

Senior Planner

Consents Advisory Practice

Job Description

About us

Infrastructure Matters is a specialist advisory firm working at the intersection of planning, consents, and infrastructure policy. We support clients navigating the consenting landscape for nationally significant infrastructure projects from water and energy to transport and digital connectivity. Our Consents Advisory Practice provides end-to-end guidance across the full project lifecycle, from pre-application strategy through examination and post-consent delivery.

We choose only the most talented and creative people to come and work with us. As an equal opportunities employer and one that welcomes diversity, we encourage applications from all suitably qualified persons because with a wide range of views and expertise we will continue to lead in the niche we dominate.

About the role

We are seeking a Senior Planner (or individual from a different technical background with commensurate experience) to join our Consents Advisory Practice, playing an important role in the day-to-day delivery of consents advice to clients and in developing the skills of more junior colleagues. This is a delivery-focused position suited to a professional with a solid grounding in the UK consenting regime who is ready to take on greater day-to-day responsibility for client accounts.

You will work as part of multidisciplinary consents teams across a portfolio of infrastructure projects, taking day-to-day responsibility for the delivery and profitability of designated accounts.

There will be opportunities to build client relationships, develop your technical expertise, and share skills and experience within and between the Consents and Advocacy teams.

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Duties and responsibilities

Client Advisory & Account Management

- Support the development of trusted working relationships with clients, statutory consultees, and other stakeholders.
- Take day-to-day responsibility for the profitability and delivery of designated client accounts.
- Contribute to industry events and external forums where relevant, supporting the firm's profile.

Technical Consents Delivery

- Provide day-to-day technical input on consenting strategies, including pre-application engagement, examination preparation, and post-consent compliance.
- Prepare and review consents deliverables such as Planning Statements, Policy Compliance trackers, and Statements of Common Ground, under senior guidance.
- Support clients in navigating the DCO process, Section 73 applications, and related regulatory frameworks.
- Keep up to date with legislative, policy, and case law developments relevant to client accounts.

Team Coordination

- Manage day-to-day workloads within project teams to ensure delivery on time and to budget.
- Opportunity to line manage, mentor, and provide clear, constructive feedback to junior colleagues and support their development.

Person specification

You are an excellent collaborator with a strong entrepreneurial spirit — a proactive self-starter who is not afraid to ask questions, raise ideas, and bring the tenacity to go above and beyond.

Essential

- Experience in infrastructure planning and consents or equivalent technical discipline, gained across consultancy, developer-side, or regulatory environments.
- Working knowledge of the Development Consent Order (DCO) regime and/or other major consenting routes for nationally significant infrastructure.
- Track record of delivering high-quality consents advice as part of a team on infrastructure projects.
- Experience coordinating day-to-day workloads within a project team.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills, with the ability to convey planning matters clearly to a range of audiences.
- Developing commercial awareness, with an interest in fee and account management.
- Working towards, or holding, chartered membership of the RTPI, ICE, or equivalent professional body.

Desirable

- Experience across multiple infrastructure sectors (water, energy, transport, digital).
- Familiarity with environmental impact assessment, habitat regulations assessment, or related technical disciplines.

Pay and Benefits

- Eligible for a Discretionary Bonus

- Pension: Employers: 3% Employee: 5%
- Annual Leave 25 days per annum
- 6-month probationary period
- Subject to two references

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