







LOGO	SPECIALISM	STATEMENT OF COMPETENCE
 	Planning Environmental Impact Assessment Urban Design Socio Economics Landscape and Visual Impact	<p>Pegasus Group (Pegasus) is the consultancy that has compiled this Environmental Statement. This consultancy was established in 2004 and has over the years expanded to a company that seeks to deliver “good development” across the whole of the UK. Pegasus is a multi-disciplinary planning consultancy that works in the fields of planning, landscape and design, environment, heritage, transport and economics.</p> <p>Pegasus is Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) ‘Quality Mark’ Accredited and its Environmental Statements (ES) and the processes that it undertakes to create them are subject regularly to external review via this accreditation to ensure that all Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) are legally compliant and applies best practice. This ES has been coordinated by a Member of IEMA and a Chartered Environmentalist.</p> <p>The Economics team at Pegasus leads on socio-economic analysis as part of EIAs, regularly undertaking demographic and economic research around the country to support planning applications. The team is comprised of demographers and economists. Pegasus is a member of the Institute of Economic Development.</p> <p>Pegasus has three offices which are Registered Practices with the Landscape Institute (Cirencester, Leeds and Birmingham). Our Landscape Architects regularly prepare Landscape and Visual Impact Assessments (LVIA) as part of EIA. The LVIA has been prepared by a Chartered Member of the Landscape Institute to ensure compliance with best practice methodologies.</p>
	Transport Air Quality Noise	<p>Stantec has a dedicated transport team that specialises in undertaking transport planning, modelling and appraisal for development schemes, including land development, regeneration and infrastructure projects. Stantec’s transport team includes experienced staff, who have relevant academic and professional qualifications, including those who hold Transport Planning Professional (TPP) and those who are Chartered Members of the Institute of Highways and Transportation (CMIHT). In addition, Stantec holds corporate membership of the Transport Planning Society (TPS) and the Chartered Institute of Highways and Transport (CIHT)</p> <p>Stantec has a dedicated air quality team that specialises in undertaking air quality assessments for development projects, including land development, regeneration, energy and infrastructure projects. Stantec typically undertakes in excess of a hundred air quality assessments each year. All of Stantec’s air quality team have suitable academic and professional qualifications, including being registered with the Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES) and Institute of Air Quality Management (IAQM).</p> <p>Stantec has a dedicated acoustics team that specialises in undertaking noise and vibration assessments for development projects, including land development, regeneration, energy and infrastructure projects. Stantec typically undertakes in excess of 150 noise and vibration assessments each year. All of Stantec’s acoustics team have suitable academic and professional qualifications, including being registered with the Institute of Acoustics (IOA). Stantec are sponsor members of the IOA.</p>
	Ecology	<p>BSG Ecology regularly completes Ecological Impact Assessments (EclA) for major developments in accordance with Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) guidance.</p> <p>BSG Ecology has a detailed understanding of the requirements of the regulations governing EIA in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. BSG Chartered Ecologists provide support to all stages of EclA, from preliminary ecological assessment to screening and scoping inputs, baseline survey, biodiversity-friendly design, mitigation and impact assessment. BSG also provides support in the discharge of ecological planning conditions, with regard to habitat management and monitoring.</p>
	Cultural Heritage	<p>Oxford Archaeology (OA) has significant experience of carrying out EIA and ES works at Upper Heyford having produced EIAs for the site or component parts of it in 2007 (Heyford Park Development), 2010 (Heyford Park Development) and 2016 (separate reports for developments at Camp Road and the Southern Bomb Stores). In addition to these works OA has produced numerous other assessments, characterisation projects and fieldwork projects on the site over the past ten years. Major projects have included a Conservation Plan of the whole Airbase (with Philip Masters at ACTA) in 2005, a Landscape Character Assessment of the Airbase south of the Cold War Zone (with ACTA) in 2006 and proof of evidence and expert witness services for a Planning Appeal in 2008.</p> <p>In addition, OA has extensive and long-standing experience of the EIA process. OA was at the forefront of the establishment of the methodology for such surveys through their work on the EIA for the Channel Tunnel Rail Link (now HS1) through London, Kent and Essex between 1989 and 1993. OA has continued to work extensively on similar projects, both through its dedicated Heritage Management Services Department and through specialist staff based at our Cambridge and Lancaster offices. Over the past 28 years OA has produced numerous EIA surveys including major housing and commercial developments, power generation schemes and large-scale infrastructure including national rail, airport and primary road schemes.</p>
	Hydrology & Flood Risk Ground Conditions	<p>Hydrock is a multi-disciplinary engineering consultancy and specialist land remediation contracting business. We have a proven track record of supporting clients on the delivery of significant mixed-use regeneration projects for over 20 years. The Hydrock team includes experienced staff, who have relevant academic and professional qualifications including Chartered Water and Environmental Managers and Members of the Chartered Institute of Water and Environmental Managers..</p> <p>Hydrock provides support to clients throughout site development from the initial acquisition, to the planning process and then through to on-site assessment and delivery. As part of this we undertake geo-environmental assessments for schemes to evaluate the potential impact to stakeholders and the surrounding environment. These assessments are reported within supporting technical documents (desk study, site investigation and remediation strategy) and then assessed in the context of the development within the ground conditions chapter. Where appropriate, in the context of the site and scheme, mitigation measures to address any potential impacts are evaluated and recommended to ensure impact to stakeholders are minimised.</p>