

The Great Grid Upgrade

Chesterfield to Willington

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1A. Introduction

1A.1 Overview

- 1A.1.1 This Preliminary Environmental Information Report and supplementary materials produced for the Project have been prepared by a team of competent experts. The team is made up of technical specialists working at WSP who have extensive experience in Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes for a variety of major projects. The individual experts can demonstrate their competence through their education and qualifications, membership of relevant professional institutions and practical experience in undertaking EIAs.
- 1A.1.2 **Table 1A.1** outlines the team, their education and qualifications, and membership of relevant professional institutions.

Table 1A.1: Credentials of the experts responsible for the Project scoping documents

Discipline Topics	Team Lead	Credentials
Environmental Impact Assessment	Christopher Middleton	16 years' experience BSc Zoology Practitioner member of the Institute of Sustainability and Environmental Professionals (PISEP)
Landscape and Visual (Chapter 6)	Lukasz Mazur	20 years' experience MSc Horticulture MSc Landscape Architecture Chartered Member of the Landscape Institute (CMLI)
Ecology and Biodiversity (Chapter 7)	David Chatterton	13 years' experience BSc (Hons) Biology Full Member of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (MCIEEM)
Arboriculture	Tim Ranger	13 years' experience Level 3 BTEC National Award in Forestry and Arboriculture Technician Member of the Arboricultural Association
Historic Environment (Chapter 8)	Simon Atkinson	35 years' experience BA (Hons), Archaeology and Prehistory Member of Chartered Institute of Archaeologists
Hydrology and Land Drainage (Chapter 9)	Frances Marlow	10 years' experience MSc Hydrology and Climate Change BSc (Hons) Natural Science Chartered Environmentalist (C.Env) Chartered Water and Environmental Manager (CIWEM)

Discipline Topics	Team Lead	Credentials
Geology and Hydrogeology (Chapter 10)	Claire Smith	20 years' experience BSc Applied and Environmental Geology
Agriculture and Soils (Chapter 11)	Roisin Lindsay	14 years' experience BSc (Hons) Archaeology/Palaeoecology MSc Environmental Hydrogeology PGDip Regenerative Food, Farming and Enterprise Full Member and Trustee of the Institution of Environmental Sciences (MIEnvSC) Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) Member of the British Society of Soil Science
Traffic and Transport (Chapter 12)	Bev Coupe	30 years' experience MSc in Transport Engineering and Operations BA (Hons) Town Planning Diploma in Town Planning
Air Quality (Chapter 13)	Justin Lingard	16 years' experience BSc (Hons) Environmental Science, MRes in the Built Environment, PhD in Atmospheric Physics and Chemistry Chartered Scientist (CSci) Full Member of the Institute of Air Quality Management (MIAQM) Full Member of the Institution of Environmental Sciences (MIEnvSc) Associate Member of the Energy Institute (AMEI)
Noise and Vibration (Chapter 14)	Esteban Olmos	21 years' experience MSc, BSc (Hons) MIOA Member of the Institute of Acoustics MIEnvSc Member of the Institution of Environmental Sciences PMQ – Project Management Qualification (APM)

Discipline Topics	Team Lead	Credentials
Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism; and Health and Well-being (Chapters 15 and 16)	Julia Laver	16 years' experience MSc Town and Country Planning BSc Urban Planning, Design and Management LRTPI - Licentiate of the Royal Town Planning Institute

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