

## Town Planning - Brian Barber Associates

Brian Barber Associates are the Town Planning Team within the Aitchison Raffety Group with offices in Northampton, Berkhamsted

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Nigel was elected a Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute in 1976. He has over 30 years experience in Town and Country Planning. Prior to joining the Practice his experience included the preparation of Structure and Local Plans, development proposals, new town development, housing research and transportation planning. He has represented the public sector, major house builders and oil companies on a wide spectrum of planning work including negotiations on development briefs, redevelopment and mixed use proposals, legal agreements, together with planning applications, appeals, Structure and Local Plan Inquiries and submissions on Local Development Documents.



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Terry joined the Practice in May 1988 from Northamptonshire County Council. He was awarded a Diploma in Town Planning (Nottingham) and was elected a Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute in 1971. He attended Leicester School of Management and was awarded a Diploma in Management Studies (with Distinction) in 1980. In Local Government he gained wide experience in all aspects of development control, Local and Structure Plan work. At BBA he has successfully represented major house builders, national companies, public sector and other clients in the submission of representations and appearances at Structure Plan Examinations in Public, Local Plan Public Inquiries and Local Development Documents, site appraisals, submission of planning applications, preparation of environmental assessments and the promotion of new settlements. He became a Director of the Company in 1998.



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Philip Smith  
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Philip successfully completed a degree course in Urban Studies at The University of Sheffield in 1993 gaining an Honours Degree. He was awarded a Diploma in Town and Regional Planning in 1994 and was elected a Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute in 1997. He joined the Practice in 2003 from British Waterways where he held the position of Senior Planner, providing strategic planning input in area based regeneration schemes, together with the preparation of site appraisals and the submission of planning applications. Prior to working at British Waterways, he held posts in Local Government, gaining wide experience in development control. Since joining the Practice, he has represented clients in both the public and private sectors on a wide range of planning matters, including planning appraisals, submission of planning applications and involvement in LDF work. He has gained particular experience in appeals and Public Inquiries having represented both Councils and private clients. This work has included providing expert evidence on large scale housing schemes and waste projects and negotiations on associated S106 Agreements. Philip became an Associate Director in October 2006.



Karen Tate  
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Karen joined the Practice in November 2006 following 25 years in a variety of both urban and rural local authority Development Control Services, including 12 years with Oxford City Council. Following obtaining her Degree and Diploma in Planning at Oxford Polytechnic, she has been involved in a range of planning related work. This includes inner city regeneration and community based projects, PFI developments, partnership working with RSLs together with private housing and large scale project management of commercial and industrial development proposals. More recently, Karen has taken forward her associated heritage experience gained in Local Government, to advise and represent clients and developers in her consultancy role



James Holmes  
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James joined the Practice as a Planning Consultant in 2007. He successfully completed a degree course in Geography at the University of Lancaster in 1995 gaining an Honours Degree and went on to obtain an MA in Town Planning at the University of Westminster in 1998. James was elected a Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute in 2000. He joined us from another consultancy where he held the position of Principal Planner and is currently based at our Berkhamsted office. He has extensive experience in securing planning permission for major residential, commercial and mixed use developments in London and the surrounding Counties. James was appointed Senior Planning Consultant in October 2009.



## Support Staff

The professional staff are supported by a Practice Manager and two Secretaries who are an integral part of the team

DAWN KEMP-TIPLER  
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Dawn joined the Practice in 1988 from Northamptonshire County Council where she was employed as a Supervisor. She heads the support team who are committed to producing a high quality service to the team and ensures a professional approach when dealing with Proofs of Evidence, Appeal Statements and all correspondence. Dawn also acts as Nigel's PA in the day to day running of the office.

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Lynne joined the Practice in 2005 after several years experience in a supervisory role for a large local building company. She assists Dawn in the day to day support of the professional team

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Hazel joined the Berkhamsted Practice in 2006. She supports James in the Berkhamsted office in a secretarial/PA role.



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