

Peter Griffiths

CIHCM



Education Professional Diploma in Housing Studies (Southampton Solent University)

Professional qualifications: Chartered Member CIH

Summary of experience:

Peter began his 27-year Local Authority career in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames in 1988 starting out as rate rebate officer rising to team manager for Housing Benefit and Council Tax following a successful period as a benefit fraud officer.

In 2000 Peter started working for the Isle of Wight Council and this led to his appointment as Housing Research, Development and Enabling Manager responsible for leasing schemes, housing development, empty properties and delivery of affordable housing.

In this role Peter also had responsibility for advising the Local Planning Authority on policy matters, including the negotiation of affordable housing with developers using the HCA EAT. Peter also had responsibility for commissioning out housing needs surveys, housing condition surveys, and research to underpin Supplementary Planning Guidance as well as carrying out housing enforcement activities.

Peter has experience of working with all sectors of the development industry from specialised schemes such as hostels and NHS campus for residents with Learning Disabilities through to his involvement in the OJEU procurement of a national housebuilder to deliver a scheme for 850+ units on a single site in Local Authority ownership.

Following that role Peter took up the position of Principal Planning Officer – Housing Policy to support the introduction (through the examination process) of the new Local Plan.

During that period Peter has led on the Strategic Housing Land Availability Studies, the Strategic Housing Market Assessment and continued to carry out viability negotiations with developers using a variety of methods including the Economic Assessment Toolkit and the Development Appraisal Toolkit.

Furthermore, Peter was responsible for research required to investigate the local implementation of the Community Infrastructure Levy as well as being responsible for transport, retail, office, tourism and leisure appraisals.

Peter left the Isle of Wight Council to set up his own company in 2015 and now works for Bespoke Property Consultants working for a wide variety of councils and developers carrying out site specific viability assessments and providing policy advice. Recent projects have included reviewing the Viability

Assessments on five sites in Ashford town centre which are not only mixed use but lead by private rental sector provision as part of a regeneration programme.

Further roles.

Peter supports a local Parish Council with its planning functions and is carrying out training for Councilors on all aspects of planning and housing and how changing Government policy influences their decision making.

Peter is also currently supporting a provider of Shared Purchase Affordable Housing in its negotiations with Local Planning Authorities and Housing departments.