

Aliis Kodis

Urban Designer

Key Skills

Urban Design:

Extensive experience in the traditional arenas:

- » Masterplanning and strategic planning
- » Public realm strategy
- » Townscape appraisal
- » Movement strategy
- » Built heritage

Planning:

Before embarking on an urban design career, I actually started out as a Town Planner where I gained experience of:

- » Partnership working and negotiation with private and public sector partners
- » Public engagement facilitation
- » SPD production - copy and illustrations
- » Development management
- » Expert design witness at Public Inquiry and Hearings

Graphic Design:

A hobby as much as an urban design skill. Extensive experience of Adobe Illustrator, InDesign and Photoshop to create policy, masterplan and strategy documents and their associated plans and illustrations

Key Capabilities:

An artistic eye and the ability to deliver practical solutions backed up with clear research and analysis

Profile

I applaud the idea of the 20 minute city and fully support the idea of walking or wheeling wherever we need to go safely and enjoyably without needing to rely on a car.

Whether you're delivering a modest development of 50 houses or a brand new urban neighbourhood of over 1,000 homes, I've designed concept plans and Vision Documents that support sustainable development and active travel.

I've facilitated extensive stakeholder engagement relating to masterplans and public realm strategies and delivered an Urban Design Analysis seminar to Architecture and Building Surveying students.

Most recently I acted as Project Manager for the final year of the Poole High Street HAZ (Heritage Action Zone) programme and directly supported several building improvement projects and two public realm projects. I even managed to master Historic England's fiendishly complicated quarterly financial reports.

I have 15+ years working in the urban design field, gained public and private sector experience, developed masterplanning and transport knowledge and discovered a penchant for those little cheese samples you get in delis - Grana Padano is my favourite.

Professional Memberships

Chartered Member, The Royal Town Planning Institute
The Urban Design Group

Education

The University of Westminster, MA Urban Design
The University of Reading, MPhil Environmental Planning

Experience

Poole High Street HAZ Project Manager and Urban Design Officer, Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council, June 2022 - March 2024

This was a temporary position where I supported a variety of projects including:

- » Delivery of seven of the 16 HAZ building improvement projects including new shopfronts, window repairs and redecoration
- » Delivery of public realm improvement projects at Thames Street and Amity Square
- » Production of a draft *Poole Town Centre Heritage Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan* and *Shopfronts Design Guide* as part of the HAZ programme, providing copy and illustrations
- » Supported FuturePlaces in their production of a design code for Poole Quay - part of the DLUHC Design Code Pathfinder programme - and growth plans for Wessex Fields
- » Residential site capacity testing to support production of the emerging Local Plan and balance Policy aspirations with site constraints
- » Provision of urban design advice to Development Management Officers regarding major applications including the Council's regeneration sites and development affecting designated and non-designated heritage assets
- » Expert design witness at appeal Hearing

Senior Urban Designer, Eastleigh Borough Council, July 2019 - May 2022

I provided urban design advice on major planning applications (up to 2,500 homes), helping negotiate improvements to proposals. I also project managed two wayfinding public art projects and supported the production of updates to urban design guidance coming forward through the collaborative *Partnership for South Hampshire* group, as well as providing urban design advice for the Trees and Development SPD. I also supported the Council's Asset Management team providing urban design advice on redevelopment proposals for Council-owned assets.

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(see my Portfolio for further information)



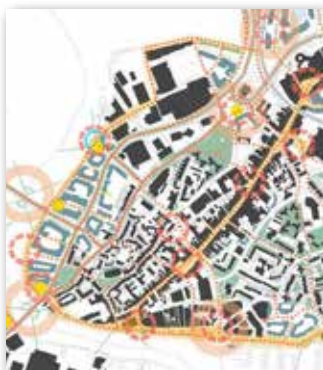
Poole HAZ Projects Map extract



Masterplan extract for 1,000+ homes



Wolverhampton Public Realm Design Guide extract



Poole Town Centre SPD Masterplan extract

Senior Urban Designer, Barton Willmore, July 2018 - May 2019

I produced several concept masterplans and strategy plans for residential-led developments. These have included schemes ranging from 50 to over 1,000 homes. I also prepared Vision Documents and Design Compliance Statements to support planning applications. In all cases I provided text and illustrations to support the proposed development. I also had the opportunity - with one week's notice - to prepare and deliver an *Urban Design Analysis* seminar to Architecture and Building Surveying students at the Coventry University, as an introduction to their urban design module.

Principal Urban Designer, SYSTRA, August 2016 - July 2018

A number of movement and place projects including:

Wolverhampton Connected Places Strategy and Public Realm Design Guide, Wolverhampton City Council

Provided high-level urban design advice to support the development of a movement and public realm strategy to reconnect and enhance Wolverhampton city centre. The project involved a study of street and space typologies from a multi-modal movement and place perspective and suggested interventions to encourage walking and cycling to link the centre to the city's wider regeneration initiatives. An associated Public Realm Design Guide was also developed to support delivery of the Strategy.

Bicester Garden Town Masterplan, Cherwell District Council

Undertook a study of street and space typologies from a multi-modal movement and place perspective, to inform the development of a strategic movement masterplan for Bicester Garden Town. Interventions were suggested to reconnect the town and its regeneration areas, celebrate heritage and encourage walking and cycling.

Bedford High Street, Bedford Borough Council

I undertook a PERS audit to inform development of a Public Realm Framework that would support the Business Case for wider transport improvements in the town centre. Street typologies and public realm objectives were identified. A street and space hierarchy and associated design parameters were also developed, plus a delivery plan.

Senior Urban Design & Conservation Officer, Borough of Poole, June 2008 - August 2016

I supported a range of Urban Design and Conservation projects including:

- » Expert design witness at Public Inquiry
- » Lead Officer on the Council's successful bid to the Coastal Revival Fund: *Poole Quay Public Realm Improvements*, which secured £42,000 to repair and replace broken street surfaces; de-clutter the public realm, and carry out a full topographic survey of the Quay to inform future improvement projects
- » The production, adoption and public engagement of a new masterplan for Poole, the *Poole Town Centre SPD*, which includes guidance regarding the impact of regeneration on the historic environment
- » The production and adoption of Poole's public realm strategy – the *Our Streets & Spaces SPD* – which includes guidance regarding the impact of street and public realm design on the historic environment
- » Sustainable travel improvements coming forward through the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership and the Capital Programme
- » The production and adoption of several Conservation Area Character Appraisals and Management Plans and the production and adoption of the *Heritage Assets SPD* including the definition of appropriate design codes to guide new development
- » Provision of urban design and conservation advice to Development Management Officers regarding major applications relating to the Borough's regeneration sites and planning applications affecting conservation areas and other statutory and non-statutory heritage assets