

A) Education

2001-2003, Oxford Brookes University
MSc Urban Planning with Transport Planning
Distinction

1998-2001, University of Exeter
BA (Hons) Geography
Upper Second Class Degree

B) Key skills and experience

- Working for wide range of public and private sector clients, including Welsh Assembly, DfT and a 6-month local authority secondment;
- Management of project budgeting, resources and timescales;
- Excellent spatial knowledge and extensive use of GIS packages MapInfo and ArcView;
- Well-versed in public speaking, including at local authority committees and seminars;
- Involvement and organisation of consultation exercises and stakeholder events;
- Enthusiasm and knowledge of diverse set of spatial and transport planning skill areas, including research and analysis, planning policy, rural transport, walking, cycling and public transport accessibility.

C Employment

01.2009 - present Senior Transport & Spatial Planner Halcrow Group Limited

01.2005 - 12.2008 Transport & Spatial Planner Halcrow Group Limited

Halcrow is a major multi-disciplinary consultancy with 7,000 staff worldwide and significant central and local government framework contracts. I work with a range of different specialists to deliver projects which contribute to Halcrow's mission - to sustain and improve the quality of people's lives.

Key projects:

Sustainable Travel

- **Cycling Officer for rural Shropshire, 2009-2010** Identifying locations for additional cycle parking in all market towns, co-ordinating requests for new off-road routes and maintaining and updating National Cycle Network direction signing inventory.
- **Worcester City Centre Bus Infrastructure Study, 2009** Analysed passenger survey data and prepared plans to illustrate where bus users alight and board buses in city centre, including within the bus station. Analysed reasons behind busiest stops and outlined ways in which bus station stands could be used more efficiently and logically. Prepared sections of report which provided evidence to secure Growth Point government funding.
- **Norden Park & Ride Interchange Scoping Study, 2008** Project managed study on ways in which sustainable transport could be enhanced in protected landscapes of south Dorset, including increasing use of park and ride to access nearby congested village and outlining long-term options to deal with the total erosion of coastal car parks. Compiled report, maintained study profitability and led councillor workshop.
- **Jurassic Coast Transport Infrastructure Gap Analysis Study, 2008** Project managed a diverse study into demand responsive transport, existing rail-bus interchanges, the potential for new rural car-bus interchanges and bus accessibility to camping sites. Co-ordinated the study team's outputs, liaised with client and oversaw the report. Presented findings to client working group.
- **Dorset & East Devon Coast Path Access & Walks Study, 2007** Project managed and provided research inputs into study covering links and wayfinding from bus stops to coast path, accessibility to key facilities from the coast path and quality of coastal car parks. Report included photo evidence, surveyors' first person accounts of barriers to public transport use faced by visitors and a series of short and longer term recommendations to be included in Coastal Corridor Plan.
- **South Dorset Greenways, 2005** Study examining off-road walking and cycling routes from urban areas to the countryside. Assessment criteria devised and used to identify priority routes for inclusion in Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

Planning Policy

- [East Dorset Total Place Reviews, 2010](#) Study team's spatial planner helping identify the most effective uses of District and County Council-owned assets in two town centres.
- [West Dorset Urban Extensions Study, 2008](#) - Key team member tasked with setting broad areas of search, compiling information on deliverability constraints, infrastructure required, facility provision standards and likely costs, as well as assessing each site in terms of accessibility. Attended meetings on historic environment, strategic highway matters and helped present findings to councillors.

Travel Planning

- [Swindon Sustainable Modes of Travel Strategy, 2009](#) Identified and collated the 30 recommended datasets of information covering travel to school patterns and the existing transport infrastructure for this statutory document. Organised and attended workshops with Borough officers to discuss travel to school issues and agree an action plan.
- [School Travel Plans, 2005](#) Preparation of plans with primary schoolchildren, teachers and parents in Stroud for Gloucestershire County Council.

Transport Policy & Research

- [Taunton Gateway Study \(DaSTS\), 2010](#) Member of research and strategy team examining how well options met with government DaSTS study objectives. Led stakeholder workshop group and co-ordinated first option sift.
- [Shropshire Parking Strategy research, 2009-2010](#) Comparison study of parking charges, long and short stay parking, residents' permit schemes and park and ride arrangements in 6 of Shrewsbury's neighbouring retail centres and 6 similar historic towns to inform changes to Shrewsbury's parking arrangements. Desk study of availability of free limited waiting spaces in Shropshire market towns and detailed study of Meole Brace park and ride users, in terms of origin locations, age profile, trip chaining to neighbouring retail park, and time of arrival.
- [Worcester Passenger Transport Review, 2008-2009](#) Analysed origins, destinations and purposes of community transport journeys, investigated and presented data on taxi stands, car park charging and bus infrastructure. Used County Council's Excel data on bus stop facilities in GIS to create thematic maps illustrating the proportion of Worcester's bus stops that would meet proposed standards. Prepared and participated in day-long presentation of findings to large client team.
- [Wales Transport Benchmarking Study, 2007-2008](#) Member of research team investigating how Welsh travel compared to journeys undertaken in rest of UK and Europe, in terms of costs, frequency, quality and environmental impact. Identified and analysed data, especially National Statistics ward and local authority level data, to identify trends, patterns and best practice. Used GIS to produce many of the maps, wrote technical notes and prepared PowerPoint presentations which were used in the presentation to the MAG.
- [Wales Rail Planning Assessment, 2006](#) Transport appraisal project involving identification of issues, options, objectives for Welsh Assembly Government & Department for Transport. Helped to sift, reject or retain set of options against the set of objectives.
- [Wales Transport Plan, 2005](#) - contributed research on how psychology affects travel choices.

Accessibility Planning

- [Evesham High Street Enhancement Equality Impact Assessment \(EqIA\), 2009](#) Undertook detailed investigation into the effects of enhancement scheme on disabled people in terms of access to key shops and town centre facilities. Set own assessment criteria based on guidance documents and modified EqIA to enable its effective use for analysing specific transport planning proposals.
- [East Sussex LTP2 Accessibility Strategy, 2005](#) - Policy research and organisation of stakeholder workshops.

Development Planning

- [Shropshire planning application consultation responses, 2009-2010](#) Providing comments from the transport planning team on planning applications to the authority. Identification and justification of transport infrastructure which developments should contribute towards.
- [Private sector client assistance, 2005-2010](#)
 - o Preparation of travel plans;

- o Contribution to Transport Assessments (TA) and Design & Access Statements (DAS);
- o Compiling evidence base for submissions to LDF Core Strategies;
- o Briefing notes on subjects such as demonstrating carbon reductions from developments; and
- o Co-ordinating teams of in-house traffic surveyors.

Rural Roads

- ***Reclaiming our Rural Highways, 2005-2006*** Author of 100-page scoping study in the issues affecting the character of rural highways, with 1,000 copies of the document published and distributed by the client, Dorset AONB Partnership. Required critical assessment of unfamiliar study topic and presentation of findings in non-technical language. Subsequent public speaking on topic at series of seminars, including Institution of Civil Engineers' headquarters.
- ***Kent Downs AONB Rural Lanes Guidance, 2006-2007*** Research and writing chapters for Supplementary Planning Document.

07.2003 to 12.2004 Graduate Transport Planner WSP Group

WSP is one of the largest interdisciplinary consultancies in the world. I was a member of a development planning team focussed on assisting private sector clients with transport elements of planning applications in Wales and the South-West.

Key skills and experience:

- Preparation of Transport Assessments (TAs), technical notes, travel plans and PTAL assessments for supermarket and housing proposals efficiently and within tight deadlines;
- Critical analysis of proofs of evidence for planning inquiries;
- Parking beats, speed surveys, safer routes to school assessments; and
- Briefing notes on planning policy updates.

06.1999 to 01.2003 Planning Assistant Dorset County Council, Dorchester

52 weeks' worth of paid work during my university vacations. Wide range of duties relevant to my degrees, including use of GIS packages, site visits, administration of highway development control consultation responses and assistance in preparation of Local Transport Plan and Minerals Monitoring Report. Attended planning inquiry for housing development and local plan inquiry session on bypass proposal.

D) Professional bodies

- Chartered Town Planner & member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (MRTPI), 2001+
- Member of the Chartered Institution of Highways & Transportation (MCIHT), 2007+
 - o Chairman of the Bristol Younger Members' Group, 2007-present)
 - o Branch Web officer, 2009-present
 - o Recipient of the SW Colas Award for Presentation, 2007
- Member of Transport Planning Society, 2010

E) Other details

- Languages: basic French
- Citizenship: British
- Extra-curricular activities:
 - o Cycling. Captain of a Bristol Bikefest mountain bike relay race team, 2008-2010;
 - o Softball. Organised company's team in Bristol Solicitors' and Surveyors' League annually, 2007-2010;
 - o Motorsport. Navigator in rallies, Woolbridge MC, 1993-present)

References available on request.