

Curriculum Vitae



Previous voluntary work

2024 - Policy Advisor

2019 MA Thesis – ‘HS2: Inclusive Growth? – Research Report

2017 – 2019 - Planning Aid

Interesting fact about myself – I have circumnavigated the world with a backpack

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Professional Profile

I am a qualified planner who has worked in local government and private sector with a broad spectrum of planning experience which has included; neighbourhood planning at various stages, writing local plan policy, site allocation work, and both sustainability appraisal and integrated assessment work for emerging local plans.

Professional membership

Member of RTPi; Member RSA.

Education and Qualifications

PhD Public Policy - Northumbria University	2024/25
MA Town and Regional Planning - Leeds Beckett University	2019
LLB (GDL Conversion) - Northumbria University	2015
Postgraduate Diploma in Law (GDL) - BPP Law School (Leeds)	2012

Work Experience

**April 2025 – 10 October 2025, Senior Planning Officer (Policy),
Rossendale Borough Council**

Key Responsibilities

- Article 4 Direction evidence
- Local Plan pending review
- 5 year land supply review, monitoring

**02 December 2024 – 27 April 2025, Planning Officer, (Maternity Cover),
Rutland County Council**

Key Responsibilities

- Assisting with Regulation 19 consultation and preparation of Local Plan for examination

Academic publications

Liddle J and Shutt J (eds)
(2025) cases on Public
Sector Entrepreneurship:
Elgar Cases in
Entrepreneurship,
Cheltenham, Glos. UK
Edward Elgar Publishing
Chapter M Kennedy and J
Shutt Entrepreneurial
Meso-governance for
Heat and Building
Strategies https://www.elgar.com/shop/gbp/case-studies-on-public-sector-entrepreneurship-9781035315000.html?srsid=AfmBOope1noQqG5vi-mT_JU823zNJynusVnN3uPfqdmTArSqYxC9qaNRf

McAreavey, R. Bosworth,
G & Kennedy, M 'New
tools for community
development: The Social
Value Engine &
Participatory budgeting'.
Presented at the 29th
European Society for
Rural Sociology Congress,
Rennes, France, July 2023
<https://eprints.ncl.ac.uk/308430>

PhD Title – 'The UK Heat
and Building Strategy: A
sub national governance
place based investigation
drawing on two city
regional case studies in
England between 2019-
2022'.

March 2022 – December 2024, Senior Research Assistant, Northumbria University

Key Responsibilities

- 01/01/24-31/05/2024 – Access and Participation Plan Evaluation
- 01/12/2023-31/12/2024– Disabled academic project
- 01/04/2021-31/12/2022– Social Value Engine Evaluation
- 28/03/2022-31/12/2023– Purposeful health project: Growth accelerator

25 July 2022 – 02 July 2023, Planning Officer - Policy (Maternity Cover), Rochdale Borough Council

Key Responsibilities

- Developed reports on issues such as article 4 directions
- Developed an Integrated Assessment for the local plan
- Developed SPDs and masterplans with external consultants
- Advised on planning policy interpretation and reviewed the local plan

04 October 2021 – 04 November 2022, Planning Consultant, Environmental Charity

Key Responsibilities

- Development of neighbourhood plans at various stages
- Proofread drafts of planning policy and planning submissions
- Co-ordinated and advising on planning issues and local plans
- Budgetary responsibility for volunteer activity – Carbon Literacy

03 September 2018 – 15 October 2021, Planning Policy Officer, Pendle Borough Council

Key Responsibilities

- Wrote planning policy in various policy areas
- Led in site and regeneration small site development
- Led and Programme officer for Neighbourhood Plans
- Regulation 18 consultation for Part 2 plan

Academic work

January 2021 – June 2025 PhD Candidate (Awarded) – Leadership and Human Resource Management Research - Sub national Governance

My research explored the concept of place-based governance in the emerging system of sub national governance in England. It applied 'systems theory' to institutional working in the context of low carbon buildings. The research extended the concept of place-based governance through the application of systems and strategic planning theory.