Professional Background (Summary)

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I am the **Principal Arboricultural Consultant** at ACS (Trees) Consulting, a specialist arboricultural consultancy practice I established in 2000. I have been professionally concerned in arboriculture and forestry since **1979**. Included within my experience is a 13 year period of practical arboriculture and forest management including two years as a **trainee forester** at Queen Elizabeth II's estate Sandringham, two years as a Council contractor, nine years as an independent contractor and a six year period as a **Local Government (L. B. Lambeth) Arboricultural Officer** supervising and monitoring arboricultural and grounds maintenance contracts worth £5m/annum. I have been an independent arboricultural consultant since 1997. I have studied and worked solely in the field of arboriculture and its related subjects (landscape, mycology, ecology, geology, entomology).



I hold a National Diploma in Arboriculture obtained from Merrist Wood Agricultural College 1984.

I hold the Professional Diploma in Arboriculture of the Royal Forestry Society of England and Wales obtained 1997.

I am a Fellow of the Arboricultural Association since 1997.

I am an Arboricultural Association Registered Consultant since 1999.

I am a Chartered Forester/Arboriculturalist since 2005.

I am a founder member and honorary life member of the UK&I Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture, having been a Board member since 1992 until 2004. I have served on the Professional and Commercial Committees of the Arboricultural Association. I am an associate member of the London Tree Officers Association. I have prepared several published articles and published work: *Appleyard, H. 2000, 'Establishment of trees among high density housing' Journal of Arboriculture, ISA*.

During the normal course of my everyday work, I am regularly requested to provide qualitative appraisals of tree stock including woodlands, assess trees in relation to proposed development and landscape improvement, tree in relation to structural damage, comment on tree condition and prognosis, assess tree stability and hazard potential. I write arboricultural specifications and monitor and certificate the delivery of arboricultural and related contracts.

I regularly represent corporate and individual clients as an expert witness at Informal Hearings, Public Inquiries and by Written Representations, both in respect of proposed development and Tree Preservation Order applications. I am also familiar with and take instructions for the production of expert reports in accordance with CPR 35.

A significant part of my work also includes prescribing tree management specifications ranging from individual specimens to high quantity Local Authority tree stocks and woodland management plans.

Projects and experience

Our arboricultural expertise has recently been used for projects including the master planning for Shepperton and Pinewood Studios; London Borough of Lambeth's Clapham Common Tree Strategy document; Olympic Delivery Authority's North Park creation and the London Legacy Development Corporation; V & A, British Museum and National Maritime Museum; Royal Households; Wentworth (Golf) Club; Southwark Council's St Mary's Park redevelopment; Medway Council's complete tree audit; Exhibition Road redevelopment project; Sloane Square and Highbury Corner review and feasibility; Expert report against London Borough of Tower Hamlets

Three recent case studies:

2012 Olympics North Park Development

Client: Olympic Delivery Authority and Capita Symonds
Role: Project Arboricultural expert, operating as quality manager directly reporting upon delivery of tier 2 contractors' services and products (trees and their planting) throughout the North Park and public realm including Eton Manor.
Responsibilities: To assess all (3,000) new trees and their associated planting techniques for their species, condition, location and quality; to identify any defects, make recommendations for remedy and prepare detailed reports for ODA consideration.
Duration and services provided: Sept. 2010 to June 2012.
All tree stock surveyed three times, fifteen reports submitted, identified several previously unknown (to Capita Symonds) defects (diseases and disorders).

Farringdon Station/Charterhouse Square, Crossrail grout shaft construction and TBM advance bore hole testing

Client: Bam Ferrovial Kier Partnership
Role: Project Arboricultural expert, reporting to client upon all implications of construction upon trees; advising upon tree management, legal aspects and consideration and

negotiations with Local Planning Authority and tree owners. Prepared detailed specifications for tree management and protection.
Responsibilities: To ensure client was informed of all implications and to prepare arboricultural management reports for submission to tree owners and Local Planning Authority.
Duration and services provided: June 2012 – March 2015. Provision of on-site tree protection and preservation advice. Successfully negotiated with Council and tree owners to ensure trees would be effectively protected and that works upon the grout shaft could commence.

Old Guardian Building, Clerkenwell

Client: Viridis Real Estate
Role: Project arboricultural expert, advise the client team upon design and implications upon legally protected trees; assessment of tree quality and landscape contribution; production of detailed arboricultural impact assessment reports for submission with major projects presented to both Local Planning Authority and Mayor's Office.
Responsibilities: To advise the design team upon how to maximise floor space and integrate proposed develop into the landscape; liaison with LPA and third parties in respect of evolving designs and tree and landscape protection.
Duration and services provided: June 2012 – September. 2018. Pre-application arboricultural assessments, reports and meetings with DR Panels and LPA; preparation of responses to successfully improve design capabilities within the development envelope.

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