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# THAMES VALLEY



FAVOURITE  
PROJECT

"One of my favourite projects was working with **GCHQ** over a number of years on the travel strategy for their Cheltenham and Gloucester estate, which included helping to develop and implement their **Estate Travel Plan** for over 6,000 staff, refine one of the country's most bespoke parking management systems and support successful planning applications for new office space within the existing land ownership to allow the expansion of operations and security. Of course I would love to tell you more but...they may be watching."



"There are so many I could write about including **HS2**, **Rolls-Royce** and **London 2012 Olympics** for example. However, I always relish challenges, and was grateful to be asked directly by Camden Council to assist them to develop and refine their '**Making Travel Safer in Camden**' programme, which was in response to the travel challenges created by COVID-19! The aim was to make it easier and safer for people to walk and cycle locally and to leave a lasting legacy of greener, safer and healthier travel. The rapid response by Camden given the time pressures was incredible, and resulted in a record roll-out of walking and cycling schemes in the Borough."



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"At the risk of sounding like a broken record, Evoke being awarded 'Fastest Rising Property Business' at the TVPA and 'Employer of the Year' at the Royal Berkshire property Awards has to be the highlight! Beyond the awards, I always like to see a project I've work on actually built, and therefore seeing the **European Space Agency's** new conference centre completed at Harwell Campus, and driving through Sherford, (a new community of c.5,500 homes) was great – this was one of my first ever projects. Also on a planning note, being one of the last groups to stay in Oxford's famous **Shark House** for the moment, as it does not currently have permission for a change of use from a permanent to temporary residence, must be a highlight!"

"It is going to be a year of uncertainty in the industry, with the **election looming large**. To help our clients get a couple of longer-term large scale projects over the line and achieve planning permission will therefore certainly be a key goal. Also, for my previous company I led a multidisciplinary planning application for a **new road bridge** to enable the future closure of an existing level crossing in Ash. This is a key infrastructure requirement of the adopted Guildford Borough Local Plan. I remain involved in the project in terms of client support, with the bridge now under construction. Therefore to finally see it **open to traffic in 2024** will be pleasing!"



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## OUTSIDE OF WORK



"I have **two young boys** (2&6), given the gap in age and their very differing interests, I spend a lot of time running around after them (which is my daily workout!). When not chasing around, I enjoy **cricket, rugby and in particular football** including following my team Portsmouth. I also love to read a crime thriller, enjoy a good flat white, and travelling (when I still can). My parents used to live for a number of years in **Munich**, and I love to get back there whenever I can. That includes this year when I will be over there for Euro 2024 to take in a game and soak up the atmosphere (and the great **German Beer!**)"



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