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Personable and professional, Natasha consistently delivers clear and comprehensive advice to her clients

Predominately working on schemes in and around Bedfordshire, Natasha has experience with commercial, residential and energy assets. From helping clients with strategic housing promotion on large and small-scale residential sites, to working on educational facilities and change of use projects, Natasha has the enthusiasm and insight needed to deliver on her clients' goals.

From managing various consultants, liaising with both local councils and residents, to assisting in local plan representations and the appeal documentation during application process, Natasha has comprehensive experience in the delivery of strategic residential sites through the planning process from start to finish.

Educational schemes are a focus of her work. She works alongside a council's education team and appointed contractors to demonstrate the need for these facilities whilst overcoming a site's development constraints.

Natasha assisted our Milton Keynes based planning team on MK Gateway, an innovative scheme in the city centre delivering 288 Built to Rent and Discount Market Rent apartments and 185,000 sq ft of Grade A workspace.

As an approachable Chartered Member of the RTPI, Natasha is regularly at networking events for both the RTPI and Women in Planning South Midlands. She enjoys the everchanging nature of the industry and is keen to enhance her skillset through working collaboratively with her colleagues and other consultants.

Key relevant project experience

Tower Gateway

Non-Material Amendment on a consent for 150 dwellings at Tower Gateway, Milton Keynes for the change in external materials to facilitate a faster delivery of units on the site.

Pub Conversion

Detailed application for conversion of a Public House to four self-contained residential flats, plus a self-contained basement flat and ancillary facilities. The pub was considered an Asset of Community Value but justification was provided to support the conversion.

Retention and Expansion of Business Operation

Detailed application, following a previous refusal, for the demolition of existing buildings/structures, retention of the business operation and ancillary buildings on site (retrospective) and the expansion of the business operation.

This development was within the Green Belt and therefore Very Special Circumstances were presented alongside demonstration that the retention of this well-established business offered to the rural economy.

Redevelopment of Brownfield Site

Consent secured by Informal Hearing following the refusal of the site's redevelopment for residential dwellings. A full award of costs was additionally awarded.

MK Gateway

Secured a detailed permission for a high density, sustainable mixed-use development in Central Milton Keynes. The scheme will feature the tallest building on the CMK skyline and deliver circa 0.5m sq ft of commercial floorspace and 288 BTR apartments.