

# Oliver Haydon

Experienced Planning Officer | International Planning MA | Climate Change MSc

## // Profile

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## // Education

**2015-2017**

**International Planning & Sustainable Development MA (Merit)**

University of Westminster

**2012-2013**

**Climate Change and Risk Management MSc (Merit)**

University of Exeter

**2009-2012**

**Geography (2:1)**

University of Exeter

**2007-2008**

**A-Levels: Geography (A), Business Studies (A), German (C)**

St George's College, Weybridge

## // Experience

**2015 -**

**East Cambridgeshire District Council**

**Planning Officer**

During my three-year tenure at ECDC I have dealt with over 900 applications and 120 pre-applications. With an average caseload of 60/70 applications at any time including large minors, majors, householders, prior notifications and certificates of lawfulness, I have proven my excellent ability to balance priorities to ensure a consistent level of service for all stakeholders. I am proud to have maintained this level of commitment whilst undertaking a part-time RTPI-accredited Masters degree.

I have recently completed a scoping opinion for Kennett Garden Village, comprising 500 dwellings, new schools, an extra-care facility and other community facilities. With minimal supervision I dealt with the new facilities for Newmarket Town FC, the Jockey Rehabilitation Centre at the British Racing School, various stud farm expansions, business park development, new agricultural buildings and office developments along with Ouse Washes flood defences, a new Environment Agency flood defence depot, a community entertainment venue in Soham and a new marina restaurant in Stretham. I have also dealt with many appeals both written representations and informal hearings, with a high rate of success. I have a proven track record of implementing innovative systems within the workplace. I introduced the automated East Cambs Twitter feed (daily publishing of validated and decided applications), rolled-out an application tracking spreadsheet for all new employees, lead the IT Working Party, producing presentations for colleagues for use at external forums and events and assisted the HR Department with the Council-wide 'transformation programme.

I present at Planning Committee monthly and regularly represent colleagues who are unable to attend. I have been twice nominated for ECDC Employee of the Year, winning the award in 2016. I have also been awarded an 'Outstanding Performance' rating at every annual appraisal. I am currently completing my RTPI APC log book, with a view to its completion in November with the chartered submission following shortly after.

**2014**

**The Innovation Group**

**Researcher/Presentation Assistant**

During a short-term internship at IG I worked under the supervision of the Group Sustainability Manager. I was tasked with synthesising various reports and papers into a variety of formats; to be delivered to the Innovation Group management team. I produced a short presentation outlining the risks and opportunities that climate change poses to the company's global operations and customer base. I compiled larger and more detailed climate change report for future distribution by the company.

## // International Planning & Sustainable Development MA

This RTPI-accredited course was aimed at built environment professionals and others with a relevant background who wished to gain an in-depth understanding of planning and sustainable development. Throughout the course I examined the growing problems of sustainable development facing cities, regions and communities in a rapidly urbanising world, subject to growing climate change and other environmental, economic and social pressures and risks.

**Key modules included:** Urban Risk and Resilience, Sustainable Cities and Neighbourhoods, International Spatial Planning, Planning in a Globalising World.

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