

GRAHAM KING

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & CZM ASSOCIATES

Graham King is Director of Environmental Planning and CZM Associates, specialising in town & country planning, coastal zone management, and community participation. Formerly County Planning Officer of West Glamorgan (1973-1991), a Welsh maritime authority containing the UK's first Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the City of Swansea and a valley hinterland of former mining communities, he has strong interests in sustainable development, coastal issues and urban regeneration. He is currently adviser to many local development projects, and offers a full service for planning applications and appeals.

1973 - 1991	County Planning Officer at West Glamorgan County Council
1990 - 1999	Chairman of National Coasts and Estuaries Advisory Group
1991 - 2009	Director of Environmental Planning Consultancy
1992 - 1995	Visiting Professor at Swansea Institute Faculty of Tourism
1992 - 2004	Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Hong Kong's Centre of Urban Planning and Environmental Management
1996 - 2009	Chairman of Environment Agency Wales' Area Environment Group for South West Wales and Member of Environmental Protection Advisory Committee for Wales
1998 - 2002	Principal Environmental Consultants with Hyder Consulting working with European Commission

From 1990 to 1999 he was Chairman of the UK's National Coasts and Estuaries Advisory Group and advisor to many coastal projects, including a Best Practice Guide for CZM in England and a major study of Participation for the EU's European Coastal Demonstration Programme involving 35 projects across Europe, including waterfront regeneration schemes, sustainable tourism and recreation schemes, and integrated coastal management. Most recently he has been engaged in a Coastal Recreation Audit of the South West Wales Coast with Consultants Bowles Green. He was also a member of the team which prepared the Coastal Resources Study of Gwynedd for the County Council in the mid nineties.

Since 1996 he has been Chairman of the Environment Agency Wales' Area Environment Group for South West Wales and a member of their Environment Protection Advisory Committee. He has also been Vice-Chairman of South Wales Tourism, and Chairman of their Development Panel. For many years he was Chair of the West Glamorgan Heritage Group, promoting heritage attractions in the area, including Swansea Marina and the castles of Gower.

Graham King regularly lectured on UK Planning Law and Practice at the University of Hong Kong (since 1992), and previously on CZM at University College Aberystwyth, and on Urban Studies at Swansea Institute where he was Visiting Professor in the Faculty of Tourism and Leisure from 1992 to 1995. He has written and presented many papers on his wide experience at Conferences in UK, Europe, the USA, and Asia. He has also written and narrated a BBC TV film on Traffic and a radio presentation on Dylan Thomas' "Sense of Place" for Radio Wales. In 1989 he was awarded the TCPSS Essay Prize on the subject of Transport at the Summer School, which he subsequently made into the BBC film. His special interest lies in the life and work of Patrick Geddes, a Scottish polymath and biologist who worked in India for many years and whose ideas on synthesis led on to sustainable development as we know it today.

Through his Planning Consultancy, since 1992, Graham King has undertaken a wide range of projects, including planning appeals and inquiries, development studies, urban regeneration commissions, sustainability appraisals, and brownfield site monitoring. He has worked for the private sector, local authorities, pressure groups, the WDA, DOE, the National Assembly and the European Commission. From 1997 to 2001 he worked with Hyder Consulting, projects including the development of an information system for monitoring the re-use of previously developed land, and the Pembrokeshire Coastland Observatory Study with William Wilkins Associates. More recently he has been adviser to Pembrokeshire County Council on the Milford Haven SAC, and to the Royal Fern Golfing Resort at Swansea. He is currently advising Colchester B.C. in Essex, and is representing local clients in respect of the Swansea, Neath Port Talbot, Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire UDP's. From 2006-2008 he worked with CDN Planning on a DPD for Gypsy/Traveller sites for South Cambridgeshire DC.

His interest in what he sees as the failure of development control management to keep pace with the dynamic nature of modern society has led him to write a Personal Manifesto on DC Management which has been published in a number of professional journals.

In South Wales he has been engaged on the following specific projects:

- Developing a Strategy for acquisition of coastal sites in Wales for the National Trust, entailing an evaluation of the potential and pressures on the Welsh coastline;
- Associate with William Wilkins for a Coastal Observatory in Pembrokeshire promoting Coastal Zone Management;
- Consultant adviser to Pembrokeshire CC on an SAC for Milford Haven;
- Regular contributor to Coastal Fora in Pembrokeshire since 1994;
- Member of INTERREG team on an Information Base for the Southern Irish Sea (with Hyder Consulting);
- Studies for an EIS for site on Daugleddau Estuary;
- Participation in Coastal Recreation Audit for South West Wales on behalf of Local Authorities and local Tourism Partnership (2004/5);
- Advocate on behalf of Gower Coalition at Helwick Bank Marine Dredging Inquiry - 2006

Graham King has a BA in Economics & Government, a Diploma in Town Planning, and is a Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute.

He works in association with BuckmasterBatcup Architects, Griffiths and Glass, CDN Planning, and other consultancies.

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