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Engaging and diligent, India delivers planning services on a range of projects within the Oxford to Cambridge Arc.

Working across Milton Keynes, Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire and Cambridgeshire, India is involved with a range of residential, employment, education, and energy projects across the Oxford to Cambridge Arc.

From liaising with various consultants and stakeholders, to assisting with Bidwells' Local Plan Watch, she has an understanding and knowledge of the Milton Keynes patch. India also has experience in setting out planning appraisals and submitting planning applications to gain consent for clients.

She has been involved in several housing schemes predominately in Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire, this has included project management work, supporting document drafting and appeal research. She often works alongside our residential development and heritage teams to deliver a desired outcome for her clients.

India is a Chartered Member of the RTPI and has spoken at an RTPI Thames Valley Event on the degree apprenticeship scheme, which is the route India took to get into the profession and gain chartership. She enjoys attending RTPI and Women in Planning networking events and is a member of Bidwells' MK office's social committee.

Key relevant project experience

Pix Brook Academy Eco Pod for Willmott Dixon

An award-winning scheme at Pix Brook Academy. Following Bidwells gaining full planning approval for a new school, India led on advising on planning matters for a new eco 'Now or Never' Pod and engaging with the local authority. The scheme was highly commended at the RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence 2021.

CB1 for Brookgate

Submitted various discharge of condition, non-material amendment and advertisement consent applications across different office buildings in the heart of Cambridge, to facilitate the occupation and effective delivery of the sites.

Wixams Tree Primary School

Assisted in gaining full planning permission for a 1-form entry school extension in Bedfordshire for Willmott Dixon and Bedford Borough Council.

MK Gateway

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