



INFORMATION MEMORANDUM : CAPABILITY & RESOURCES

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Nicholas Pearson Associates

1. Company Profile

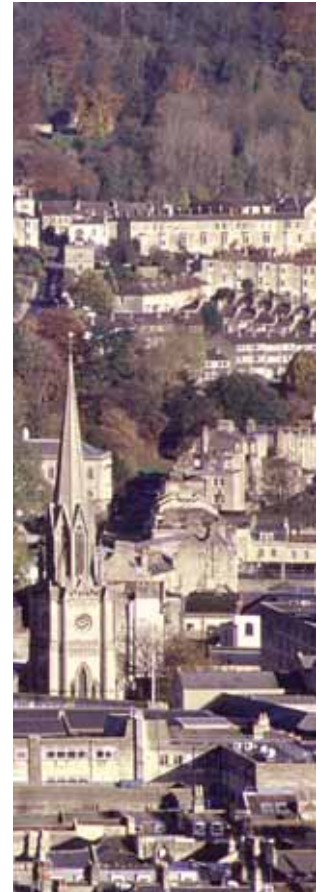
Nicholas Pearson Associates is a multi-disciplinary Company providing consultancy services in environmental planning, landscape design and ecology. The Company was established in 1982 and has its head office in Bath with a regional office in Tiverton, Devon.

The Company employs over 40 professional staff (together with support financial and administration staff) qualified in the fields of environmental impact assessment, landscape design and ecology. The Company is a member of the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) and a registered practice with the Chartered Landscape Institute. It is accredited as a Registered Environmental Impact Assessor by IEMA because of the high quality of its environmental assessment expertise. Nicholas Pearson is a member of the Fellowship Board of the Chartered Landscape Institute, and regularly presents papers and gives expert evidence at Public Inquiries on the subject of the impact of developments on the environment. Dr Trevor Turpin was an elected member of the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment and serves on the Technical Review Committee. Both have directed major masterplanning and environmental design and assessment projects throughout the United Kingdom and overseas.

The Company has an established reputation within the environmental and landscape consultancy field for quality of service, attention to detail and achievement in terms of successful promotion of clients' aspirations. From this philosophy of quality and high standards the Company has established a more formal Quality Management System complying with ISO 9001.

Nicholas Pearson Associates is accustomed to working within development and appraisal teams of varying disciplines and maintaining close working relationships with the client. Our approach and expertise is recognised by our clients and by our appointment to a number of Framework Agreements for the Environment Agency, the Highways Agency and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

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2. Business Services

Environmental Planning

As Registered Impact Assessors, we have carried out a considerable number of Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) and have written and co-ordinated many Environmental Statements (ESs), for schemes as diverse as:

- Major urban extension at Daventry (4000 dwellings) for Croudace Homes
- A419 Blunsdon Bypass, Swindon
- Haringey Heartlands, London
- New sewage treatment works in Devon and Cornwall
- Wessex Water's Bath Combined Sewer Overflows Scheme
- New neighbourhood at Brockworth and Hucclecote, Gloucestershire

Not only has the Company achieved IEMA Registered Impact Assessor status consistently since 1999 but key staff are Principal and Registered EIA Practitioners.

Consultation and attention to procedures are fundamental to achieving planning consent with acceptable conditions and without judicial challenge. Our expertise includes planning application servicing, liaising with planning authorities, provision of exhibitions and advice on all stages of the EIA and planning process.

We are retained by South West Water for environmental advice on their capital programme and are term environmental consultants to the Highways Agency on both consultancy and R&D commissions. We were appointed by the Environment Agency to the 4 year Environmental Services Framework in 2005.

Our particular experience, with over 20 years working in assessment, management and mitigation of environmental impacts, is reflected by our increasing workload to review and appraise environmental impact assessments and statements and to prepare audits for clients in both the public and private sectors.

Staff have extensive experience of practical follow-up environmental monitoring, management and mitigation of impacts, and environmental enhancement, during the implementation of development.



Landscape Architecture

We have a particular strength in generating creative landscape design solutions and in the masterplanning of major developments. Our experience covers commercial, industrial, retail, housing, urban regeneration, transport, rivers and waterbodies. Extensive practical experience in working with related disciplines, particularly civil engineers and architects, means we are able to positively contribute to major construction projects with respect to environmental considerations. Our skills extend to hard and soft landscape design including bioengineering, specification and contract documentation, contract administration and site supervision. We prepare management plans to ensure long term objectives are met. We are fully conversant with the requirements of CDM regulations and other construction legislation.

Our landscape architects have experience in undertaking landscape survey and assessment using a wide range of methodologies both in a regional context, for example the North Devon Coast and the Isle of Wight AONBs for Natural England, to local context such as river valley assessment for the Environment Agency, and landscape character assessments for major housebuilders and consortia.

We are retained by the Heritage Lottery Fund to provide specialist advice for project monitoring. Separately, we have helped clients to secure over £20 million funds for historic landscape, restoration and management for park regeneration projects.

We work on a wide variety of landscape masterplanning assessment and design projects including:

- The Haydon Development, Swindon (Europe's largest housing development).
- Plymstock Urban Development, Plymouth
- University of Bristol
- Dyson Research Centre, Malmesbury
- A303 Stonehenge and Winterbourne Stoke Bypass
- Swanage Waste Water Treatment Works
- Greenwich Peninsula and Ecology Park
- Lydiard Park, Swindon
- Newton Abbot Urban Extension, Devon
- Bath Spa University



Historic Landscape

We offer specialist advice on historic landscapes to a wide range of clients, including private individuals, developers, local authorities, the National Trust and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

We undertake survey and assessment of historic landscapes, the production of management and restoration plans and the supervision of works on the ground. Projects include historic garden and park restoration works, conservation of landscape structures, replanting and management.

We also advise applicants wishing to secure grant aid from a range of sources including DEFRA agri-environment schemes and the Heritage Lottery Fund. To date we have had a very good success rate for:

- Arno's Vale Cemetery, Bristol
- Blaise Castle Estate, Bristol
- Trebah Gardens, Cornwall
- Plas Newydd, Llangollen
- Newton Park, Bath
- Rydal Hall, Cumbria
- Dyffryn Gardens, Vale of Glamorgan
- Hestercombe Gardens, Somerset
- Portmeirion and Castell Deudraeth
- Simmons Park, Okehampton
- Coronation Park, Wadebridge
- Lydiard Park, Swindon

Countryside Stewardship Scheme parkland management and restoration agreements have been secured for many public and private sector clients, including the National Trust and traditional estates.

As technical assessors to the Heritage Lottery Fund, we have advised the Trustees on technical, cost and heritage aspects of applications. We are therefore familiar with the diversity of applications and standards set by the Fund. As Lottery Monitoring Officers for the Heritage Lottery Fund at sites across the UK, we are helping successful applicants in the implementation of works.

We are also familiar with the requirements of many sources of grant aid and have worked with a variety of clients in successful bids for grants for public and privately-owned parks and gardens.



Ecology

We have a well-established and highly regarded in-house team of ecologists encompassing individuals with both general ecological knowledge and specialist expertise in particular aspects of ecology, including:

- Habitat surveys (terrestrial and inter-tidal)
- Botanical surveys (including NVC of all habitats)
- Surveys of European Protected Species (including bats, Great Crested Newts, Dormice and Otters)
- Surveys of frequently encountered British Protected Species (including reptiles, Water Voles and Badgers)
- Ecological Impact Assessments

Staff have appropriate licences for protected species survey, handling and translocation and serve on committees of the Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (IEEM).

Projects have included:

- Greenwich Southern Park
- A303 Stonehenge and Winterbourne Stoke Bypass
- National Grid Overhead Line Refurbishment, Dorset
- Bovington Tank Park, Dorset
- Brockworth New Neighbourhood, Gloucestershire
- Transport Feasibility Study, Malta
- Area 2 Framework for InterRoute



Graphic Design and GIS

We have a wide range of computing resources to support project teams including statistical analysis and database software. An important advantage of our computer network is our ability to produce very high quality plans, maps, graphics and photomontages through a combined use of CAD and Apple MAC desktop publishing software. These facilities aid the undertaking of environmental impact assessment and other studies in the collection, review, retrieval, interpretation and reformatting of data from various sources into a standard format for presentation and compatibility with, for example, a client's GIS. We use AutoCAD to produce landscape plans, construction details, quantitative calculations and 3D studio for producing 3D models.

We have extensive experience of brochure production and preparation of public exhibitions for clients such as the Highways Agency, BP, Bath and North East Somerset Council, the Environment Agency, and South West Water.

Using MapInfo v8 and Microsoft Access 2000 we have the capacity to design and maintain Geographic Information Systems for a variety of purposes. This includes storage, management and analysis of large volumes of desk study and survey data. GIS can be used to integrate, analyse and display data from a wide variety of sources including aerial photography, remote sensing data, CAD, GPS data and third party datasets such as designated sites boundaries. Through the use of GIS, various types of spatial and non-spatial output can be produced. These include maps of survey results, management plan and ecological constraint maps, data summaries and charts.



3. Clients

- Airbus
- AMEC
- American Museum, Bath
- Arnold White Estates
- Bath and North East Somerset Council
- Bath Rugby plc
- Bath Spa University
- BHP Billiton
- Black & Veatch
- Bovis Homes
- Bowood Estates
- BP
- Bristol City Council
- Bristol Water
- Bristol Zoo Gardens
- Building Research Establishment
- Christ Church College
- Countryside Properties
- Countryside Agency
- Crest Nicholson
- Croudace Homes
- Defence Estates
- Duchy of Cornwall
- Dyson
- English Heritage
- English Nature
- English Partnerships
- Environment Agency
- Glaxo
- George Wimpey
- Highways Agency
- InterRoute
- JJ Gallagher
- Kingston Maurward College
- Laing O'Rourke
- Land Registry
- Linden Homes
- MacDonald's Hotels
- Ministry of Defence
- Mott MacDonald
- Mouchel Parkman
- National Heritage Lottery Fund
- National Heritage Memorial Fund
- National Grid
- National Trust
- Nottingham University
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive
- Nottingham University
- Parkview International
- Persimmon Homes
- Sainsbury's
- Shell
- SITA UK
- South West Water
- St Paul's School
- Stannifer Developments Ltd
- Star Energy
- Sunborn
- SWRDA
- The Met Office
- UK AEA
- UNITE
- WBB Minerals
- University of Bristol
- WBB Minerals
- Wessex Water
- WSP

4. Awards

Date	Client	Site	Award
2007	Macdonald Hotels	Bath Spa Hotel	BALI Award
2005	Denbighshire County Council	Plas Newydd, Llan Gollen, Denbighshire	BALI Award
2005	Schal International	Land Registry Information Systems Building, Plymouth	BALI Award
2004	Schal International	Land Registry Information Systems Building, Plymouth	An Environmental Assessment Award from BREEAM
2003	Trebah Garden Trust	(1) Alice Seat, Trebah (2) Tea House, Trebah	Civic Trust Awards
2003	Wessex Water	Swanage Waste Water Treatment	Civic Trust Award
2003	South West Water	Croyde Sewage Treatment Works	Pennon Group Environmental Award Winner 2003
2003	North Wiltshire District Council	Calne Millennium Library	Civic Trust Award
2002	English Partnerships	Landscape Works and Riverside Walkways, Greenwich	Civic Trust Award for outstanding contribution to the quality and appearance of the environment.
2002	The Carvill Group	Courtyard Garden, Sandy Row Apartments	(1) Design Award from RSUA (2) National Housing Design Award from RIBA (3) 'Laganside Award for Regeneration'
2001	Concrete Society	Chelsea Flower Show	Royal Horticultural Society Bronze Medal
2000	Armagh City and District Council	Armagh Theatre and Arts Centre	(1) Regional Award from RIBA (2) High Commendation Award from British Construction (3) Concrete Society Award from Concrete Society (4) Best Regional Scheme Award from Leisure Property (5) Prestige Access Award from William Keown Trust (6) Centre Vision Award from Civic Trust

4. Awards

Date	Client	Site	Award
2000	Bude Council	The Bude Light, Cornwall	Certificate of Excellence, Building Category. For outstanding merit in the use of concrete.
2000	Braidwater Enterprise	Meadowbank Walkway, Londonderry	Civil Engineering Category for Specify/CEF Construction Award
2000	English Partnerships	Greenwich Peninsula	Principal BALI award for The Ecology and Amenity Park Greenwich Peninsula
1999	Dyson	Dyson Headquarters and new Research Building, Tetbury Hill, Wiltshire	Civic Trust Award for a valuable contribution to the quality and appearance of the environment
1997	Building Research Establishment	New Environmental Office at BRE, Watford	BIAT Open Award for Technical Excellence
1997	BP	Wytch Farm	Landscape Institute Chartered Award for the successful development of a sensitive landscape of North-West Europe's largest on-shore oilfield at Wytch Farm, Dorset.
1996	BP	Wytch Farm	RTPI Planning Achievement Award
1996	Armagh City & District Council	Armagh Theatre and Arts Centre	RSUA - Competition winning entry
1995	BP	Wytch Farm	Queen's Award for Environmental Achievement
1994	Govern Balear	ParcBIT, Mallorca	Winning entry in an International Competition for master plan for new technology township in Mallorca
1992	BP	Wytch Farm	European Better Environment Award for Industry
1991	BP	Wytch Farm	RSA Better Environment Award for Industry
1991	BP	Furzey Island, Poole	Principal Award from BALI National Landscape Awards
1990	Wessex Water	Blashford Lakes	Greenleaf Award
1988	BP	Wytch Farm	World Environmental Centre Gold Medal