

Appendix 3 to Louise Hooper Proof of Evidence

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Land South of Barrow Green Road, Oxted

Louise Hooper Professional Experience

December 2025



Louise Hooper

CMLI, BA(Hons) L A

Chartered landscape architect and landscape planner with 40 years of experience gained in the United Kingdom, Hong Kong and Singapore on projects of significant size, scale and complexity.

Considerable responsibility for strategic and large scale planning work, with multi disciplinary teams often on major projects. Judge for Kent Design Awards and South Downs National Park Design Awards. Design Review Panel member for the South Downs National Park and Design South East.

Have worked in strong design-led practices, planning consultancies, government organisations and local authorities; running my own practice has given me a track record of varied projects of many different types and scales.

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Profession

Chartered Member of the Landscape Institute (CMLI)

Specialisation and Experience

- * Expert witness on Landscape Matters
- * Design Review Panel Member for South Downs National Park
- * Design Review Panel Member for Design South East
- * Exception houses (Para 84)
- * Landscape & Visual Impact Assessment
- * Landscape design & public realm
- * Masterplanning; landscape planning
- * Special Needs Schools

Qualifications

BA(Hons) Landscape Architecture
Heriot Watt University/Edinburgh
College of Art 1981

Chartered Member, the Landscape Institute (CMLI) 1984

Nationality

British

Personal

Married with two adult children
Chair of Eden Twinning Association
Webmaster and editor, Penshurst Living Archive
Fluent French speaker with moderate German
Former governor, Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School
Former Trustee of the Penshurst Almshouses

Key Skills

- * Proven track record working as landscape architect and landscape planner with multi disciplinary teams, acting as consultant and client
- * Strong portfolio of built work demonstrating excellent design and technical capabilities with focus on high quality public realm and private development
- * Successful delivery from project inception through to completion, maintaining project schedule and budget control
- * Development control, development briefs and design briefs
- * Expert witness on landscape matters
- * Excellent interpersonal skills including relationship building and communication at all levels; able to work independently and collaboratively across teams and with clients
- * Strong report writing and communication skills, technical and professional correspondence, stakeholders and general public
- * Conference speaking, workshops and seminars
- * Proficient with MS Word, Excel, Outlook and InDesign

Significant Projects

- * Expert witness for Tandridge District Council
- * Expert witness for Shenley Parish Council
- * Expert witness at Royal Courts of Justice
- * Planning approval for 65 houses near Princes Risborough, Bucks
- * Para 79 house, Dover, Kent won on appeal
- * Green Corridor for AQMA in Stone, Dartford, Kent
- * Medway Landscape and Urban Design Framework, Kent
- * Haymerle Special Needs School, Peckham, London
- * Rochester Riverside, Kent
- * Star Hill to Sun Pier Waterfront, Chatham, Kent
- * Metroplan, Hong Kong
- * Gunung Salak, Indonesia

Employment History

2001 to date	Louise Hooper Landscape Architect (LHLA), Kent
2004 to 2014	Studio Engleback, Tunbridge Wells, Kent
2000-2001	Robert Rummey Associates, Sevenoaks, Kent
1998-2000	Medway Unitary Authority, Kent
1993-1998	Aspinwall Clouston/Brian Clouston, Singapore
1991-1993	Freelance Landscape Architect, Hong Kong and UK
1988-1990	Hong Kong Government Planning Department
1984-1987	Urbis, Hong Kong
1981-1984	Michael Laird and Partners, Edinburgh
1979-1980	Department of Transport, Midlands Construction Unit

Detailed Experience

Louise Hooper Landscape Architect (LHLA) Principal
2001 to date

Studio Engleback, Kent

Senior Associate
Freelance Consultant
2004 to 2014

Robert Rummey Associates, Kent

Senior Landscape Architect
2000-2001

Medway Unitary Authority, Kent

Senior Landscape Architect
1998-2000
Freelance Consultant
2001-2003
Landscape advice on major applications
2015-2018

Aspinwall Clouston/Brian Clouston & Partners, Hong Kong, Singapore

Senior/Associate Landscape Architect
1993-1998

Freelance Landscape Architect, Hong Kong and United Kingdom

1991-1993

Hong Kong Government Planning Department

Senior Landscape Architect
1998-1990

Urbis, Hong Kong

Landscape architect
1984 to 1987

Michael Laird & Partners, Edinburgh

1980 and 1981 -1984
Student and graduate

Department of Transport, Midlands Road Construction Unit

Year out student 1979 -1980

LHLA clients include local authorities, architects, planners, housing associations, parish councils and community organisations, developers, schools & private individuals. Significant projects include expert witness on landscape matters for Tandridge District Council, an expert witness at the Royal Courts of Justice concerning a Restricted Covenant in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, planning approval for 65 houses on a site with a stream, many retained trees and medieval ridge and furrow near Princes Risborough, Bucks, a Para 80 house on the Isle of Oxney in the High Weald AONB and a Para 79 house in the Kent Downs AONB, near Dover, Kent; a Green Corridor for an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) in Dartford, Kent; expert witness & landscape advisor on major planning applications for Medway Unitary Authority; city centre development in Conservation Area, Maidstone, Kent; a sensitive housing development next to ancient woodland in Bexley, London; Haymerle Special Needs School, Peckham, London.

I first collaborated with Studio Engleback on the landscape character assessment for Ashford, part of the Greater Ashford Development Framework; other significant projects included Loftus Garden Village, Newport, Wales, 250 new houses on a brownfield site of former ordnance/Pirelli cables factories, Margate retrofit for climate change adaption, Firle village expansion, the sensitive addition of new affordable housing to a historic estate village within the South Downs National Park, Sussex, and Old Lodge Farm, Lingfield, Surrey, a successful planning application for a Para 55 house on a sensitive elevated site in the High Weald AONB.

My main project was the culmination of two years at Medway: the assessment, summary and presentation of data collected by Medway officers as field work for a Townscape and Landscape Character Study. Other projects included Rye House, a conservation study for a seventeenth century moated house near Harlow, and Betteshanger Colliery Masterplan, with consultation of stakeholders and local communities affected by the closure of this coal mine in East Kent.

As a newly established unitary authority, Medway required a Landscape and Urban Design Framework. I co-led the project, made funding bids, organised resources, training, staff management and project work. Other significant projects included expert witness at a public inquiry, Rochester Riverside, Chatham Waterfront, the management of a large public works budget for schools and playgrounds and response to planning applications, including EIAs for major infrastructure projects such as the Channel Tunnel Railway and Thames Gateway windfarms.

Well-established office working throughout the region, beginning as Senior, then Associate Landscape Architect. Significant projects included Gunung Salak Environmental Capacity Study, Indonesia, Zanzibar Urban Landscape Study, Tanzania and Apple Computer, Singapore.

Worked on the Hinterland Study for the new Hong Kong Airport at Chek Lap Kok, the EIA for the A27 South Coast Trunk Road, UK and various projects in Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and China.

Seconded to the Strategic Planning Unit, an elite team of planners, urban designers and architects working on Metroplan, an ambitious 30 year landuse and transport plan for the urban area. Prepared Landscape Strategy, project briefs and consultant selection for urban and urban fringe studies.

Long-established landscape, urban design and planning practice; worked on a Town Square for Tai Po New Town, route assessment for underground high voltage cable routes and various infrastructure projects.

A successful firm of commercial architects; worked on a variety of inner city and new town projects, including prestigious head offices, business parks, roof gardens, brown field restoration and urban landscapes.

Landscape team within a large transport/engineering department. Worked on the M40 route assessment, covering a 50 x 10 mile corridor between Oxford & Warwick. Attended public inquiry for A50 Blythe Bridge to Uttoxeter By-pass.