

## **INTRODUCTION**

- **Expert in Green eco-development**
- **Qualified Architect and Town Planner**
- **Specialist in urban policy and regeneration**
- **Experienced in setting up and project managing significant eco-projects**

I'm a qualified architect and town planner. I'm an urbanist, a writer and a thinker. I have an up to date knowledge of development, urban design and an extensive knowledge of eco-development.

For over twenty years I have worked freelance throughout the UK, for major developers, communities, government, local authorities and NGO's, advising and project managing. My latest commission was as project manager of Whitehill Bordon Eco-town, one of only four in the country.

My experience of eco-development has brought me very wide ranging experience covering social planning, economic development, delivery mechanisms, community activities, transport, housing and infrastructure. I can advise on all these issues.

I believe that these troubling economic times are changing our attitudes and values. I predict that the simpler, greener, low energy lifestyle will fast become the most desirable and the most economical way to live. Documenting that change and signalling how we might make it is the subject of my blog [www.coffeinthesquare.com](http://www.coffeinthesquare.com)

I'm now actively seeking new challenges. Part time and interim commissions are of particular interest.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

**Director Urbaneye Ltd** – Company set up to manage eco-development  
Not a full time role

### **Other Current Commissions and Activities**

#### **Member South East Regional Design Panel**

Recent projects include:

Worthing Borough Council – sea front developments

Medway– Lodgehill Development Land Securities - 5000 new homes, new town centre.

#### **Member TCPA Garden Cities and Suburbs Expert Group**

This is a group of investors, LA's and environmentalists advising TCPA on the barriers and opportunities related to locally planned large scale development.

### **2008 – November 2011 Whitehill Bordon Eco-town Project Manager**

I wrote the eco-town bid for Whitehill Bordon which has resulted in a grant of over £13M for the project. I was then appointed by the public sector partnership to set up the team, manage the masterplan and bring £5M regeneration projects to fruition. In addition I commissioned leading consultants to undertake over £700,000 worth of studies covering every aspect of eco-development from energy, viability, biodiversity and the construction of exemplar buildings. The masterplan is now complete and is awaiting the vacation of the MoD, scheduled for 2015.

### **2007 The Cities Project - self initiated research**

Researched the management and policies of 21 successful cities and towns

throughout Europe and the USA, which involved a year of travel, interviews and analysis.

Achievements:

- Devised a method of statistical analysis to compare each town and city
- Identified a series of common characteristics for organisations that achieve successful regeneration
- Identified common policies that successful organisations employ

### **1997 – 2006 Founding Partner Shillam + Smith Urbanism**

Founded consultancy specialising in all aspects of urban regeneration.

Business Achievements

- Set up and ran consultancy successfully and profitably for nine years.
- Used innovative management methods to bring together a variety of specialists in economic, social, environmental and physical disciplines.

### **Key Projects**

Below is a selection of over 31 major projects I completed as **Project Director**. I was responsible for commissioning and leading a multi-disciplinary team and for achieving brief, budget and programme.

- Working closely with politicians and senior officers as well as the public
- Responsible for setting up the regeneration strategy as well as advising on how to procure projects and attract developers
- Advising the board or community partnership and responsible for the media campaign
- Assisting with and advising on development deals

### **Islington King Square LB Islington**

This project was won by **International Urban Design Competition**. The challenge was the regeneration of seven tower blocks and 800 flats

Outcome

- Islington Planning Cttee. approval of **SPG for site**
- Physical elements of project now complete includes: 300 new private flats/housing, 800 refurbished tower block flats, improved and safer public space and public park, traffic calming
- The **Community Board** I set up has endured and metamorphosed into the St Luke's New Deal for Communities Board (also a client)
- This project was used as an exemplar by **London School of Economics** in The Density Debate.

My team were re-appointed to assist with initial negotiations with partner developers and RSL's. I also advised on the need for and then assisted the community to select and appoint a residents' friend.

### **Saltley and Small Heath SRB Birmingham City Council**

A £13M masterplan for an inner city area of 770ha and 50,000 population, including 75% immigrant population in some wards. Project included a very successful public consultation process entitled **The Splash of Colour Project** in collaboration with 5 artists including the internationally known artist Susan Hiller. I learned basic Hindi-Urdu in order to converse more easily with the community.

Outcome

- Strategic plan for 1000 new homes – now completed
- Strategy for refurbishment of 6000 existing homes
- Public consultation process documented as **best practice** by RSA
- Strategy and draft lottery bid for a Healthy Living Centre
- Design of extendible, self-build housing system, specifically aimed at the large Asian extended family, using **modern methods of construction**.
- International publicity
- Ideas contributed to Birmingham City Council's "**Places for Living SPG**"

### Swindon 2030 Vision

A visioning strategy for Swindon, planning for a population increase of 70,000 by 2026. Barriers to growth included requirement to transform industrial base, accommodate modern jobs, improve quality of education, revitalise town centre and find land for about 25,000 new homes.

Outcome

- I wrote the Swindon 2030 Vision document which was translated by Swindon's Planners into the Local Development Framework
- Swindon being awarded **Urban Regeneration Company** status
- Planning permission for an extension to the Brunel Shopping Centre for **Westfield**. I assisted negotiations and designed urban form
- **Planning permission for £70M mixed use development for Complex Development Projects** including 627 housing units, 20,000sq ft commercial space and 50,000 sq ft office space. I led the project design team
- I advised the committee that made a £30M **cultural PFI** bid for a new theatre, library, art gallery, dance centre
- **Bath University** deciding to locate in Swindon – I assisted negotiations
- Plans for new **public transport** initiatives – I managed the study
- The identifying of Council owned land for a new inner urban area **business, research and education park**

### Watford Town Centre Project

A mixed use strategy for underused land in Watford Town Centre. Approximately 150,000sq ft offices and 20,000sq ft commercial/leisure as well as 200 housing units.

Outcome

- Successful negotiations with the transport authority Hertfordshire, to **release value in land** currently used for traffic and parking.
- Planning strategy for **mixed use development and cultural quarter**
- I advised the elected Mayor and officers on the setting up of a **public/private sector partnership** for development of the swimming pool and selection of the designers.

### Canning Town Masterplan

A £1 Billion housing regeneration project covering 45ha and 4000 existing homes, focused around the regeneration of Canning Town Centre. I worked with **Newham Borough Council** and **English Cities Fund**.

Outcome

- Masterplan and SPG. The project **includes 7000 new homes, 70,000m2 Office and 10,000m2 retail space. First phases now complete.**
- Re-invigorated community partnership and provided capacity building
- Advised on demolition of 1200 homes and compulsory purchase
- Published community brief for development
- **Negotiated deal for displaced residents**
- 900 residents attended the scheme exhibitions recording **an 80% approval** for the scheme.
- I also helped to set up terms of reference for the **public/private partnership** which is a SPV.

### Ambition for South Dagenham – LB Barking and Dagenham

My team was selected by Richard Rogers in his role as advisor to the Mayor of London. We formed a master team of four innovative firms tasked to offer more holistic solutions to the challenge of housing in the Thames Gateway. The site - **57Ha of redundant Ford factory** - is surrounded by poor quality social housing:

Outcome: A masterplan for:

- **5,000 new homes** focused around green walking and cycling routes

- A new canal to provide ambience, drain land and accommodate water run off
- **The Brain Box** creative industries centre focused on product design
- **Manufacturing park of 50,000m<sup>2</sup>** focused on high tech engineering
- 5,000 new jobs in engineering, retail and creative industries.
- A healthier local centre focused on 10,000 sq ft food retailing, a food market and community facilities to improve health and social integration.
- Our work raised the site capacity and set higher standards for the **development brief**

#### **Thurrock Eco Village – Persimmon Homes**

I ran the project to masterplan and design an eco village for Persimmon in order that they could demonstrate to local politicians the potential for brownfield sites in the borough. The scheme proposed **1400 homes, 18 Hectares of model farm and country park. 5000sq ft commercial and 30,000sq ft live/work offices;**

Eco features include:

- Use of recycled materials, renewable energy sources and bio mass coppicing
- Low emissions buildings
- A model farm and farmers' market
- Horticultural college, pub, café and microbrewery
- New zero emissions primary school and nursery
- Environmental info centre
- Modern methods of construction including self build
- Walking, cycling and bus priority links to local town centre
- Live/work and mixed use

#### **1983 – 1997 Shillam + Smith Architects Founding Partner/Project Director**

Founded Shillam + Smith architects with partner Michael Smith. Projects I ran included, **Victoria & Albert Museum Education Centre** £2M, **Luton Museum and Art Gallery** £6M, **Hughes Hall Cambridge** Phase I,II and III £4M, the **Sainsbury Family Trust Offices** London, £1M and the **Catholic Building Society Offices** £1M – **all these projects were won as the result of limited design competitions.**

I also managed the £10M refurbishment of **IBM's Basingstoke office campus**, relocating 2000 staff, during their corporate restructuring in the late 80's.

#### **1979 – 1983 MacCormac, Jamieson and Pritchard**

**Project Manager/Project Architect**

**Bristol Arts Faculty**

**£100M mixed use Spitalfields Redevelopment**

**Sainsbury Building at Worcester College Oxford**, for which I won a **Civic Trust Award.**

I also worked on the design for major housing schemes for the **Development Corporations of Milton Keynes 250 units, Cwmbran 100 units and Warrington 400 units.**

#### **SELECTED PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS/COMMITTEES/DIRECTORSHIPS**

**2005 – 2006 Member of IXIA Board of Directors**

The Arts Council funded public art charity

**2004 – 2006 Member of RICS Regeneration Forum Panel**

**2004 Urbaneye Ltd Director**

Set up contemporary art dealer and ran a series of exhibitions.

**2003 Selected as a consultant for IDeA**

Included post selection training in mentoring senior executives

**2002 – 2004 Member of Deputy Prime Minister's Property Advisory Group**

A group of construction and property professionals selected to advise Whitehall, covering all issues of property, development and regeneration.

**2000 – 2003 Invited to become a Trustee of Covent Garden Trust**

The charitable trust that owns Covent Garden Market

**1999 Purchase redundant dress factory in W1**

Commenced mixed use development. Portfolio now worth ten times more.

**1998 - 2002 Chair RIBA, RTPI, CBI, CABE Consultation Team**

Set up and chaired cross professional consultation unit for RIBA, to advise and respond to Urban Task Force Report and the subsequent new planning legislation. Received media training from RIBA.

**EDUCATION**

**2011/11 MA Creative Writing Chichester University**

Dissertation to be completed 9<sup>th</sup> December 2011

**1997 Qualified as Town Planner**

**1989 Elected member of Institute of Management**

**1984 – 1985 Westminster University School of Business**

Entrepreneurs business course – London Enterprise Agency Scholarship.

**1981 Qualified as Architect**

**1979 – 1981 Bristol University – part time Professional Practice Course**

**1973 – 1979 Bristol University – full time**

BA (Hons) Architecture 1976

Postgraduate Diploma 1979

**1969 – 1973 Nottingham High School GPDST - 6<sup>th</sup> form scholarship**

**1966 – 1969 Ipswich High School GPDST - Scholarship**