

DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENTS

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NEW LEGISLATION – WE CAN HELP YOU COMPLY WITH THIS

Since **August 2006** all planning applications for both outline and full approval **must** be accompanied by a Design and Access Statement.

What is it and what should it cover?

The statement should include information on the Design Process, Amount of Development, Use, Layout, Scale and Appearance of Buildings, Access and last but not least **Landscaping** – i.e. the treatment of all private and public spaces on site in terms of hard and soft landscaping. CABE have produced a useful guide to what should be included within one of these documents; details can be found at: <http://www.cabe.org.uk/publications.aspx>

How we can help you

We can assess the key landscape factors – both existing and proposed – that may influence the granting of planning permission and prepare for you a **Landscape Statement**, together with **Detailed Landscape Drawings** showing the location and specification of the items discussed in the statement. If there are any trees on or near the site we can also provide you with a **Tree Report** (to British Standard BS 5837:2005) accompanied by easy-to-read drawings.

It has always been our experience that input from the Landscape Architect at this stage ensures a much smoother passage through the planning process and this will be more important than ever under this new legislation.

But don't forget that we can also help you with

Site Assessment – *an assessment of key landscape issues prior to a decision to purchase a site.*

Japanese Knotweed – *advice on alternative methods of treatment together with a professional monitoring service.*

Visual Impact Assessment – *for developments in sensitive locations plus Expert Witness at Public Inquiries.*

Landscape Management – *Method Statements, Specifications and Contract Administration.*

Please contact Martin Popplewell, Mark Topping or Nick Snook if you require help with any or all of the above. Rest assured you will always receive from us an **efficient, friendly service** that offers **value for money**.

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