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Examples of Work Experience:

- Negotiated several planning permissions to develop new Lidl discount food stores across the North West;
- Provided asset management advice and secured planning permission for new shops, restaurants, offices and commercial uses, changes of use and alterations to buildings for several pension funds and property investors;
- Prepared comprehensive retail case in support of a 7,246sqm/78,000sqft out-of-centre food store forming part of 26 acre/£650 million mixed-use regeneration scheme in Chatham;
- Secured planning permission and Listed Building Consent for residential conversion on Lord Street in Southport;
- Negotiated numerous planning consents for large new stores, store extensions, convenience stores and asset management opportunities for national food retailers;
- Prepared planning case and secured consent for landmark hotel and leisure development at Floral Hall in Southport;
- Negotiated officer recommendation of approval and won planning appeal to deliver a Wickes DIY store near Southport;
- Won planning appeal to redevelop an industrial site to deliver new housing near Nottingham.

Past Positions:

- Associate Director, Indigo Planning, Manchester;
- Associate Director, RPS Planning, Liverpool/Manchester;
- Senior Planner, DPP, Leeds;
- Planner, GL Hearn, Sunderland;
- Planning Assistant, Nottingham City Council.

Education:

- Member of Royal Town Planning Institute;
- Diploma Town & Country Planning, University of Newcastle upon Tyne;
- BA (Hons) Town & Country Planning, University of Newcastle upon Tyne;
- Leeds Grammar School.