

**Appendix 1.1**  
Statement of Expertise



Chapter	Qualifications/Expertise of Person Responsible
<p><b>Chapter 1: Introduction</b></p> <p><b>Chapter 2: The Routeing Process and Design Strategy</b></p> <p><b>Chapter 3: Approach to the EIA</b></p> <p><b>Chapter 4: Development Description</b> (prepared by LUC)</p>	<p><b>Kate Wigley BSc (Hons) MA MIEMA CEnv</b> is an Associate Director of Environmental Planning at LUC. Kate is a Chartered Environmentalist and has over 16 years of professional experience, specialising in integrated environmental design and EIA of major infrastructure projects, including overhead transmission lines and onshore windfarms. In her lead role, Kate manages and co-ordinates the communication of information between environmental and technical teams to facilitate mitigation of impacts through the design and EIA processes. Kate has also undertaken a range of environmental planning related research commissions, a number of which have culminated in the preparation of good practice guidance.</p> <p><b>Donald McArthur BSc (Hons) PIEMA</b> is a Senior Environmental Planner at LUC with 8-years post qualification experience. Donald has worked on a number of onshore wind and grid connection EIAs, latterly as the Project Manager which has given him the necessary qualities and expertise to effectively manage and coordinate complex and challenging projects. Donald has gained valuable experience in preparing EIA Screening and Scoping requests for major EIA projects, and is adept at coordinating project design and reviewing specialist EIA assessments.</p>
<p><b>Chapter 5: Planning Policy Context</b> (prepared by LUC)</p>	<p><b>Laura McGowan BA (Hons) MRTPI</b> is a Principal Planner at LUC. Laura has over 14 years' town planning experience in all stages of the planning process, including the preparation of supporting planning statements which require the assessment of development proposals against the policies from National, Regional and Local levels. Laura has also been involved in the preparation of EIA screening and scoping requests, as well as planning policy chapters for inclusion in ESs/EIA Reports for a variety of development proposals including energy related development, and residential, mixed use, business and industry projects.</p>
<p><b>Chapter 6: Landscape and Visual Amenity</b> (prepared by LUC)</p>	<p><b>Neil Elliot MA (Hons) CMLI</b> has 14 years of professional experience and has worked on numerous wind farm, linear infrastructure, large infrastructure, commercial, housing and public realm projects throughout the UK and Ireland. Neil's key strength is coordinating and producing landscape and visual impact assessments (LVIAs) and he brings an expansive understanding of this field to his work.</p>
<p><b>Chapter 7: Geology, Hydrology, Hydrogeology, Water Resources and Peat</b> (prepared by Fluid Environmental Consulting)</p>	<p><b>Lucy Parker MRes BSc (hons) MCIWEM FGS</b> is a Principal Consultant with over 15 years' experience in environmental consultancy with a background in water and soil EIA, project management, water resources, water quality, contaminated land and geology and peat assessments. Lucy has worked on a variety of projects including over 50 wind farm developments, hydroelectricity schemes, biomass plants, linear infrastructure projects, housing, schools, hospitals, river realignments and restoration projects on greenfield, brownfield and peatland sites in the UK. Her experience includes undertaking private water supply assessments, hydrological EIA chapters, watercourse crossing optioneering, assessment of GWDTEs, water quality monitoring plans, peat restoration, drainage management plans, construction and environmental management plans and public inquiry representation.</p>
<p><b>Chapter 8: Ecology and Ornithology</b> (prepared by LUC with input from JK Ecology)</p>	<p><b>Steve Jackson-Matthews MSc (Hons) CEnv MIEEM MEECW</b> is a skilled ecologist with a track record in delivering innovative solutions to ecological challenges. Steve has worked extensively within the planning system for a wide range of proposed developments across the UK and Ireland. Steve routinely gains and implements protected species licences for his clients and has extensive experience in negotiating with Licencing Authorities. Steve is recognised for his work with badgers and is an Advisor to and Trustee of Scottish Badgers. Steve holds a licence to disturb roosting bats in England and Scotland. Steve has experience in a wide range of development types and is familiar with assessing potential ecological impacts on schemes including ationally-important transport projects such as new rail schemes and new road schemes.</p> <p><b>Gus Keys</b> and <b>Rebecca Johnson</b> of JK Ecology Ltd have a combined 35 years of experience working in wildlife conservation, consultancy and research. Gus has a BSc (Hons) degree in Environmental Management and Rebecca a BSc (Hons) degree in Zoology, and prior to founding JK Ecology in 2011 both worked for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB).</p> <p>Together they have worked on a range of projects over the years, such as housing developments, wind farms, grid connections, pipelines and roads. JK Ecology offer a range of services such as bird surveys, protected mammal surveys, Ecological / Environmental Clerk of Works (ECoW), Phase 1 habitat surveys, and Preliminary Environmental Assessments.</p>
<p><b>Chapter 9: Cultural Heritage</b> (prepared by LUC)</p>	<p><b>Steven Orr MA (Hons) MSc LRTPI FSAScot</b> is an Associate Director of Historic Environment at LUC with more than 15 years professional experience. Steven is a highly experienced town planner and landscape archaeologist, with considerable expertise in research, policy development and environmental assessment. Leading LUC's historic environment team, Steven's archaeological and heritage management knowledge and expertise, coupled with his planning experience, means that he is well-placed to advise on creative, sustainable solutions for conserving and enhancing assets and their setting. His strong track record in policy and research makes him a trusted adviser to government, agencies and NGOs, including acting as an expert witness</p> <p><b>Michelle Statton BA MA PhD ACIFA</b> has been a professional archaeologist since 2006 and historic environment consultant since 2014. Michelle has a strong background in field archaeology, including the management of sub-contractors, and in preparing archaeological and built heritage impact assessments, including EIA. In addition to producing inputs for EIA Reports, Michelle also has considerable experience peer reviewing cultural heritage ES chapters on behalf of local authority clients in London and the south-east.</p>
<p><b>Chapter 10: Forestry</b> (prepared by RTS)</p>	<p><b>Norman O'Neill BSc (For) MICF CEnv</b> is the Managing Director and Senior Forestry Consultant of RTS Ltd, forestry management, timber harvesting and consultancy company. Norman has worked on a number of high profile EIA projects including major utility interconnectors and windfarm developments. Recent projects include Beauldy Denny, South-West Scotland, and Inveraray-Port Ann overhead line projects. He has also worked with a range of conservation organisations on providing woodland related advice and project management across Scotland working with groups including the RSPB and the Woodland Trust. Norman has provided forestry advice in relation to the routeing of the KTR project, the assessment, the implementation of works, delivery of mitigation and landowner discussions.</p> <p><b>Wojciech Dlugolecki MSc</b> is the senior forest surveyor for RTS Ltd with extensive experience in assessing and reporting on forest issues associated with a wide range of EIA projects across Scotland, including works for overhead lines and wind farm projects. With significant expertise in GIS systems, including drone surveys, Wojciech has developed an accurate and concise process for the delivery of the detailed forest assessments required for EIA projects where they involve both native and commercial forests. Recent projects include the South-West Scotland and Boat of Garten Lairg to Loch Buidh overhead line developments.</p> <p><b>Sandy Pringle BSc</b> is a senior consultant who graduated from the University of the Highlands and Islands in 2013 with a BSc in Forestry, and is an associate member of the Institute of Chartered Foresters. He has undertaken EIA assessments for woodland establishment contracts and has been involved in a number of utility projects across Scotland.</p>
<p><b>EMF Appendix</b> (prepared by National Grid)</p>	<p><b>Hayley Tripp PhD BSc Hons MRSB MIEnv</b> is an electric and magnetic fields (EMFs) scientist for National Grid with over 15 years of experience in the role. She is a technical specialist on all aspects of electromagnetic fields including health, policy and compliance. Hayley has worked on large strategic schemes including the DCO for Hinkley Point C connection, the North London Reinforcement Project, and the planning applications for the Western Link HVDC at Flintshire Bridge in Deeside.</p>