



## Nicola Jacob BA (Hons) MLA CMLI Partner

**RANDALL  
THORP**

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING  
MASTERPLANNING  
URBAN DESIGN

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### DETAILS

#### Qualifications

- Chartered Member of the Landscape Institute (2009)
- MLA, University of Newcastle upon Tyne (2005)
- BA (Hons) Town Planning, University of Newcastle upon Tyne (2003)

#### Key Skills

- Planning and the planning system
- Site masterplanning / urban design
- Housing layouts
- Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
- Expert witness

**Years with  
Randall Thorp**  
From 2005

### RESPONSIBILITIES

Nicola works closely with a range of clients and consultants on projects at feasibility and planning stages, specialising in housing and mixed-use developments. She guides the wider team on projects at these stages and monitors the quality of team outputs. Nicola also provides landscape expert witness services and represents clients at Local Plan examinations.

Nicola has been a partner at Randall Thorp since 2014.

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### EXPERIENCE

Nicola's inputs into planning applications frequently include: Landscape and Visual Impact Assessments/ Appraisals, site analysis, masterplanning, liaison with local authority officers, public consultation, and production of Design and Access Statements and Scheme Parameter plans.

Nicola also has experience of providing Landscape Expert Witness services in relation to planning appeals at Public Inquiries, Hearings and through written representations. This experience ensures that Nicola understands what is important in relation to masterplanning and LVIA work in order to design robust schemes which would be defensible on landscape grounds at a planning appeal, should this become necessary.

Nicola's combined understanding of the planning system and site masterplanning, along with a clear understanding of the commercial needs of development is a valuable resource for our clients.

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### KEY PROJECTS

#### **BARNARD GATE 'GARDEN VILLAGE', OXFORDSHIRE (2016 - present)**

##### *GLADMAN DEVELOPMENTS*

Responsible for masterplanning a new Garden Village (3,000 dwellings), producing a Vision Document for site promotion, preparing a Design and Access Statement and other material for submission with an outline planning application.

#### **BREARY LANE, BRAMHOPE (2013 - 2017)**

##### *MILLER HOMES*

Responsible for developing the residential masterplan, Design and Access Statement and LVIA for an outline planning application. Providing Landscape Expert Witness services at Planning Appeal which resulted in a planning approval.

#### **VARIOUS NORTH WEST/MIDLANDS (2010 - present)**

##### *TAYLOR WIMPEY*

Responsible for developing residential masterplans, producing Development Statements for site promotion and Design and Access Statements for planning applications. Providing Expert Witness services in relation to appeal work.

#### **LAND SOUTH OF CHEQUERBENT/GIBFIELD, BOLTON/WIGAN (2010 - present)**

##### *PEEL LAND AND PROPERTY*

Responsible for masterplanning sites for the purpose of site promotion in relation to the emerging Greater Manchester Spatial Framework.

**KEY PROJECTS**  
**(continued):**

**MANSE FARM (2011 - 2013)**

*COMMERCIAL ESTATES PROJECTS*

Responsible for co-ordination and production of the masterplan, Design and Access Statement, and LVIA for inclusion in an Environmental Statement for a 600 home and 2.5 hectare employment site located to the east of Knaresborough.

**PLEASINGTON LAKES, BLACKBURN (2009 - 2010)**

*CASTLELAND LTD*

Produced a masterplan, Design and Access Statement, and Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment for an outline planning application for a 110 unit holiday village. Formally presented proposals to the Local Authority and councillors. Assisted at the public consultation event.

**WATERSMEET LINEAR PARK, WARRINGTON (2007 - 2015)**

*PEEL DEVELOPMENTS*

Responsible for assisting with the detailed design of reserved matters planning application for a new linear park. Works involve landscape / ecological improvements, and re-routing part of the Trans Pennine Trail.

**LIVERPOOL INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS PARK (2005 - 2010)**

*PEEL DEVELOPMENTS*

Masterplanning, construction and maintenance of a 65ha business park. Responsible for the landscape detailed design, assisting with administration during construction, and management of the maintenance contract.