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# OUR SERVICES

Established in 2001, HOW is a commercially focussed, dynamic planning consultancy which is owned and managed by Partners Gary Halman and Richard Woodford; who are both recognised as leading advisers in the field.

Operating from offices in central Manchester, HOW now has a team of 15 colleagues, advising clients across the North of England.

## Environmental Assessments

In a time of growing environmental awareness and increased legislative requirements it is vital that proposals have been fully assessed and any environmental impacts designed out or mitigated.

Having both planning commercial and environmental specialists under one roof provides our clients with multiple benefits for a complete solution. By working with our clients from the outset, understanding their commercial objectives we can provide environmental and sustainable solutions which are proactive, innovative and commercially minded.

Frequently environmental assessments contribute to successful major planning applications. We can ensure they are technically and legally robust, complemented by effective project management throughout the process.

## Impact Assessment

Insufficient supporting information or inadequate Environmental Statements (ES) are increasingly being used to challenge applications, particularly those where significant environmental effects may occur. The HOW team has strong technical expertise in Environmental Impact Assessment in a wide range of projects ensuring each ES fulfils the requirements of the Town and County Planning Regulations 1999.

## Technical Studies

HOW has developed a strong working relationship with leading consultancies that provide a wide range of technical expertise. This relationship provides HOW with the opportunity to source competitive quotes for clients whilst maintaining very high standards. Typically these studies may be required as stand alone documents or encompassed into an Environmental Statement. Key Topics include:

- Noise & Vibration
- Air Quality
- Arboriculture Assessments
- Water Resources
- Ecology & Nature Conservation
- Soils and Agriculture
- Socio-economic Assessments
- Archaeology & Cultural Heritage
- Microclimate

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- Drainage & Flood Risk Assessment
- Contaminated Land/Geotechnical Engineering
- Landscape/townscape & Visual impact.

## Masterplanning

Scheme design can be improved through an early understanding of environmental constraints which often allows possible impacts to be designed out, potentially reducing costs associated with mitigation or the need for further assessments. HOW uses its expertise to provide objective and robust environmental assessments, whilst maintaining commercial flexibility. Early advice and a close working relationship with Local Authorities helps ensure the process runs smoothly.

## Strategic

If a client's Masterplan requires adoption into Local Planning Policy, this will trigger the requirement for a combined strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of the proposals and alternatives. HOW has practical experience to help clients through this evolving process including consultation, programming and assessment as required by the SEA Directive and the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.



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