

# Mike Jones

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## Mike is a Chartered Town Planner with 19+ years' experience and knowledge across an array of sectors.

Based in Milton Keynes, Mike deals with development projects across the Oxford to Cambridge Arc including Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire, and Hertfordshire. He specialises in resolving planning issues and negotiating with stakeholders to implement planning strategies and deliver sustainable development.

His background is principally within development management in the residential, education and energy sectors, including strategic planning and mixed-use development schemes. This has enabled him to be adept in the strategic promotion of land of various scales and uses through local and neighbourhood plans, as well as complex planning applications.

He prides himself on the variety of his work, from energy infrastructure, mixed-use urban regeneration projects, residential care, education, and construction, including expert witness work at appeals and Local Plan examinations.

#### Key relevant project experience

#### **Campbell Wharf, Milton Keynes**

Award-winning scheme to transform an underwhelming location into a vibrant and unique mixed-use development including new homes, retail and commercial, public open spaces, and a short stay marina.

#### **SEN School, Kempston**

Full detailed planning permission secured for one of the UK's largest SEN facilities, providing care for c.200 pupils.



#### Harpenden 62-bed Care Home

Appeal success via an Informal Hearing for a new care home within a designated employment site following the demolition of the existing building and relocation of the current occupier.

#### **Pix Brook Academy**

Full detailed planning permission for a new-build secondary school on a greenfield site providing a sports hall and ancillary pitches, athletics track and games areas to serve in expanding local community. RTPI Award for Planning Excellence 2021 'Highly Commended Project'.

#### **Arlesey East**

Comprehensive strategic Local Plan housing led allocation, delivering a country park, relief road, community facilities along with blue and green infrastructure improvements, including BNG.

#### 80MVA sub-station

Consent secured for a significant infrastructure facility to provide for future energy requirements, enabling investment in growth and the transition to a low carbon economy.

#### **MK Gateway**

Detailed permission for a high density, sustainable mixeduse development featuring the tallest building on the CMK skyline and delivering circa 500,000 sq ft of commercial floorspace and 288 BTR apartments.

#### Bedfordshire PCC Custody HQ

Full permission for a new custody suite, office space and associated external works to ensure the safety and security of the force's officers and detainees.

### "Mike has provided consistent, robust and proactive planning advice on our strategic land assets for several years."

Struan Power, Strategic Land Manager at Taylor Wimpey