



Addison & Associates

Welcome to our first newsletter celebrating our new offices and featuring a few topical issues in planning, sustainable transport and management which we believe are going to be important in 2010.

Important topics for 2010

Managing resources and efficient working methods – in the current economic climate a sound understanding of resources in LPA's is key to achieving an effective and efficient service. In the last year we have undertaken a number of planning and transport service reviews with the aim of identifying the potential for improving the overall efficiency of services and highlighting any service re-engineering improvements. At the same time our objective has been to provide guidance on changes to meet current best practice, contribute to overall service objectives and give organisations the tools to move forward successfully within current and future budget restraints. Recent projects include: Cheshire West & Chester, Nottingham City Council, LB Newham and Telford & Wrekin.

Project management – A key factor in the success of any project is their effective management. It enables the final 'product' to be robust, to withstand scrutiny and gives it longevity. This can be achieved through in-house expertise or through external support on projects. Recent projects include: Planning Performance Agreements support, LB Islington.

Transport – the transport planning sector is moving forward rapidly with the government policy on climate change and social inclusion affecting all areas of the service. These aims can help to drive forward service improvements with cross-cutting benefits to health, the environment and the economy. However, to create sustainable changes within this sector effective policies and procedures need to be introduced which are clear and easy to follow and have the benefit of stakeholder input. Recent and current projects include: Good Practice Guidelines: delivering travel plans through the planning system, Rural Reach – addressing rural access to services.

Infrastructure Delivery Plans - Planning Policy Statement 12 (PPS12) issued in 2009 re-emphasised the importance of planning for infrastructure delivery from the outset and the need undertake the task with LSP partners. One of the tests of soundness set out in PPS 12 is effectiveness which includes deliverability, flexibility and monitoring. The same elements required to meet the deliverability test will also support corporate requirements including Total Place, Comprehensive Area Assessment, HCA Single Conversation and Local Transport projects as set out in LTP3 guidance and the evidence for adopting CIL. Recent projects include: Working with 5 local authorities on Infrastructure Delivery Plans piloting the steps approach developed by PAS.

Interim management – with the changing planning sphere and the current economic conditions Interim Management becomes an increasingly useful tool to ensure the effective running of services, allowing them to adapt to the changing conditions with focused support in key areas. Recent assignments include: provision of Head of a Joint Planning Unit (1 year contract), Local Development Framework Project Manager in a London Borough (8 months contract) Interim Director for Planning and Transport Strategy for a city council (8 months contract).

Eco towns – The basis for such developments is clear: that is to say the need to provide for more homes and for these to be delivered in a sustainable manner with integrated features to cope with the changing climate and its knock on effects. The successful management of these developments will provide best practice on eco-build technology that has far reaching implications. Recent projects include: Eco-town challenge panel, Lynda Addison led work on Eco-Towns for the TCPA in respect of transport, supporting Alan Baxter Associates on Clay Country Eco-Town.

Addison & Associates is delighted to announce that we moved into our new offices in January this year. We are now based at 70 Cowcross Street, London, EC1M 6EJ and can be contacted on 020 7680 2166 or firstname@addison-associates.co.uk.

We look forward to continuing our work on supporting the public sector to improve the quality of the planning service throughout the coming year.



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