

**THE OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (DIDCOT GARDEN TOWN HIGHWAYS
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HAMPDEN BYPASS) (SIDE ROADS) ORDER 2022**

**THE CALLED-IN PLANNING APPLICATION BY OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR
THE DUALLING OF THE A4130 CARRIAGEWAY, CONSTRUCTION OF THE DIDCOT
SCIENCE BRIDGE, ROAD BRIDGE OVER THE APPLEFORD RAILWAY SIDINGS AND
ROAD BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER THAMES, AND ASSOCIATED WORKS BETWEEN THE
A34 MILTON INTERCHANGE AND THE B4015 NORTH OF CLIFTON HAMPDEN,
OXFORDSHIRE (APPLICATION NO: R3.0138/21)**

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE:

APP/U3100/V/23/3326625 and NATTRAN/SE/HAO/286 (DPI/U3100/23/12)

Statement of qualifications and experience

SUZANNE SCOTT

(Noise and Vibration)

1 INTRODUCTION AND QUALIFICATIONS

- 1.1 My name is Suzanne Scott and I am an Associate Noise and Vibration Consultant at AECOM, I have held this post for over 10 years. Within the AECOM Acoustics Team I am the Team Leader for Road Transport Acoustics. I am a Chartered Scientist and have been a full member of the Institute of Acoustics and a full member of the Institution of Environmental Sciences for over 20 years, with 27 years overall experience.
- 1.2 I hold a Diploma in Acoustics and Noise Control and a Masters Degree in Environmental Science. I have been employed by AECOM (and previous companies taken over by AECOM) since 2001, prior to which I spent four years in the Environmental Health Department at a Local Authority.
- 1.3 During my career I have completed over 30 noise and vibration impact assessments of road schemes for Local Authorities, Highways England and Transport Scotland. This has included both construction and operational impacts.
- 1.4 I have been the noise expert witness at a number of planning inquiries, Compulsory Purchase Order Inquiries (**CPO**) and Development Consent Order (**DCO**) Issue Specific Hearings.
- 1.5 I have provided peer review support to Highways England with regard to the noise and vibration section of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (**DMRB**), which is the UK standard methodology for assessing the noise and vibration impacts of road schemes. I have also completed a review of BS 5228 'Code of practice for noise and vibration control on construction and open sites' on behalf of Defra, which is the key British Standard for assessing construction noise and vibration.
- 1.6 I have been involved in the HIF1 Scheme since 2019 and led the Noise and Vibration assessment as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment process.

2 ADOPTION OF EVIDENCE

- 2.1 Due to unexpected circumstances, Andrew Pagett is no longer able to provide evidence in the Inquiries on behalf of Oxfordshire County Council. Given the late stage at which this has occurred, I have taken over the role of Noise Expert Witness for Oxfordshire County Council.
- 2.2 I confirm that I have fully reviewed Andrew Pagett's evidence, being his proof of evidence, appendices and rebuttal evidence, and can confirm that the evidence is in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Conduct of my professional governing body, the Institute of Acoustics.
- 2.3 I confirm that I adopt Andrew Pagett's evidence fully for the purposes of the Inquiries, including adoption of the Statement of Truth and Declaration as contained within his evidence.

SUZANNE SCOTT

11 April 2024