

David Lock Associates

Town Planning and Urban Design



Company Profile

David Lock Associates provides expertise in town and city revitalisation schemes, urban regeneration, regional and strategic planning, urban expansion and new settlements. We set ourselves the highest possible standards in our professional work, and we value our relationships with our many and varied clients. Since the Company was established in 1989 we have grown in number and expertise; the experience of our 60 strong professional team spans planning, urban design, graphic design, CAD, GIS and the related disciplines of both architecture and landscape architecture. Innovative transport planning is also part of the service we provide through our associated company ITP. We promote a team working culture and have an open minded approach to the way we tackle the challenges of our work.

Experience

Through our work with a variety of organisations and agencies, both in the UK and abroad, we have gained extensive experience, enhanced our creative talents and developed a strong skills set in managing large scale, sustainable, multi-disciplinary projects. This enables us to offer a complete range of planning and urban design services – from inception through to implementation on the ground.

We can help define opportunities, prepare strategic and comprehensive master plans, steer proposals through the planning system and design and manage detailed proposals for implementation.

DLA is at the forefront of designing and planning for the delivery of new settlements and urban extensions incorporating the highest possible standards of environmental, social and economic sustainability.

Our commercial and employment projects range from landmark office accommodation incorporated within mixed use schemes, through to major distribution and logistics parks.

Our clients and their projects are located throughout the UK, and we have considerable involvement in the growth areas established under the Government's Sustainable Communities initiative. We maintain strong working relationships with our clients, many of whom we have represented throughout the company's existence.

Our Associated Companies

A key feature of our growth has been the establishment of a number of associated companies practising in related disciplines:

DLA Architects Practice Ltd. Located in our offices in Milton Keynes and on hand to advise and work alongside us on detailed architectural projects.



Integrated Transport Planning Ltd. Located in our offices in Milton Keynes and reflecting our commitment to the integration of land use and transport planning.



David Lock Associates (Australia) Pty Ltd. With offices in Melbourne and building on our company's long standing reputation in Australia.



What we do

We offer expertise in seven key areas of development activity:



Strategic Planning. We represent our clients in promoting sites through Regional Spatial Strategies, LDFs, Examinations in Public and Inquiries, presenting and co-ordinating evidence and appearing as expert witnesses. Through the preparation of regional and strategic planning strategies, AAPs and SPDs, we help our public and private sector clients plan for growth strategically – at sub-regional, growth area or city-wide scale.



Regeneration. We co-ordinate and take the lead in preparing area-wide plans for the regeneration of whole communities, town and city centre revitalisation schemes, declining housing estates, brownfield sites and waterfronts. Our regeneration frameworks and master plans provide the basis for infrastructure, site briefs and building designs to be prepared and brought forward.



Urban Design and Master Planning. We master plan and design new settlements, urban expansion schemes, town and city centres and new neighbourhoods within existing communities. Responsible for master planning two out of the three established new settlements in the UK, we are now at the forefront of designing and planning for the delivery of new towns incorporating the highest possible standards of environmental, social and economic sustainability.



Development Planning. We are able to draw together comprehensive proposals and planning applications for large, complex sites where certainty on infrastructure and quality is critical but flexibility in detailed land use is also important. We have considerable experience of preparing planning applications, co-ordinating environmental assessments and guiding applications through the statutory process. In addition we are able to support Compulsory Purchase Orders and Joint Venture commissions.



Implementation. We prepare detailed implementation strategies for major projects, prepare design briefs and codes, and manage the discharge of complex planning conditions. We liaise directly with architects and developers to ensure the quality of what is built on the ground is as closely matched to the project's original vision as possible.



Community Involvement. Every project has a “community of interests”. We have significant experience and success in organising a full range of stakeholder and community consultations, working closely with our clients to determine the best communication strategies.



Graphic Design. Our graphic designers are an integral part of our business and have considerable experience of conveying complex information in a clear and concise style, using communication media including exhibition design, promotional documentation, illustrative sketches and perspectives, website design, animation and 3D modelling.

