

Tim Burton BA (Hons) BTP MRTPI

Director –Tim Burton Planning Ltd

Qualifications

BA (Hons) Geography/History 1986

BTP Town and Country Planning 1989

MRTPI: 1991 to date

Career History

2019-present day Owner and Director, Tim Burton Planning Ltd

2011-2019 Head of Planning Taunton Deane Borough Council (and West Somerset Council from 2014)

2006-2011 Development Control Manager Taunton Deane Borough Council

2000-2006 Area Planning Manager Taunton Deane Borough Council

1990-2000 Senior Development Control roles at Sedgemoor District Council

1988-1990 Planning Policy Officer Sedgemoor District Council

1985-1988 Junior Planning roles for Mendip and Sedgemoor District Councils

Key Skills and Experience

Tim has extensive experience of leading a successful local authority planning service with ambitious growth aspirations. He has had responsibility for managing multi-disciplinary teams and led service reviews and restructures including the creation of a shared service across two Council areas. He is a PAS peer, reviewing and advising on the processes and decision making of other Councils.

Tim has overseen the preparation of policy documents through examination to adoption including the West Somerset local Plan and the introduction and governance arrangements for CIL. His particular focus has been on finding solutions to enable the delivery of large scale housing led projects through master planning and infrastructure delivery in a CIL/s106 environment. This has led to the delivery of homes above targets (as demonstrated by its recent very high Housing Delivery Test scores).

Tim has particular knowledge and expertise in the delivery of large scale planning proposals through negotiations with developers as well as guiding strategically significant and controversial applications through the decision making process.

Taunton has been designated by the Government as the first Garden Town in South West England. Tim led the work that resulted in this designation and he has subsequently advised the Council on the preparation of a vision and delivery plan to ensure that future developments truly meet its aspirations which are derived from garden town principles. Tim has also been a long term advocate of the benefits of Design Review.

Tim was the lead officer for the urban water management work stream of the Somerset 20 year Flood action Plan that was produced in response to the floods of 2013-14. This work has included championing innovative approaches to SuDs, as well as the production of a strategy for Taunton, which will protect both existing and future development from the increased risk of flooding associated with climate change. Until March 2019 Tim was a member of the Somerset Rivers Authority's Management Group.

Tim has a particular interest in heritage led regeneration and over the years has worked closely with Historic England on a number of projects to secure the future of important buildings at risk, including currently working on ambitious proposals for the former Fox Bros. Mill sites in Wellington. His new company will have a particular focus on this type of work, as well as providing strategic advice to those local authorities which have significant growth agendas. Tim Burton Planning will also be giving more general planning advice to a range of private clients.