

# Transport planning advice for the development industry

MVA Consultancy is one of the UK's largest specialist transport planning consultancies with a network of offices in Birmingham, Dublin, Edinburgh, Glasgow, London, Manchester, and Woking. We have been providing specialist advice on transport for private and public sector organisations for nearly 40 years.

## The issue

Transport assessment is about more than just traffic. Developers need a transport consultancy that truly understands the planning environment, and is confident working within it. Developers also have clear business objectives and we understand those too. We possess the unique mix of skills required for the development environment.



## Our capability

With over 350 staff, MVA Consultancy has the strength in depth to tackle any transport assignment utilising renowned expertise with a local presence. Our expertise in transport assessment includes:

- Cycle and Pedestrian Planning;
- Multi-modal and Micro-simulation Modelling;
- Accessibility Planning and Assessment;
- Travel Surveys and Travel Plans;
- Parking Management;
- Urban Design and Homezones;
- Road Layout Design and Safety Audits;
- Rail and Bus Service Planning; and
- Public and Stakeholder Consultation.

## Our approach

The need for developers to have robust advice on the full range of transport issues facing each development opportunity is now more important than ever.

Guidance on Transport Assessments sets out the current requirements which are far reaching and concerned with much more than just traffic.

We have a specialist Development Transport Planning team based in each of our regional offices providing the full range of advice. We have experience in public transport operational planning, and public and stakeholder consultation exercises that can provide specialist advice when required.

Our approach is to provide clients with a bespoke service that produces high quality and responsive advice. Each client has direct access to an experienced transport planner. That way you always know who to turn to for advice and we can keep you informed about news and latest innovations in transport that will help you.

## MVA expertise

MVA staff have experience in every stage of the development process. How they can assist at each stage is set out below.

## Site appraisal

Our advice is often sought as part of the Due-Diligence process prior to site acquisition. We have the experience to know the key areas of interest and in particular the constraints and opportunities on access to the site. Our transport planners are conscious of the need to identify potential requirements for key issues such as land access and accessibility levels at early stages of development.

## Transport assessments

Our Transport Assessments are pithy and to the point. The importance of clearly informing the reader about our work always comes first. We are always objective and our analysis is evidence based.



## Transport sustainability and accessibility planning

Our reputation in sustainable transport is unrivalled. We developed the ACCESSION software package for the DfT. It is the industry standard for accessibility modelling and its use is recommended by the DfT. We manage the TRAVL database of development travel demand in London. We undertake bus priority planning for several clients including TfL. So our knowledge of transport sustainability matters is widely recognised in the industry.

## Access/road network improvements

We design schemes that can be implemented and that satisfy Road Safety Audit requirements. We negotiate planning consents and highway works agreements with the appropriate authorities and we have been part of the consultation and drafting process for the Manual for Streets published in March 2007 by DCLG and DfT.

## Travel plans

Our travel plans have often unlocked site development potential for a diverse range of end users. We have the added capability to carry out social research into attitudes towards travel via questionnaires or focus groups that can help inform the range of measures promoted in the Travel Plan.

## Environmental assessment

We can provide objective assessment of traffic impacts in terms that can be incorporated into Environmental Statements. We work closely with noise and air quality experts to provide the input they need.

## Expert witness

We have a number of respected expert witnesses who have worked on Planning Appeals, Call-ins and Highways Inquiries with some of the most senior advocates at the Planning Bar. Our senior Directors also provide high level input to representations on RSS and LDF processes.



## Our Clients

- 4Delivery Ltd
- Alfred McAlpine Projects Limited
- Argent Group Plc
- Ashwell Properties
- Bovis Homes Limited
- Brighton Arena Ltd
- BT Property
- Building Design Partnership
- Capital Shopping Centres PLC
- Carillion
- Carter Jonas
- CB Richard Ellis Hamptons International
- Central London Partnership
- Cleveland Developments
- Complex UK
- Copthorn Homes Limited
- Countryside Properties Limited
- County Property Management Ltd
- Crest Strategic Projects Ltd
- Cushman and Wakefield
- David Lock Associates Limited
- David Wilson Homes Ltd
- Entec UK Limited
- Environ UK Limited
- Fielden Clegg Bradley Architects
- Gallan Group
- Grundon's Waste Ltd
- GVA Grimley
- Halam Land
- HBG Properties
- Hephher Dixon
- Herons
- Higham Lane Properties
- Ing
- John Lewis Partnership
- JVC (UK) Ltd
- KBC Asset Management (UK) Limited
- Keolis
- KingsOak Homes Ltd
- Kingston Hospital NHS Trust
- Kingsway International Christian Centre
- Lakeside Energy from Waste Limited
- Lidl GmbH
- Liverpool Land Development Company
- Lothbury Property Trust Co Ltd
- Martin Stockley Associates
- McNicholas plc
- Morris Architects
- MTR Corporation
- Nellsar Homes
- Noble Fund Managers Limited
- Oracle
- Quitain
- Redrow Homes
- Regeneris Consulting
- Richard Rogers Partnership
- Roadchef Motorways Ltd
- Roche Products Ltd
- Rosemound Developments Ltd
- Rubicon
- SEEDA
- Sentinel Housing Association
- Serco
- Shepherd Developments
- Slough Estates Plc
- Southampton City NHS Primary Care Trust
- Southampton University Hospital
- St Modwen
- Stanhope Plc
- Taywood Homes
- The Anderson Group
- The Bridge Academy Hackney Ltd
- Tribal Property Service
- Tropus
- Urban Splash
- Whittington Hospital NHS Trust
- Zed Homes Ltd

