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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.

Urban Design

HOW Planning believes that Urban Design is one of the key ingredients to making places that are successful both socially and economically, good to live in and attractive to visit. Urban design is essential in creating a community, corporate or commercial identity.

Our interdisciplinary methodology to design ensures we can effectively plan for all scales of development, whether creating or re-creating an environment and we believe that the demand for energy defines modern cities, towns and villages more than any other factor. Under legislation which came into effect in 2006, a Design and Access Statement must now accompany the majority of planning applications. HOW's urban design experience allows a comprehensive approach working alongside other Consultants to develop a coherent document, clearly identifying the key elements of the overall design ethos. We have produced a number of Design and Access Statements for a range of clients, from landowners to occupiers, which vary in content depending on the nature and complexity of the proposed development.

Design And Access Statements

In line with national design guidance, a Design and Access Statement needs to explain the design principles and concepts that have been applied to all aspects of the development. This should include the amount, its layout, the scale, landscaping and appearance. It will also need to demonstrate the steps taken to appraise the context of the development and how the design takes that context into account in relation to its proposed use.

The statement should also describe:

- The policy adopted as to access and how policies relating to access in relevant local development documents have been taken into account;
- What, if any, consultation has been undertaken on issues relating to access to the development and what account has been taken of the outcome of any such consultation;
- How any specific issues which might affect access to the development have been addressed;
- How prospective users will be able to gain access to the development from the existing transport network;
- Why the main points of access to the site and the layout of access routes within the site have been chosen; and;
- How features which ensure access to the development will be maintained.



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