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A heritage consultant, architectural technician and conservation officer all rolled in to one.

Kate is a heritage consultant who's love of design and conservation sees her working on a variety of asset types across the country.

Kate's passion is to help clients create projects that have a heritage focus but are also commercially viable. Having 'been on the other side' as a conservation officer for two councils, she can see heritage and associated planning issues that might otherwise be missed.

She is particularly passionate about providing clear and helpful design advice, working alongside architects, interior designers, urban designers and other disciplines to help mitigate or eliminate any potential aspects of harm and to robustly present heritage benefits.

Kate also has a keen interest in setting assessments, which is where her concise advice, clearly articulating the heritage opportunities and constraints of a site, ensures that all projects fully take into account heritage considerations from the offset.

Another aspect of Kate's work is providing enforcement services and advice. She is tenacious in her research to ensure that mistakes are rectified without the need for long, drawn-out court cases or fines.

Key relevant project experience

Master Shipwrights House, London

Grade II* listed buildings situated on the banks of the River Thames in Deptford. The Master Shipwright's House is one of the remaining above-ground structures from the 18th century Royal Dockyard.

Prepared an extensive and illustrated Significance Assessment (SA), which assessed the heritage value of the site, including research and analysis of historic development of the buildings.

Longstreet Road, Hanslope

Prepared a Significance Assessment, undertook an Impact Assessment and provided design advice to ensure the proposals were sympathetic to the surrounding historic environment.

The application was taken forward from the local planning authority. Kate prepared written representations on heritage grounds and Outline Consent was subsequently granted for the erection of up to 141 dwellings.

“After getting into a big hole with heritage planning, Bidwells came to the rescue and guided us through long and difficult negotiations. Thanks especially to Kate Hannelly for her patience, advice and cool headedness.”

Private client