

Mike Eastwood Team Leader – Conservation of the Historic Environment, Landscape Architecture, Urban Design and Ecology (CLAUDE)

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Landscape Architecture, Dip LA (Diploma in Landscape Architecture), CMLI (Chartered Member of the Landscape Institute).

Mike has been a Chartered Member of the Landscape Institute since 1988 and currently has in excess of 31 years' experience as a practicing Landscape Architect with Solihull MBC.

In 1997 he was assigned responsibility for the management and supervision of the Landscape Architecture and Ecology Service for the Council. In 2013 the service was expanded to include Urban Design, and in 2017, following a Divisional Reshape, Mike was appointed CLAUDE Team leader taking on additional responsibilities for the management of Conservation of the Historic Environment.

Mike is involved with performance management, budget planning and all aspects of financial control, compliance with Health and Safety procedures and legislation, people management and client liaison.

Mike's priorities and goals are set within the context of the Council's top priorities (Council Plan 2014-2020) to deliver the Council's Vision for Solihull "*a place where everyone has an equal chance to be healthier, happier, safer and prosperous*".

His team's objectives are focused on managing the growth that will deliver Solihull's future economic success which respects the character of Solihull and delivers great places for people and wildlife.

In this context, Mike has responsibilities to ensure that the team provides timely professional and technical advice with regard Spatial Planning, Development Management and the Statutory Planning Process and for the delivery of the Council's in-house design consultancy service, to deliver a range of high quality, creative and sustainable design solutions, on time and within budget.

Mike also has responsibilities to provide and co-ordinate advice on habitat creation and restoration schemes, management and nature conservation. This includes the designation of Local Nature Reserves and a programme of sustainable woodland management of Council owned woodland, through the promotion and support of practical nature conservation volunteers.

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