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Table 1: Statement of Competence

The EIA Regulations require that an ES must be prepared by competent experts and that an ES must be accompanied by a statement outlining the relevant expertise of qualifications of such experts. The production of this ES has been coordinated by Stephenson Halliday Ltd. Based on the details provided below, it is considered that the requirements of the EIA Regulations regarding competence have been met.

Role	Organisation	Author / Co-ordinator	Relevant expertise
Planning	Stephenson Halliday	Holly Robinson Project Manager	Chartered Planner and Principal Planner at Stephenson Halliday with over 15 years of experience.
Environmental Impact Assessment	Stephenson Halliday	Holly Robinson/Adam Perry	Stephenson Halliday is registered to the EIA Quality Mark. The EIA Quality Mark is a scheme operated by the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) that allows organisations (both developers and consultancies) that lead the co-ordination of statutory EIAs in the UK to make a commitment to excellence in their EIA activities and have this commitment independently reviewed. This ES has been co-ordinated and reviewed by Stephenson Halliday's Planning and EIA Team. The authors have considerable experience in all aspects of EIA. The team EIA Co-ordinators are highly competent managers of multi-disciplinary project teams working on large-scale, complex waste and minerals projects. Specialist topics addressed in this ES have been prepared by competent and experienced experts and reviewed by appropriately qualified discipline leads across various subjects.
Noise	Noise Consultants Ltd, part of the Logika Group	Tom Everson	Tom is a Member of the Institute of Acoustics (MIOA) and has over 10 years' experience working in the noise sector. He specialises in the renewable energy sector, with experience across Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), solar, and wind developments. He also has extensive experience in construction noise and vibration projects, including planning and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) work, Section 61 applications, and subsequent site management.

Air Quality	Air Quality Consultants as part of the Logika Group	Emily Portergill	Emily is an Associate Member of the Institute of Environmental Science and the Institute of Air Quality Management, with nearly 10 years' experience in air quality monitoring and air quality modelling for major projects, including highways, data centres, and commercial development.
		Lucy Hodgins	Lucy Hodgins is a Chartered Scientist (CSci) and a Member of the Institute of Air Quality Management (MIAQM) and the Institution of Environmental Sciences (MIENvSc with over over sixteen years' experience in the field of air quality. She has extensive experience in the assessment of air quality impacts for a range of industrial, commercial and residential projects,
Cultural Heritage	Andrew Josephs Associates, Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Consultancy	Andrew Josephs	Andrew has over 20 years' experience within the environmental consultancy sector. He works on all types of projects for both TCPA applications, including EIA and DNS/DCO, undertaking archaeological desk-based assessments and heritage setting assessments, and designing and managing archaeological surveys, fieldwork and mitigation strategies. He is adept at the design of mitigation strategies on developments with archaeological and heritage constraints.
Landscape and Visual	Stephenson Halliday	Rosemary Walker	Rosemary (Rose) is a Chartered Member of the Landscape Institute (CMLI) with over 10 years of experience in landscape planning and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). She holds an Advanced Professional Award in Expert Witness Evidence (APAEWE). Rosemary has provided specialist landscape and visual assessment input to EIA, ESIA and non-EIA developments across a diverse range of sectors, including minerals and waste, residential, energy, infrastructure, water, transport and leisure projects in the UK and internationally. Her experience includes the preparation and review of Landscape and Visual Impact Assessments (LVIA's), contributions to EIA Scoping Reports and Environmental Statements, the development of mitigation strategies, and collaboration within multidisciplinary EIA teams throughout the planning and assessment process. Rosemary has extensive applied knowledge of the Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment, Third Edition (GLVIA3), together with other recognised professional guidance and good practice, including Landscape Institute and Natural England publications. Throughout her career, she has contributed to numerous EIA developments, including Development Consent Order (DCO) projects and nationally significant infrastructure projects such as HS2.

			Her professional qualifications, chartered status, technical expertise and practical experience provide the competence required to undertake landscape and visual assessment work as a competent expert in accordance with the requirements of the EIA Regulations.
Transport	SCP Transport Planning/Infrastructure Design	Mark Devenish	Mark is a Senior Associate Director at SCP and Chartered Engineer in Transport Planning with the Engineering Council and a Fellow of the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation (CIHT). Mark has over 25 years' experience of the highway, traffic and transportation aspects of a wide range of development proposals and has advised many companies and local authorities in that capacity.
Ecology	SK Environmental Ltd	Carola Hopkins	Carola has been working as an Ecological Consultant for nearly 15 years, with the vast majority of her work undertaken in Wales. She has experience carrying out assessments such as Preliminary Ecological Appraisals, Preliminary Roost Assessments, Ecological Impact Assessments and Habitat Regulations Assessments. Carola's work has involved a diverse range of projects. Her survey skills are broad in nature and she holds NRW species licenses for bats, water vole, otter, white-clawed crayfish and great crested newts. Carola is an Associate member of CIEEM and also works part-time as a local Authority Planning Ecologist in Wales.
		Michael Kurs	Michael has over 18 years' experience working as an ecological consultant. During this time, he has honed field skills including survey work for protected species such as great crested newt (Licence holder with both Natural England Natural Resource Wales (with whom he currently holds three extant EPSM licences), breeding and wintering birds, reptiles, water vole, otter, badger white clawed crayfish (licence holder through Natural England). Michael has been an associate member of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (ACIEEM) for 17 years. Michael has extensive experience preparing ecological reports, including Preliminary Ecological Appraisals, Ecological Impact Assessments, Habitat Regulations Assessments, and Biodiversity Net Gain assessments, among others.
		Chris Allman	Chris is a Hydrogeologist with over 8 years of consulting experience, working with clients across local and regional government, agriculture, energy, and quarrying sectors. Chris has developed a well-rounded skillset in the mineral extraction industry and water resources sector in the UK, supporting clients with planning, licensing, and permitting applications

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Andrew is a Chartered Geologist and Hydrogeologist with over 22 years of consulting experience, working with clients across the minerals, water resources and contaminated land sectors. [Name] has developed extensive expertise within the extractive industry, combining practical field hydrogeology experience with strong conceptual modelling and technical reporting skills, supporting clients with planning, environmental permitting and water management requirements.

