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## PROFILE

Helen's background spans both the public and private sectors, with expertise in developer contributions, planning appeals and Development Plan examinations. In recent years Helen's caseload has included negotiating reductions to developer contributions including s106 agreements and on site provision. She has been involved in numerous planning appeals. Prior to joining Berrys, Helen has been involved in writing Local Plan policies and coordinating evidence on development viability studies and infrastructure requirements for a number of different local planning authorities.

## EXPERTISE

### Developer Contributions

Helen's involvement in developer contributions spans 16 years of working for developers, landowners and local authorities, working on financial and on-site contributions.

### Planning applications and appeals

With a wide caseload involving all types of sites, Helen has been responsible for managing a wide variety of applications and managing appeals at informal hearings and public inquiries.

### Local & Neighbourhood Plans

Helen has extensive experience of preparing the evidence and policies for local planning authorities, including Core Strategies, Site Allocations Plans, Developer Contributions SPDs and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Schedules, and defending their Plans at public examinations.

## QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Town Planning Masters degree from the University of Liverpool and a Geography degree from the University of Aberdeen. A Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) since 2004.

Additional training on development viability. Has provided training to other professionals on CIL and affordable housing at Planning Advisory Service and RTPI seminars.

## RECENT CASES

### Amending s106 agreements

- Professional planning input into negotiations with Telford & Wrekin Council in relation to amending affordable housing contributions on a section 106 agreement at Church Aston, Newport
- Agreeing amendments to a section 106 agreement and variation of outline planning consent for 47 dwellings at Hinstock, Shropshire
- Successful variation of s106 agreements to reduce affordable housing contributions by 80% on sites at Exfords Green and Nesscliffe, Shropshire

### Planning disputes

- Provided planning expert advice on an Inheritance Tax dispute with HMRC relating to land at Shifnal

### Planning appeal inquiries

- Expert witness on housing land supply on behalf of the landowners and developers at a planning appeal inquiry relating to 68 dwellings at Ellesmere
- Presentation of the planning case on behalf of a site promoter at a planning appeal inquiry relating to 39 dwellings at Whitchurch
- Expert witness on housing land supply and presentation of planning case on behalf of a housebuilder relating to 39 dwellings at Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury

### Local & Neighbourhood Plan examinations in public

- Providing evidence at the Shropshire Community Infrastructure Levy examination in public
- Advising Parish/Town Councils on their Neighbourhood Plan proposals at Albrighton and Broseley
- Representing clients' interests in relation to Green Belt land and additional housing allocations at the examination in public of the Barnsley Local Plan