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1A. Competency Expert Statement

1A.1 Introduction

- 1A.1.1
- The Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report and supplementary materials produced for the Grimsby to Walpole Project (the Project) have been prepared by a team of competent experts. The team is made up of technical specialists working at leading consultancies who have extensive experience in Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes for a variety of major projects. The individual experts can demonstrate their competence through degree level qualifications, members of relevant professional institutions and practical experience in undertaking EIAs.
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- Table 1A.1** outlines the team, their qualifications and membership of relevant professional institutions.

Table 1A.1 Credentials of the experts responsible for the Grimsby to Walpole Preliminary Environmental Information documents

Discipline	Credentials
Landscape Sarah Gibson (Gillespies)	32 years' experience in routeing/siting and landscape and visual impact assessment for major infrastructure projects BSc (Hons) Geology MLD Landscape Architecture Fellow of the Landscape Institute Chartered Landscape Architect
Visual Helen Johnson (Gillespies)	24 years' experience in landscape and visual impact assessment for major linear infrastructure projects BA (Hons) Landscape Architecture Bachelor of Landscape Architecture Chartered Member of the Landscape Institute
Ecology and Biodiversity Kirstin Aldous (AECOM)	14 years' experience as an ecologist and consultant, including for major linear infrastructure projects and a range of energy projects BSc (Hons) Zoology MSc Environmental Management Full member of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management
Historic Environment Iain Williamson (AECOM)	25 years' experience of commercial archaeology, 15 of which have been spent in consultancy BA (Hons) Archaeology Associate Member of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists

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Water Environment Stephen Anderton (WSP)	30 years' experience in consultancy, environmental regulation and academic research BSc (Hons) Geography MSc Water Resource Systems Engineering Doctorate in Hydrology Member of the Chartered Institute of Water and Environmental Managers Chartered Scientist
Geology and Hydrogeology Gavin Campbell (Wardell Armstrong)	30 years' experience within the UK land development and infrastructure and utilities sectors BSc (Hons) Geology MSc Geotechnical Engineering Member of the Institute of Mining and Metallurgy Fellow of the Geological Society Chartered Geologist Chartered Engineer
Agriculture and Soils Bruce Lascelles (Arcadis)	30 years' experience undertaking soil and agricultural land classification surveys and assessing the impact of construction and development activities on soils and agricultural practices, including development of appropriate soil handling strategies and practices BSc Forestry and Soil Science PhD in Soil Science Fellow of the British Society of Soil Science Chartered Environmentalist
Transport and Movement Javed Hussain (Arup)	20 years' experience in master planning, transport planning, consents and traffic/highways engineering MEng Civil Engineering Chartered Civil Engineer Chartered Transport Planning Professional
Air Quality Stuart Bennett (WSP)	23 years' experience in strategic air quality planning, assessment, monitoring, mitigation and management BSc (Hons) Geography MSc Applied Meteorology and Climatology Member of the Institute of Air Quality Management Member of the Institution of Environmental Sciences Chartered Environmentalist

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Noise and Vibration David Gray (AtkinsRéalis)	17 years' experience working in acoustic consultancy, including noise assessment, monitoring, modelling, and management BSc (Hons) Acoustics Corporate Member of the Institute of Acoustics
Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism Allan Pitt (Arup)	16 years' experience working in EIA and planning for major infrastructure projects, including socio-economics, recreation and tourism assessments BSc (Hons) City and Regional Planning MSc Regeneration Studies Chartered Town Planner
Health and Wellbeing Ian Scott (Mott MacDonald)	20 years' experience undertaking environment and sustainability management in the planning and development sectors BSc (Hons) Geography MSc Environmental Impact Assessment Chartered Environmentalist Full Member of the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) and member of the IEMA Health Working Group
Climate Change Nicola Robinson (Arup)	15 years' experience in EIA and environmental planning for major infrastructure projects BA (Hons) Geography Chartered Town Planner
Town Planning Cassie Fountain (Arup)	32 years' experience in major infrastructure development and Development Consent Order consenting BA (Hons) in Urban Studies Diploma in Town and Regional Planning Chartered Town Planner
EIA Management and Lead Reviewers	
Nick Mitchard (Arup)	23 years' experience in professional practice focusing on EIA BSc (Hons) Business Studies MSc Environmental Management Full Member of Institute of Environmental Sciences Associate Member of IEMA Chartered Environmentalist
David Ritchie (AECOM)	20 years' experience in EIA, Environmental Planning and Renewable Energy BSc (Hons) Environmental Management and Technology

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