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Fellow, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
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Gary Halman is recognised as one of the leading planning advisers in the North West. He also enjoys a national profile as a planning consultant and is a past National Chairman of the Planning and Development Faculty of the RICS. He writes a pithy monthly piece for Planning magazine and lectures widely on planning and related topics. He is Chairman of Governors of a large independent school in Cheshire, where he and his family lives.

Employment History:

2001 - Present Partner, HOW Planning, Manchester

Founding Partner of HOW. Advises a wide range of corporates, retailers, landowners, developers and house builders on the full spectrum of commercial, residential and mixed use development proposals. Manages the business and leads a team of planners and environmental consultants with overall responsibility for the provision of advice on appraisals; planning strategy; major applications; appeals and call in inquiries. Is a regular and experienced professional witness.

1997 - 2000 Regional Chief Executive, Insignia Richard Ellis, Manchester

Following the merger of Richard Ellis with St Quintin, assumed management responsibility initially for the North West business and then Operational Board responsibility for the direction and leadership of the firm's Regional network of offices. Member UK Operations Board. Left to form HOW Planning.

1990 - 1997 Equity Partner, St Quintin, Manchester

Founded the Manchester office of St Quintin. Also founded the firms planning consultancy services. Member Management Board. Wide experience of full spectrum of planning challenges, and built a strong team of planning professionals operating from the Manchester base nationally.

1981 - 1990 Director, Dunlop Heywood, Manchester

Joined Dunlop Heywood as a graduate and stayed with the firm in its planning department for almost 10 years. Appointed Director and left to become a Partner with a brief to open a new Manchester office for the then London based partnership of St Quintin.

Education:

1979 - 1981 **Oxford Brookes University, Oxford**
BSc in Estate Management.

Commissions:

Lower Broughton, Salford

Advice to Countryside Properties in partnership with Salford City Council on a major urban regeneration scheme for 1,500 houses, plus community facilities and open space. HOW led the planning application and produced the EIA which led to the outline approval of over 1000 homes, development of which is now underway with support from the HCA.

Whittingham Hospital, Preston

Lead advisor to Taylor Wimpey for a new community at the former hospital site at Goosnagh, Preston. Overall site of 51 ha; proposals are for 650 residential units, 9000 sq m of B1 offices, community and recreational facilities and open space. Prepared the master planning application and led discussion with Local Authority officers and other key stakeholders.

Following refusal (against officer's advice) provided full service in connection with the appeal, including directly instructing Counsel, and appeared to give evidence in support of the proposals. The Secretary of State granted planning permission following Preston City Council's decision to withdraw its evidence and discontinue its opposition to the scheme. Currently HOW is finalising the last series of Reserved Matters applications for Taylor Wimpey due for submission in early November.

Horwich Loco Works Site, Bolton

Lead advisor to Horwich Vision, a joint venture delivery vehicle comprising Bluemantle Ltd and orbit Developments, working in conjunction with Bolton MBC. Provided strategic advice throughout all stages of the Core Strategy process, and secured inclusion of the land as a Strategic Site within the Submission Core Strategy.

Subsequently appeared at the Examination in Public in September 2010 in support of the scheme (and the Council). Currently developing an SPD with the Council as a prelude to a major planning application in 2011. This will promote this former engineering works and associated land for a strategic scale sustainable community, comprising some 1600 homes, 15 hectares of employment space and new infrastructure.

Barwell Sustainable Urban Extension, Leicestershire

Advising Ainscough Johnson Ltd in relation to this green field sustainable urban extension. Over the last two years have worked closely with Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council to steer the site through the draft Core Strategy. Submitted evidence and appeared at the Examination in public and supported the Council in its allocation of the site as a strategic site with a formal policy support for 2500 homes, 15 hectares of employment land and associated community infrastructure and open space.

Currently working on behalf of the landowner, and in close association with Council and Leicestershire County Council, to prepare an Area Action Plan to guide the site's development, as a prelude to a planning application in 2011.

Leighton, North West Crewe

Working on behalf of Bloor Homes and Galliford Try Homes to promote this land through the Cheshire East Core Strategy, as a sustainable urban extension. Overall the site extends to some 86 hectares and is highly suitable for a residentially led urban extension with community facilities, employment uses, open space and associated infrastructure.