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In his 52 years with Bidwells, John's influence has helped shape our culture and guide our clients' most successful projects.

Few of our Partners better personify Bidwells than John Tweddle. In his five decades with the firm, he has witnessed many changes but his forthright yet considered approach and commitment to his work and clients has resolutely withstood the test of time.

John has devoted his entire working life to Bidwells, becoming a Partner in 1982 before spending 11 years as our Senior Partner (1989-2000). Since passing the baton, he attention has been focussed on the interests of Cambridge's best-known colleges and remains the principal client contact for several of them.

The inception and successful development of a Cambridge centre of science excellence for Trinity College in 1970 gave birth to a generation of research-led business parks, known today as science parks and clusters. John played a central role in re-examining what scientific research businesses needed from the property industry.

He often assumes the highly skilled role of development manager, integrating himself seamlessly. He took the 2,600-home Dunsfold Park development in Surrey from an ambitious idea to a fully formed planning permission and land sale for Trinity, acting as master developer - a role rarely undertaken outside the housebuilding industry.

John has delivered some of Bidwells 'most successful projects, but he is perhaps most renowned throughout our business for his genial nature and polite respect for his colleagues and team members.

Key relevant project experience

Cambridge Science Park

John has been the principal lead for Bidwells in our work with Trinity College to develop the Cambridge Science Park. His involvement stretches from the inception of the project in the mid-1970s to the present day. He maintains the day to day liaison with the College for both strategic and detailed management of the park and is about to commence further development of the park, which will see some of the original buildings demolished to make way for new.

Tesco Joint Venture, Nationwide Portfolio

Led a team of professional advisers to Trinity College on the formation of a joint venture with Tesco. The joint venture purchased 11 supermarkets nationwide which were leased to Tesco and linked with a bond issue. Total value £450m.

Napp Pharmaceutical Holdings, Cambridge Science Park

Negotiated the pre-letting of 110,000 sq ft on the Cambridge Science Park to NAPP. Additionally, development managed the construction of the three Grade A office buildings and advised Trinity College on the sale of the created investment to Legal and General for £35m.

O2 Dome

Advised Trinity College on the £24m acquisition of the company that owned the long leasehold of 32 acres at the northern end of Greenwich Peninsula, on which the O2 Dome, let to AEG, is sited.