



Dick Longdin BSc (Hons) MA FLI Partner



LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING
MASTERPLANNING
URBAN DESIGN

DETAILS

Qualifications

- Recognised Practitioner in Urban Design (2019)
- Fellow of the Landscape Institute (2012)
- Chartered Member of the Landscape Institute (1992)
- MA Landscape Architecture (1988) University of Sheffield
- BSc (Hons) Landscape Design and Plant Science (1986)

Key Skills

- Large scale masterplanning
- Urban design
- Landscape planning
- Green infrastructure
- Presentations and public consultation
- Expert witness work

**Years with
Randall Thorp**
From 1989

RESPONSIBILITIES

Dick has been a partner at Randall Thorp since 1996. His specialities within the Practice include: urban design, green infrastructure, landscape planning and expert witness work. In 2012 he was made a Fellow of the Landscape Institute in recognition of his contribution to the profession.

Dick has specific Partner responsibilities within the Practice for:

- Training and induction
- Quality control of detailed designs and presentations
- Equal Opportunities
- Health and safety

EXPERIENCE

Dick started his career working for Local Authorities and joined Randall Thorp in 1989, becoming a Partner in 1996. Dick has been responsible for the preparation of a range of successful projects including masterplanning for rural housing and landscape planning for new communities. His work has won design awards and been cited as best practice by English Nature, The County Wildlife Trusts, The Landscape Institute and national planning guidance.

Since 1989 Dick has been closely involved with Randall Thorp's award winning work at Cambourne new settlement. He contributed to the original masterplan, prepared by Sir Terry Farrell and wrote all landscape sections of the original Design Guide. In 2000 he became masterplan consultant for the scheme, working closely with the developers and Local Authority.

Dick's ongoing work at Cambourne and the opportunity it has given him to see how design principles and ideas translate into schemes on the ground has given him a unique expertise that he is now able to share with others. These skills mean he has contributed to a wide variety of successful residential schemes around the UK, at all scales and for a variety of private and public clients.

Dick was made a Fellow of the Landscape Institute in 2012 in recognition of his pioneering work at Cambourne and contribution to the profession with regard to residential masterplanning. He is now a member of south Cambridgeshire District Council's Design Enabling Panel. In 2019 he was awarded the title 'Recognised Practitioner in Urban Design' by the Urban Design Group.

Dick is an experienced landscape witness at planning appeals, having successfully prepared and presented evidence for both developers and Local Planning authorities.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Dick is an active member of the Landscape Institute, including being part of the Equity, Diversity & Inclusion working group (2018-), National Housing sub-group (2013); an oral examiner (2002-); Pathway to Chartership national supervisor (2006-2011) and LI Awards judge (2010, 2019, 2020).

Dick maintains strong links with education, being a visiting lecturer and external examiner at Sheffield University and a visiting lecturer at Manchester, Birmingham and Leeds Beckett Universities. He is a professional practice examiner for The Landscape Institute, a speaker at national and trans-national conferences and contributor to a variety of Landscape Institute publications.

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KEY PROJECTS:

DESIGN

THORNHILLS GARDEN SUBURB, CALDERDALE (2019-2020)

BELLWAY HOMES

Partner leading the design of this garden suburb at Brighouse, comprising: 1,998 new homes; a 2 form primary school; local centre including shops, health centre and community centre; public open space and engineering infrastructure. Working closely with developer and local planning authority to create vision and masterplan document to support local plan EIP.

WOODHOUSE GARDEN SUBURB, CALDERDALE (2019-2020)

REDROW HOMES

Partner leading the design of this garden suburb at Brighouse, comprising: 1,257 new homes; a 2 form primary school; local centre including shops, health centre and community centre; public open space and engineering infrastructure. Working closely with developer and local planning authority to create vision and masterplan document to support local plan EIP.

CAMBOURNE WEST DESIGN CODE (2017 – 2019)

THE CAMBOURNE CONSORTIUM

Lead consultant producing detailed 100 page Design Code for 2,350 home mixed use urban extension. Code covers all aspects of place making, including character; community; connectivity; climate. Leading multidisciplinary team on behalf of the developer, working with the LPA urban design team, County highways and local community

CAMBOURNE WEST MASTERPLAN (2012 - 2018)

THE CAMBOURNE CONSORTIUM

Lead designer for this 2,350 home mixed-use urban extension. Leading multidisciplinary team on behalf of the developer, working with the LPA urban design team, County highways and local community. Preparation of masterplan, design & access statement, parameter plans. Masterplan gained planning approval in January 2018.

UPPER CAMBOURNE MASTERPLAN & DESIGN GUIDE (2007 – 2012)

THE CAMBOURNE CONSORTIUM

Lead designer for this 450 home addition to Cambourne. Leading multidisciplinary team on behalf of the developer, working with the LPA urban design team, County highways and local community. Preparation of masterplan, design & access statement, parameter plans. Author of Design Guide for the development.

UPPER CAMBOURNE MASTERPLAN (1999-2011)

THE CAMBOURNE CONSORTIUM

Masterplan consultant / Lead designer for this 3,350 home mixed-use new settlement (original masterplan by Terry Farrel 1996). Leading multidisciplinary team on behalf of the developer, working with the LPA urban design team, County highways and local community. Preparation of masterplan development and evolution, detailed design of all areas of green infrastructure and public realm. Landscape Institute award winner for 'Local landscape Planning'; and 'Design over 5 ha' (2010).

FAVERSHAM GARDEN VILLAGE MASTERPLAN (2018)

GLADMAN

Lead designer for this 5,000 home mixed-use garden village in Kent. Leading urban design team team on behalf of the developer, Preparation of masterplan and Vision document.

LIGHTHALL FARM, SOLIHULL (2018 – PRESENT)

TAYLOR WIMPEY

Project partner for this 2,000 home urban extension. Leading multidisciplinary team on behalf of the developer, working with the LPA urban design team, County highways and local community. Preparation of masterplan, input to LPA local plan and SPD.

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KEY PROJECTS:

DESIGN (CONTINUED)

PARTINGTON REGENERATION (2006-7 – 2010-18)

PEEL DEVELOPMENTS

Lead urban designer for re-design of village centre and public realm as part of regeneration strategy for this disadvantaged community. Proposals for new village centre with shops, market place and community facilities. Urban design principles taken forward by LPA into SPD and eventually delivered by developer.

LAND SOUTH OF HINDLEY, WIGAN (2014 – 2017)

WIGAN BC AND PELL DEVELOPMENTS

Specialist designer, inputting residential and mixed-use masterplanning as part of multi-disciplinary team for this 2,000 home urban extension. Working on behalf of private developer and LPA partnership.

WESTMORLAND HOME OFFICE (2017-2018)

WESTMORLAND

Project partner responsible for detailed design of setting, carpark and garden areas for a new head quarters building for this award winning client.

NW BICESTER ECO-TOWN (2015 - 2016)

A2 DOMINION

Project partner responsible for Randall Thorp's involvement with this 6,000 home, sustainable urban extension to Bicester to create the UK's first and Eco Town.

WATERBEACH BARRACKS MASTERPLAN (2013 – 2014)

TAYLOR WIMPY AND DORCHESTER

Lead designer / masterplan consultant for this 10,000 home mixed-use new settlement in Cambridgeshire. Leading multidisciplinary team on behalf of the developer, for a competitive dialogue competition for the MoD. Innovation and sustainability were at the heart of the scheme resulting in it coming a very close second.

PINEWOOD STUDIOS (2012 - 2017)

PINEWOOD / PEEL

Design partner responsible for landscape elements of £200M expansion / improvement scheme for this nationally important project.

SLEAFORD WEST URBAN EXTENSION (2013 - 2015)

SLEAFORD LAND PARTNERSHIP

Design partner responsible for Masterplan layout and landscape elements for proposed 2,000 home extension to Sleaford.

NORTH DURHAM URBAN EXTENSION (2011 – 2014)

AINSCOUGH

Lead designer for this 1,500 home mixed-use urban extension. Preparation of masterplan and input to SPD produced by LPA.

HAYDOCK GRANGE, PRESTON (2010-2011)

TAYLOR WIMPEY

Design partner responsible for layout and landscape elements for this approved outline application for a 450 home extension to Preston.

SLEAFORD WEST URBAN EXTENSION (2013 - 2015)

SLEAFORD LAND PARTNERSHIP

Design partner responsible for Masterplan layout and landscape elements for proposed 2,000 home extension to Sleaford.

KEY PROJECTS:

EXPERT WITNESS WORK

THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE (2022)

CONFIDENTIAL

Preparation of expert evidence providing impartial written opinion on allegations made against a defendant and my opinion on the degree of professional skill and care exercised by the defendant. (ongoing)

SALE SPORTS CLUB PLANNING APPEAL (2021)

SALE SPORTS CLUB

Preparation of evidence on impact upon open space function, character and appearance for a proposed all weather hockey pitch within an existing sports ground, surrounded on three sides by rear gardens. (ongoing)

MOLLINGTON HOUSING PLANNING APPEAL (2021)

HARWORTH LAND

Preparation of evidence on landscape, townscape character and visual spatial impact upon Green Belt for this small development of 8 new homes on a derelict golf course, within the Green Belt on the edge of the village of Mollington, Cheshire. (ongoing)

WINGATES EMPLOYMENT PARK PLANNING APPEAL (2020)

HARWORTH LAND

Expert witness presenting evidence on landscape and townscape character, visual amenity and landscape mitigation to the effects of climate change for strategic employment site within the Greenbelt (masterplan prepared by others). Planning Inspector found in favour of developer.

WREA GREEN FOUR CONJOINED PLANNING APPEALS (2018)

FYLLD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Expert witness presenting evidence on landscape and townscape character and urban design on behalf of the LPA at 4 planning appeals for residential development at Wrea Green, Lancashire. Planning Inspector found in favour of LPA for all 4 appeals.

FARSLEY OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION AND PLANNING APPEALS X 2 (2015 – 2018)

THORNHILL ESTATES

Lead designer for this 400 home residential development on the edge of Leeds. Preparation of masterplan, design & access statement, parameter plans. Expert witness presenting evidence on landscape and townscape character and urban design on behalf of the developer at two planning appeals. Planning Inspector found in favour of developer.

COLLINGHAM PLANNING APPEAL (2017)

MILLER HOMES

Expert witness presenting evidence on landscape and townscape character and urban design on behalf of the developer at planning appeal for 200 home residential development (masterplan prepared by others). Planning Inspector found in favour of developer.

BRITISH GAS SITE, ELLESMERE PORT (2013)

PEEL LAND AND PROPERTY

Landscape, sport, recreation and open space witness for 250 home housing scheme designed by Randall Thorp. Inspector found in favour of client.