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Experience:

I am a Licentiate to the Royal Town Planning Institute and currently working towards qualifying as a Member. I hold a Masters degree in Urban and Regional Planning and a degree in Geography obtained from the University of Birmingham and Loughborough University respectively.

My dissertation considered the impact of CIL on financing sport and recreation in Oxfordshire and will feature at the Annual Midlands Development Management Conference in October 2018.

Prior to joining Optimis I worked within a sports planning consultancy where we worked with local authorities in establishing policies for sport and leisure as part of the evidence base for Local Plans.

Since joining Optimis my work has focused on residential development, and viability assessments. I have worked on both large-scale major developments in addition to minor schemes.

Specialism: Planning, Viability, Section 106 and the Community infrastructure Levy.

Key Cases:

- London - Non-material amendment for residential scheme in Westminster
- Luton – Reduction in affordable housing contribution for a flatted scheme, through viability appraisal negotiations.
- St Albans – Secured planning permission for the conversion of existing building into flats.