

Senior Urban Designers

As a long established, highly respected and award-winning urban design and planning practice, David Lock Associates' portfolio of exciting projects continues to expand. We are now looking to recruit two senior urban designers for the following roles:

- urban designers with a background in architecture or landscape architecture, with a flair for communicating design thinking through drawings, and with an ambition to grow their masterplanning skills; and
- urban designers with a background in planning, with a demonstrable track record of preparing Design & Access Statements, design codes and development briefs.

Experience in contributing to competitive tender preparation would be an advantage.

Successful recruits will have at least two – three years' post graduate experience and will be offered an opportunity to grow their skills on some of the UK's most significant growth and regeneration challenges.

We work across the built environment shaping places with fifty-year visions through to defining the detail of streetscapes through design coding and implementation. Our projects range from city scale and town centres through to sustainable urban extensions and free-standing new settlements. We are also regularly engaged in undertaking research and preparing design guidance documents for a range of stakeholders.

There are opportunities for the right candidate to be engaged in a wide variety of projects, gaining experience with both public and private sector clients. Our projects are challenging, stimulating and rewarding, providing our team members with opportunities to grow and develop.

About us

Based in Milton Keynes for more than 30 years, we operate nationwide, assisting public and private sector clients in the creative endeavour of shaping geography, places and spaces for the enrichment of users.

DLA's masterplanners and urban designers have backgrounds in architecture, landscape architecture, planning, graphic design and science, and together work at all scales as part of an integrated team, practicing alongside exceptional planners, graphic designers, GIS experts and 3D visualisers in a friendly and supportive studio environment.

Our well-rounded team brings enthusiasm and skill to our projects to deliver outstanding results. Our approach is bespoke and contextually driven by the site and brief, and we take many of our projects from inception to delivery.

What's on offer

We provide opportunities for remarkable people to achieve great things. We employ people who like to be stretched, and who are not afraid to express an opinion or step forward to take on new challenges. Our low staff turnover is a good indicator of the potential to grow a fulfilling and stimulating career here, whilst building rewarding professional relationships and lasting friendships. There are no bars to progression, including to the Partner's Board, for talented and ambitious individuals.

In return, we offer competitive salaries, generous pension contributions, annual profit share, up to 30 days annual leave, additional long service leave, flexible working arrangements, a cycle to work scheme, mobility allowance, a medical insurance scheme and many other benefits. Our business is 100% owned by an Employee Benefit Trust on behalf of our employees, which means we all share in the rewards of our work.

Successful candidates choosing to move to Milton Keynes can apply for relocation assistance.

Current Opportunities

We are interested in hearing from applicants who can clearly demonstrate the following:

- a demonstrable flair for, and an ambition to develop a career in urban design and masterplanning;
- experience of producing urban design analysis, concept sketches and illustrations for design projects to a high standard;
- evidence of operating within a private practice;
- previous involvement in large scale sites, both greenfield and regeneration;
- examples of working with multi-disciplinary teams;
- good inter-personal and community skills;
- preferably a post-graduate qualification in urban design; and
- excellent drawn, written and presentation skills using a range of media.

Candidates should apply in writing to Roz Collier at rcollier@davidlock.com by 3rd January 2022. Your application should comprise a letter which gives a flavour of your ambitions and your reasons for applying to DLA, a CV (maximum of 2 sides of A4), and a portfolio showing examples that are relevant to our work (including student projects where relevant).

If you would like to discuss this role, please contact rcollier@davidlock.com in the first instance.

No recruitment agencies please.

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