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Qualifications

BSc (Mathematics and Physics)

Lancashire Polytechnic (now University of Central Lancashire) 1988

MSc (Transport Planning and Engineering)

University of Southampton 2002

Member of the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation (**MCIHT**)

Fellow of the Institute of Highway Engineers (**FIHE**)

Profile

Carl has over a quarter century's experience of transport planning and traffic engineering consultancy, the last 15 years of which have been at senior management level, specialising in development related transportation consultancy; advising and representing developers from pre-feasibility to support for planning applications including, when required, expert witness representation at Public Local Inquiries, Tribunals and Courts of Law. His experience has also encompassed advising public sector bodies on traffic and transport implications of developers' submissions in terms of impact on adjacent transport infrastructure.

Carl's experience has encompassed all types and scales of development, including residential (from small scale schemes of a few units to strategic urban extensions of several thousand houses plus associated uses and infrastructure), employment, sustainable electricity generation (predominantly wind turbines and wind farms), urban regeneration (including major mixed use City Centre redevelopment) and retail (individual stores; new build and extension, multi-occupier retail centres and asset management of existing stores).

Over the last 26 years, Carl has worked throughout the UK, having started his career in the South East before moving back to his ancestral home of the midlands, North Wales, Scotland and the South West / South Wales, enabling a broad appreciation of differing priorities of authorities in different areas.

For the last 18 years or so, Carl has been based in the South West and operated predominantly throughout this Region and across South Wales. However, since setting up **carl TONKS consulting** three and a half years ago, Clients have appreciated the high levels of value that the Company is able to offer, which makes travel to more distant sites and local authority meetings a practical and cost effective offer. Carl has once again been active throughout England, Scotland and Wales with sites from Pembrokeshire to Essex and from Banffshire to Cornwall.

Employment History

carl TONKS consulting
Director;

(www.tonks-consulting.co.uk)
2011 - Current

Carl owns and runs **carl TONKS consulting**, providing transport planning consultancy predominantly to the development sector. He is based in Bristol, but also works out of bases in both South Wales and the West Midlands and has significant experience of working in those regions. Carl is able to take on projects throughout the UK and of all scales, from small residential or commercial development to major strategic urban extensions and regeneration.

Carl takes personal responsibility for the output on all of **carl TONKS consulting's** projects and all work is subject to his personal scrutiny to ensure compliance with his high standards of quality and service.

cTc

cTc represents an agreed joint working protocol between **carl TONKS consulting**, **cTc Infrastructure** and **cTc Transport Planning**, comprising a pooling of each companies' resources and mutual technical support. Thus, through **cTc**, each company is able to offer the flexibility of a small and reactive organisation whilst calling on a pool of central resources to meet project requirements covering transport planning, traffic and highway engineering, flood risk, drainage design and infrastructure services.

Waterman Boreham (Formally Boreham Consulting Engineers); Bristol and Cardiff Regional Director; **2004 to 2011**

Carl joined Boreham Consulting Engineers in 2004 with a remit to set up and direct a new regional presence in the South West of England, South and Mid Wales. He developed the business to a team of 12 staff in 2008, before being impacted by the economic downturn.

Carl managed Boreham's regional team through the acquisition by Waterman Group, including the recruitment of a representative in the Group's Cardiff office in 2007, which he remained responsible for, in addition to his Bristol office.

Whilst working in Boreham, Carl directed a wide range of transport planning projects for all kinds of development, including residential, retail, wind farms and commercial developments, in addition to a major traffic based asset management term commission on behalf of an international food retailer.

He gave expert witness evidence in a number of public local inquiries, including planning appeals, local plan inquiries under the Town and Country Planning Act and infrastructure inquiries under the Electricity Generation Act.

RPS; Newbury
Technical Director **2003 – ‘04**

Carl joined RPS with a remit to manage and coordinate transport planning teams in several offices in the M4 corridor.

Whilst at RPS, Carl presented expert witness evidence to the Lands Tribunal on behalf of Restormel Borough Council.

WSP Development; Bristol and Cardiff
Associate, then Associate Director **2000 – ‘03**

Carl joined WSP Development in 2000 with responsibility for establishing a transport planning presence in the Group’s Bristol office.

On behalf of WSP, Carl was involved in schemes of varying scale, including a major urban extension of Swindon which totalled 6000 houses, plus various complementary land-uses. He was also active on several retail term commissions, supporting new store developments and presented expert witness evidence to planning appeal public inquiries, local plan inquiries and Courts of Law in defence of a litigation case.

Pinnacle Transportation; Bristol and Welwyn Garden City
Principal Engineer **1998 – 2000**

Ove Arup and Partners; Bristol
Engineer **1997**

Oscar Faber; Edinburgh and Glasgow
Consultant **1995 – ‘96**

Parkman Consulting Engineers; Mold, Chester and Liverpool
Assistant Engineer, then Senior Assistant Engineer **1992 – ‘95**

Halcrow Fox Associates; Birmingham
Assistant Consultant; **1989 – ‘92**

Howard Humphreys and Partners; Leatherhead
Graduate Engineer; **1988 – ‘89**

Project Examples

Residential/Mixed Use Development

Newland Homes; carl TONKS consulting is commissioned by Newland Homes to advise on transportation matters and liaise with the local highway authority on numerous sites throughout predominantly Gloucestershire, but also into Worcestershire and Somerset. These have included sites in Alderton, Bromsgrove, Cam, Evesham, Frome, Gloucester, Mickleton, Nailsworth, Twynning, and Yate. These commissions have included successful representation at Appeal. In granting planning permission for a development in Cam, the Appeal Inspector reported that traffic objections by third party consultants were “*rebutted by sound and convincing evidence*”, by Newlands’ consultant, **carl TONKS consulting**;

High Street, Sutton Benger; carl TONKS consulting is representing a local land owner in promotion of a 60 dwelling development on existing farmland in this Wiltshire village;

Sandford Road, Winscombe; carl TONKS consulting provided traffic support for a planning application for three new houses on an existing residential plot. The application was successful and permission was granted with no highway constraints;

Shipham Lane, Winscombe; carl TONKS consulting is commissioned to liaise with highways officers in support of a proposed residential development on farmland in North Somerset;

Former Leyhill Prison Visitor Centre; carl TONKS consulting is commissioned to advise and liaise with highways officers in regard to a proposed mixed use redevelopment of the former visitor centre and commercial greenhouses at Leyhill Prison, Tortworth. The key issue for this site is sustainable development; the site being located in the countryside and **carl TONKS consulting** is arguing that traffic associated with previous lawful development on this site more than off-sets forecast traffic attraction of the proposed development;

Rownhams Lane, Southampton; carl TONKS consulting is commissioned to represent Pigeon Investment in support of its proposals for a 140 dwelling development on farmland in Rownhams, in Test Valley and abutting Southampton. This commission has involved attendance at Public Consultation and meetings with the Parish Council in addition to production and negotiation of a Transport Assessment;

Cwrdy Lane, Pontypool; cTc Transport Planning was commissioned to advise on access issues associated with proposals for development of a single dwelling off a private driveway with constrained geometry;

Wyson Lane, Brimfield; cTc Transport Planning is commissioned to provide a Transport Statement in support of a proposed development of 12 houses on a greenfield site in a Herefordshire village. A positive highways consultation response has been achieved;

Student Accommodation, University of Teeside; carl TONKS consulting produced a Transport Assessment in support of a planning application for student accommodation on campus at the University of Teeside, in Middlesbrough. The development comprised two towers of accommodation and developed through several iterations from 65 to 250 rooms, and planning permission was ultimately granted for 150 rooms;

Newbury Street, Kintbury; **carl TONKS consulting** is advising on access and transportation matters concerning a proposed development of some 30 – 40 units off Newbury Street, in Kintbury.

Roebuck House, Torquay; **carl TONKS consulting** represented Welbeck’s proposals to convert a former council office block in Torquay for mixed use; residential , healthcare and commercial.

Woodlawns, Brockworth; Carl directed all transport support provided for the re-development of under-utilised former sports pavilion land, to the rear of the Invista factory in Brockworth. Proposals included up to 200 dwellings, plus a warehouse of up to 150,000 sqft GFA. Planning permission was refused by Committee, although with no highways reason for refusal. Planning permission was subsequently achieved through an Appeal.

Urban Extensions; Carl has been involved in promoting major, strategic urban extensions in several locations including Bridgwater, Gloucester, Leominster, and Swindon. These have ranged from around 1,000 to in excess of 4,500 dwellings, plus ancillary employment and retail uses.

Wind Turbine Development

AGRenewables Various sites; **cTc Transport Planning** are commissioned by AGRenewables to advise on construction vehicle access issues pertaining to their turbine development program at sites throughout England, Scotland and Wales.

EDP Various sites; **carl TONKS consulting** is commissioned to support a National program of development of single 500 - 800kW turbines on sites throughout England and Wales. Currently, investigations have included sites in Derbyshire, Essex, Lincolnshire and, Rhondda Cynon Taff.

Peel Energy; **carl TONKS consulting** is commissioned by Peel to advise and represent their program of development of single 500kW turbines on sites in the North of England and Scotland.

Empirica Investment Various sites; **carl TONKS consulting** has produced construction component access studies on behalf of Empirica for its programme of developing individual Enercon turbine installations on farmland across the north of England. This term commission has included sites in Cleveland, Cumbria, Derbyshire, County Durham, Lancashire, Northumberland, Staffordshire and East Riding of Yorkshire.

Constant Energy Various sites; **carl TONKS consulting** has advised Constant Energy in regard to its proposed EWT turbine developments on farmland in Isle of Anglesey, Bedfordshire and Ceredigion.

Multi-turbine windfarm proposals; Carl has directed studies of construction vehicle access for proposals across mid-Wales and in the north of England, including giving evidence on behalf of **RES** at the Public Inquiry into proposals for the UK’s largest land-based windfarm at Keadby, in North Lincolnshire. In addition to numerous sites for RES, Carl has also advised **Acciona, Nuon Renewables, SSC** and a group of developers acting jointly through **Renewable UK**.

Renewable UK (Cymru) Annual Conference; Carl has appeared twice at the Renewable UK (Cymru) Conference; in 2009 where he gave a paper entitled “Tools to Solve the Problem” and on the Panel of Experts in 2010 to discuss component delivery issues in mid-Wales.

Retail Development and Asset Management

Tesco Asset Management; Carl directed a Nationwide project which comprised researching road works programs across the UK and assessing likely impact of programmed works on customer accessibility of Tesco stores. This project enables store management to be aware of likely risks to turnover and led to liaisons with highway authorities and works contractors with a view to reducing impact on store turnover. This project is acknowledged to have saved many millions of pounds in turnover which would otherwise have been lost due to impact on store accessibility.

Cinderford, Trilogy Developments; Carl directed a Transport Assessment in support of a proposed food store on existing garden centre and employment land in Cinderford. The analysis majored on the sustainability benefits of providing additional quality food retail opportunities in Cinderford, where previously the majority of residents undertook their main food shop away from the town, thereby generating unnecessary vehicle kilometrage.

Helston, Terrace Hill; Carl represented Terrace Hill in support of their planning application for an edge of town food store in Helston. The application gained permission, despite being considered in light of an application for extension of an existing edge of centre food store. The store was subsequently taken by Sainsburys.

Victoria Business Park, Restormel Borough Council; Carl represented Restormel in the Lands Tribunal, London in defence of a claim for compensation following the overturning by the Secretary of State for the Environment of a planning permission for factory outlet retail. As a result of the Tribunal, the sum was reduced from a claim of in excess of £12M to an award of less than £2M and operational traffic and parking issues had a material impact on this decision. Carl's evidence focussed on local traffic capacity and car parking requirements.

Dudley, Tesco; Carl represented Tesco in support of their proposal to demolish an existing multi-occupier retail park and replace it with a 100,000sqft Tesco store, constructed on stilts above a 900+ space car park. Proposals were contentious, particularly in view of the local highway authority's proposed improvement of a major, highly congested junction (Five Ways Roundabout), which was located at the corner of the site. The representations included negotiating the relative construction timing of the proposed retail development and highway improvement and representation at a Public Inquiry into Compulsory Purchase of land required for the construction of the adjacent highway scheme. Planning permission was achieved for this very significant development.

Bournemouth, Sovereign Centre; Carl produced and negotiated a Transport Assessment in support of proposals to develop a retail unit within an existing multi-storey car park, thereby increasing demand, whilst simultaneously reducing parking capacity. Negotiation centred upon the centre's high sustainability credentials, including its location within a high density residential area and having a bus station within the development.

Discount Food Stores; Carl has produced and negotiated Transport Assessments in support of many discount food stores, on behalf of both Aldi and Lidl. Locations have included sites in Birmingham, Bournemouth, Bristol, Cardiff, Coventry, Gloucester, Haverfordwest, Leatherhead, London, Newport, Newquay, Penzance, St Austell, Swindon and Truro.

Other Uses

Carl is also involved in supporting development of all kinds and at locations throughout the UK. Details of these can be provided on request.