



Position: Director

Qualifications

BA Anthropology and History, Texas Christian University, 2002

Member of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (MCIfA)

Career Profile

2020 – Present	Director, Landgag Heritage
2016 – 2020	Director (Technical), Orion Heritage
2014 – 2016	Director (Archaeology), CgMs Consulting
2011 – 2014	Senior Associate Director, CgMs Consulting
2009 – 2011	Contracts and Commercial Manager, Oxford Archaeology
2007 – 2009	Senior Project Manager (Contracts), Oxford Archaeology
2005 – 2006	Contracts Officer, Oxford Archaeology
2004 – 2005	Site Supervisor, Oxford Archaeology
2003 – 2004	Archaeologist, Oxford Archaeology
Autumn 2002	Archaeologist, R.C. Goodwin & Associates, U.S.A.

Profile and Relevant Experience

William has more than 20 years of professional experience as a field archaeologist, project and contracts manager, as well as a heritage and archaeology consultant. This includes experience advising on heritage planning matters in a wide range of sectors, including Renewables, Utilities, Transport (roads and rail), Residential, Aggregates, Commercial and Retail, for clients ranging from individuals to large corporations and public bodies across the UK.

He has:

- Expertise in heritage policy and legislation, as well as the assessment of setting and significance of heritage assets.
- Produced numerous desk-based assessments, heritage statements, settings impact assessments and Cultural Heritage ES Chapters.
- Experience in acting as an expert witness in planning appeals and examinations in public for local plan hearings.
- Extensive market knowledge, including for all types of archaeological project work and with contacts in local authorities and with archaeology sub-contractors.
- Experience in the management and delivery of major archaeological projects on budget and to agreed programme.

Project Examples

Land at Railway Street, Hertford – Expert witness for planning inquiry following refusal of planning in part due to the alleged impact on the Hertford Conservation Area. Services provided by Landgag included the production of a heritage proof of evidence and giving evidence at the inquiry. The planning inspector agreed with our position that the scheme would preserve the significance of the conservation area and nearby listed buildings. For this and other reasons the refusal was reversed and the appeal was allowed in 2024. Client: Churchill Retirement Living.

Aspects Leisure Centre, Bedford – The site comprised a leisure centre which was situated on the site of the remains of Newnham Priory, a scheduled ancient monument. The clients, Kennedy Wilson PLC in partnership with Bedford Borough Council, wanted to redevelop the site, however the presence of the monument presented a serious constraint to the delivery of the proposed development. After initial resistance from Historic England, Will was commissioned to assist in developing an acceptable scheme. By providing a revised evidence base, approach and policy justification, together with a package of benefits to the monument, Will was able to gain agreement from Historic England and Bedford Borough Council's archaeological officer that the site could be developed. Scheduled Monument Consent for the scheme was granted in 2019. Client: Kennedy Wilson PLC

Nansledan, Newquay – The Nansledan Development is a strategic extension of Newquay, in Cornwall. The development site covers over 100ha and contains a rich archaeological resource. Will has managed the archaeological and heritage works on the Nansledan project since 2014 and has worked to ensure that archaeological remains are properly recorded prior to the development of each phase. More recently, Will has also produced a cultural heritage ES chapter, to support the allocation of the Nansledan under a Local Development Order. Client: Nansledan Consortia (Duchy of Cornwall, CG Fry & Son, Morrish Homes, and Wainhomes South West)

Land at Black Peak Farm – Site comprised land adjacent to a Scheduled Ancient Monument and which contained significant archaeological remains. Will managed a significant programme of archaeological works, and used the resulting data in discussions with Historic England and the LPA Archaeological Officer to agree a suitable strategy to allow the installation of a solar farm (over 58ha) next to the monument. Client: Lightsource Renewable Energy.

Pulham's Coach Yard, Bourton-on-the-Water – Expert Witness for archaeological matters at planning appeal hearing on a site refused in part due to the effect on the setting of a Scheduled Ancient Monument adjacent to the appeal site. Successfully demonstrated that the significant adverse effects that Historic England claimed would result from development would in fact be negligible. Client: McCarthy and Stone.

Land at Brooklands, Milton Keynes – Managed major programme of archaeological works, which comprised the excavation of 350 trenches and 7ha of detailed archaeological excavation ahead of the construction of a residential scheme. Budget was £700,000, and works were delivered to budget and agreed timescale. Client: Places for People.