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Date of Birth 25 th July 1980	Nationality British
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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT	
2005+	<p>Transport Planner, Halcrow Group, Bristol</p> <p>Current role covers policy research, accessibility planning, rural transport issues and transport assessments and travel plans for planning application submission. Projects have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authored research report for the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership entitled '<i>Reclaiming our Rural Highways</i>' on the subject of managing rural roads. Presented subject matter at seminars and conferences, including at the Institute of Civil Engineers' conference on improving the streetscape and public realm; • Managing projects, both financial control and colleagues' input, including on Dorset & East Devon Coastal Access & Walks Study; • Setting up working groups of comprising headteachers, staff, governors and parents to jointly prepare school travel plans in Gloucestershire to meet the rigorous Department for Education & Skills standards for funding; • Preparation of transport assessments for industrial sites in west London and project management with contributions from various staff members; report finished on time and within budget; • Undertook feasibility study into the provision of greenways – routes for walkers, cyclists and equestrians – in south Dorset, with extensive site work • Organisation of five workshop sessions in East Sussex to discuss the county's accessibility planning issues and potential solutions with key stakeholders as part of the 2nd Local transport Plan (LTP). Undertook policy review of the existing accessibility situation in East Sussex; and • Research on major transport projects being progressed by the Highways Agency and local authorities to assess whether collaboration, and consequent efficiency savings, are possible. Involved extensive liaison remotely with team members in different offices <p>Other roles: 'Travel Information Champion' in connection with office travel plan Member of IdeasLab for improving company efficiency and improving work environment Office Website Liaison Officer Organiser of softball team entered into Bristol Solicitors' and Surveyors' Softball League 2006 and 2007</p>

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

2003 - Graduate Transport Planner, WSP Development, Basingstoke & Bristol
2004

Main role was to produce transport assessments (TAs) in support of planning applications and technical notes on specific development subjects. Emphasis is on the production of quality products within the temporal and monetary constraints of a private sector consultancy. Work has included:

- Analysis and report writing for residential, industrial and retail developments and mixed-use schemes, such as Swindon Gateway;
- Preparation of TAs, technical notes, travel plans and PTAL assessments for development proposals and briefing notes on research subjects;
- Critical analysis of proofs of evidence for transport proposal requiring Transport & Works Act approval;
- Site visits, including that associated with redevelopment of Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Guernsey. Undertaking of parking beat surveys, speed surveys, traffic signal and safer routes to school route assessments;
- Submission of Transport Assessment Form (as advocated by draft Scottish guidance) in support of supermarket planning application;
- Preparation of briefing notes for internal consumption on content and implication of government-issued spatial and transport policy documents.

1999- Temporary Planning Assistant, Planning Section, Dorset County Council, Dorchester
2003

Employment in vacation periods over 5-year period, which gave a clear overview of public sector policymaking and practice. Broad and insightful experience in the operation of the Highway Development Liaison, Transport Planning, Planning Policy and Development Control sections of the Authority.

Work included:

- General administration of 'County Matter' and Regulation 3 planning applications and District Council highway authority consultations,
- Site visits to assist planning officers on-site, post Notices of Proposed Development and to undertake photography for Council website and Local Transport Plan (LTP) documents,
- Attended Local Plan Inquiry into West Moors bypass and Planning Inquiry into housing development at Woodsford Fields, Crossways,
- Assistance in production of County Council documents, notably LTP
- Residential Road Design Guide and Minerals Monitoring Report,
- Digitisation, using MapInfo, of planning information such as site boundaries of mineral and waste planning permissions and proposed transport schemes in the LTP or Local Plan documents. This formed part of strategy to improve the quality of information available to officers and make government information available online.

July Voluntary Project Worker, Rights of Way, Dorset County Council
1998

Project examined sample areas of Dorset to establish the current percentage of County Rights of Way waymarked from the highway. Improving accessibility of rights of way was a council priority and project required substantial amounts of independent fieldwork in rural Dorset, followed up by analysis and report submission.

August Work experience, Weatherall, Green & Smith, London
1997

Sixth form vacation experience gave insight into the work of a large surveying practice. It reinforced previous work experience in the built environment field gained in a Dorset architectural practice in 1995.

ACADEMIC HISTORY

2001- Oxford Brookes University

2003 MSc Urban Planning with Transport Planning: with distinction.

2-year taught Master's course with 20,000 word dissertation on role of rural railways with case study of Weymouth- Bristol line. Dissertation conclusions form part of a background paper for the Dorset Structure Plan Review.

Full funding secured from Economic & Social Research Council and Rees Jeffreys Road Fund. Course was RTPI accredited with the opportunity for full membership post course completion. Second year specialism in transport planning.

1998- University of Exeter

2001 Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Geography: Upper second class degree.

Final year dissertation on impact of Rural Bus Subsidy Grant in Dorset.

1993- The Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester

1998 4 A-Levels:

Grade A: French for Professional Use, General Studies, Geography

Grade B: Economics

Recipient of Lock Award for Geography and A.H. Bugler Award for Economics.

11 GCSEs: Two A* grades, three A grades, five B grades and one C grade.

SKILLS

- Excellent spatial knowledge with extensive knowledge of planning and transport policy,
- Understanding of development control and planning policy procedures,
- Extensive use of GIS program MapInfo,
- Competency in Microsoft Excel, Word and Outlook,
- Knowledge and use of junction modelling programs PICADY, ARCADY and LINSIG,
- Knowledge of AutoCAD,
- Good spoken French,
- Full, clean driving licence.

Member of Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) and Institute of Highways & Transportation (IHT).
Member of IHT's SW Young Member's Panel and Transport Planning Society SW Branch informal steering group.

Winner of SW Colas Presentation Award 2007

INTERESTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Active member of the Woolbridge Motor Club since 1994. Participant in local motor events as a navigator, marshalling on historic events and maintenance of the Wiscombe Hillclimb in Devon. I have assisted in the organisation of the Alan Rogers Historic Rally each year since 2000.

Member of the Devon Family History Society as part of my genealogical research. I act as point of contact for local and family history queries within three Dorset parishes through www.dorset-opc.com website. This continues to involve significant transcription, research and recording tasks.

Supporter of National Trust and Sustrans through membership and keen mountain biker.

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