

# Curriculum vitae – Peter Studdert BArch RIBA DipTP MRTPI

## SUMMARY

I am an independent adviser on town planning and urban design with 35 years experience working in planning and development in local government, the last 20 years of which were at Director level in the Cambridge area. Qualified as an architect as well as a town planner I have wide experience in managing change and growth in towns and cities from the sub-regional level down to individual sites.

I have a particular expertise in design review. I currently chair the Quality Review Panel of the London Legacy Development Corporation, and I am also a member of English Heritage's Urban Panel. I am one of the Design Council's Built Environment Experts and I serve on its national design review panel. I am also a member of the Hertfordshire and East Midlands (OPUN) Design Review Panels.

I have extensive experience in masterplanning large scale new communities, with an acknowledged track record in securing high standards of design and sustainability and ensuring the timely provision of appropriate social, physical and environmental infrastructure. I also have in-depth experience in managing the historic environment and in developing strategies for landscape and green infrastructure. I have a strong commitment to working closely with local communities and I enjoy the challenges involved in working in partnership with public, private and voluntary agencies and in working across local authority boundaries. I am used to public speaking, and have presented papers at national and international conferences.

## Current positions

### Director of Peter Studdert Planning Ltd, Cambridge, since April 2011

Chair of the London Legacy Development Corporation's Quality Review Panel since August 2012

Member of the National Trust's East of England Advisory Board since 2012

Associate of Cambridge Architectural Research Ltd since 2011

Design Council Cabi Built Environment Expert since 2011

Member of the Town and Country Planning Association's Policy Council since 2010

Member of English Heritage's Urban Panel since 2009

Member of the Academy of Urbanism since 2006

## Professional qualifications

Member of the Royal Institute of British Architects (1974)

Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (1978)

## Education

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| 1962-1966 | Sedbergh School, Yorkshire        |   |
| 1967-1970 | University of Newcastle upon Tyne | BA (Hons.) in Architectural Studies         |
| 1971-1973 | University of Newcastle upon Tyne | Bachelor of Architecture (Hons.)            |
| 1974      | University of Newcastle upon Tyne | RIBA Part 3 Examination                     |
| 1974-1977 | Polytechnic of Central London     | Diploma in Town Planning (part-time course) |

## Previous professional experience

2007-2011 Cambridgeshire County Council (seconded to South Cambridgeshire District Council)

*Director of Joint Planning (Cambridge Growth Areas and Northstowe)*

- Director of Joint Planning reporting jointly to the Chief Executives of Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council. Responsible for leading the planning negotiations on the major housing growth sites on the Cambridge City Fringes and the proposed New Town at Northstowe.

2004-2007 Cambridgeshire County Council (seconded to Cambridgeshire Horizons)

*Director for Sustainable Communities*

- One of two Directors reporting to the Chief Executive of the Local Delivery Company established by the Cambridgeshire Local Authorities in 2004 to implement the growth strategy for the Cambridge Sub-region. Particular responsibility for design quality, sustainable development and community infrastructure.

1991- 2004 Cambridge City Council

*Director of Planning (1991-2000)*

*Director of Environment and Planning (2000- 2004)*

- Responsible for a department of 270 staff covering city planning, building control, environmental health and waste strategy, transport services (including car parks and highways agency), street services strategy, economic development, tourism and city centre management.

1984-1991 London Borough of Tower Hamlets

*Principal Planning Officer (Urban Design) 1984-1986*

*Chief Planner (Urban Design) 1986-1987*

*Neighbourhood Planning Officer (Bethnal Green) 1987-1991*

- Initially responsible for managing an Urban Design and Conservation team of six staff then promoted to Neighbourhood Planning Officer for Bethnal Green as a result of the decentralisation of services in 1986. Established and managed a neighbourhood planning team of fourteen staff delivering development control, conservation, implementation and landscape design services.

1978-1984 London Borough of Islington

*Senior Planning Officer*

1976-1978 City of Westminster

*Senior Planning Assistant*

1975-1976 Tom Hancock Associates, Hampstead

*Assistant Architect/Planner*

1974-1975 Royston Summers Associates, Blackheath

*Assistant Architect*

1973-1974 Napper Errington Collerton Partnership, Newcastle upon Tyne

*Architectural Assistant*

1970-1971 London Borough of Lambeth

*Architectural Assistant ('year out' student)*

## Previous additional professional activities and appointments

2001-2010 East of England representative for the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE)

2010-2011 Member of CABE's Ecotowns Design Review Panel

2001-2013 Trustee of Shape East, the Architecture and Built Environment Centre for the East of England

2003-2006 Member of the Steering Committee for the Department for Culture Media and Sport's Review of Heritage Designations

2003-2004 Member of the Government's Sustainable Buildings Task Group that recommended the introduction of the Code for Sustainable Homes

1996-2004 Member of the Executive Committee of the Historic Towns Forum. Chairman 2000-2002

1990-1992      Member of the Council of the Royal Town Planning Institute  
1978            Founder member of the Urban Design Group and served on its Management Committee 1980-1985

## **International experience**

Presentations on a range of planning-related topics at conferences in France, Cyprus, Ireland, Austria, Hungary, Uzbekistan and Germany

EU-funded exchange project on planning large scale new communities with Prague's District 13 - April 2010

Study Tours to Amersfoort and Utrecht in June 2007, to Copenhagen and Stockholm in April 2007, to Freiburg in June 2006, to Malmö in December 2005, to Groningen in May 2004, to Estonia in June 2002 and to Finland in 2001

Assisted in the briefing for the Cambridge University/ Massachusetts Institute of Technology Joint Studio in Urban Planning, and contributed to the final review at MIT in December 2001

Member of the Bureau of the European Association of Historic Towns and Regions 2000-2002

Contributed to a European Union seminar on European Architectural Policy in Paris in 1999

EU-funded project on transport planning with Heidelberg, Montpellier and Bautzen in 1992-1993. Joint report published in 1993 *From Ego-mobility to Eco-mobility*

## **Recent conference presentations in the UK**

Presentations during 2013 to the Oxford Futures seminar, RTPI, Shelter, Greater London Authority Urbano Build, Stratford-upon-Avon Society, Vale of White Horse District Council and Cambridge Antiquarian Society.

Presentations during 2012 to Centre for Cities, TCPA, University of the Third Age and Bartlett School of Architecture.

Presentation during 2011 to Design Council CUBE workshop at the RTPI Planning Convention, seminar presentations on the review of the UK planning system in Milton Keynes for the University of Northampton and in Birmingham for the Planners' Network UK. Also a Panel member for discussion on the Freiburg/Academy of Urbanism Charter for Sustainable Growth at Ecobuild.

Papers presented at other national and regional conferences include the following topics:

- The Cambridge Growth Strategy
- New Towns and larger developments
- Design and Sustainability
- Reinventing Cambridge
- Regeneration and Growth
- Affordable and key worker housing
- The value of heritage networks
- Sustainable urban extensions
- High Tech Clusters
- Green Infrastructure strategies
- Historic towns – the management of success

## **Teaching and research experience**

Occasional lecturer/tutor in the University of Cambridge Departments of Architecture, Land Economy and Geography since 1991

Senior Member of Hughes Hall, Cambridge University since 2006

Member of the Highbury Group for housing research at the University of Westminster since 2008

Member of Steering Group for the SOLUTIONS research consortium 2003-9

Occasional lecturer/tutor at the Polytechnic of Central London (now the University of Westminster) including assisting in setting up the MA course in Urban Design 1976-1991

Associate Lecturer at the Department of Architecture of the North East London Polytechnic 1980-1984

## **Personal information**

Marital status: Married with three grown up children

Date of birth: 12 January 1949

Place of birth: Carlisle, U.K.

Interests: theatre, music, walking and supporting Carlisle United

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