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Summary CV

David is a **Chartered Town Planner**, with some 40 years experience in planning and environmental work. Elected a **Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute** in 1973 and elected a **Fellow of the RTPI** in 1994, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to planning for landscape and nature conservation. He is a former Council member of the RTPI and Convenor of the Institute's Countryside and Natural Environment Panel. He is a founder **Member of the Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management** (1991) and a former Council Member of the IEEM and Chair of membership and fellowship admission committees. David was elected a **Fellow of the Royal Society for the Arts** in January 2000. Since 1991 he has also been an Expert Panel Member of the **Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment** (IEMA). From 2002 - 2006, he was an advisory member of English Heritage's national **Historic Parks and Gardens Panel**.

He has a **Diploma (with Distinction) in Town and Country Planning** (1973) and a **Diploma in Landscape Design** (1978). He won the RTPI Book Prize in 1973 and has subsequently studied and researched the subjects of landscape history, landscape ecology and nature conservation, leading to the publication of 4 books in his own name and edited contributions to 2 other books. David has had over 30 papers published in the professional and technical press. He has broadcast on BBC Radio and Radio Telefis Eirrean and addressed over 100 conferences, workshops and seminars in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland on planning and the environment in the last ten years.

David had 17 years local government experience before establishing the Practice in 1983. In local government he worked on the full scope of planning and environmental issues, including structure and local plans, development control, conservation areas and listed buildings, town centre and urban planning, rural planning and recreation, tree preservation, environmental improvements and derelict land reclamation, mineral planning and waste planning.

David has personally led many of the Practice's innovative research projects, and many of the planning, landscape and ecological commissions. He has developed an expertise in European and UK planning and environmental law and procedure, especially in landscape and nature conservation. He has helped to develop good practice methods in sustainability / strategic environmental appraisal in England, Scotland and Ireland; and methodologies for Habitats Regulations Assessments in England, Scotland and Wales.

He has achieved a considerable reputation as an experienced, multi-qualified expert witness at public inquiries and other hearings. He has appeared as advocate and / or as an expert witness at over 150 public inquiries in the last 25 years, including some of the largest and most controversial (such as the Dibden Terminal PI, Southampton 2001-2002), for national companies, many planning authorities, Government Departments and a wide range of Statutory Agencies. Evidence he has given to some key "test case" inquiries has established some important principles in natural heritage conservation. David is also a very experienced trainer, regularly providing specialist training courses and seminars to five Government Agencies, to Local Authorities and to voluntary bodies (over 150 courses since 1987).

In England, David was retained as planning advisor to English Nature from 1991 to 2006 when it became part of Natural England. He worked closely with the Countryside Commission / Agency for over 10 years prior to it becoming a part of Natural England, which David continues to advise. He has also led forefront research projects for, amongst others, the Environment Agency, English Heritage, the RSPB and the CPRE.

In Scotland David has led a series of influential research projects on environmental capacity, sustainable development and the establishment of Scotland's National Parks, together with the authorship of Interim Planning Advice to Scottish Planning Authorities on the Environmental Assessment of Development Plans, for the Scottish Executive (2003). He facilitated the environmental assessment of Scotland's first National Planning Framework (2004) and gave expert evidence to the Scottish Parliament, at Committee stage, in relation to the Environmental Assessment Scotland Bill (2005). He played a leading role in the production of the first two Environmental reports and two of the first Scoping Reports submitted in Scotland under the SEA Regulations for local authority development plans. He has contributed to the development and trialling of a method for identifying the special qualities of Scotland's National Scenic

Areas for Scottish Natural Heritage 2005-2006; and has developed and applied methodologies for the review of local landscape designations in England and Scotland.

He has advised a wide range of statutory and non-statutory organisations including the Scottish Executive, Scottish Natural Heritage, Historic Scotland, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland, the Cairngorms National Park Authority and almost half of all the Scottish local authorities.

In Ireland, David has led the development of strategic appraisals of development plans and worked on these and other projects with the Heritage Council, the Department of Environment, the Department of the Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands, the Irish Planning Institute and almost half of the County Councils.

David has a particular personal and professional interest in the influence of landscape on human cultures and the advancing techniques of landscape character assessment, the influence of landscape history and landscape ecology on the classification and evaluation of landscape character and methods for assessing environmental carrying capacity. In 1998 he led a Scottish Natural Heritage project to generate a national landscape character database, with a GIS cover, for the whole of Scotland, generating national landscape character types in a major landscape database which was unique internationally. Following initial trials in the methods, in 1996 at St Andrews, Fife, he has worked with the Perth and Kinross, Orkney Islands, Fife, East Lothian, Clackmannanshire, Stirling and Argyll and Bute Councils to develop landscape capacity assessment methods for a wide range of terrestrial and maritime developments.

Since 1999 David has been particularly involved in the review of legislation and policy relating to the statutory jurisdiction and regulatory regimes at the interface of the terrestrial and marine environments. By invitation, in 2002, he delivered a key note address to the Scottish Coastal Forum on the operation and review of maritime regulatory controls with an analysis of the need and options for change. He led two research projects commissioned by the former DETR in England relating to local authority jurisdiction and nature conservation in the marine environment. In 2003-2005, David undertook four cutting edge research projects all now widely disseminated, promoting and strongly influencing the now rapidly developing framework of marine spatial planning in England and Scotland. He continues to inform the development of the concept and application of marine spatial planning in the UK.

Recently, David has led the development of methodologies and guidance on the Habitats Regulations Assessment of plans as well as projects for Natural England, CCW and Scottish Natural Heritage (2006-2009).

He has extensive experience of the appraisal of proposals and development plans for compliance with the requirements of the Habitats Directive and Regulations.