



Richard Barnes – Associate Director

High-level engagement

Southern Home Counties and Conservative London Boroughs

Richard was first elected to the London Borough of Hillingdon in 1982, serving until he stood down in 2014. He served as Leader of the Council, 1991 – 1993 and from 1998 – 2000 when he was elected to the Greater London Assembly (GLA). Richard was Group Leader of the Conservative Group until his appointment by Mayor Boris Johnson as the Statutory Deputy Mayor, 2008 – 2012.

During Richard's long and distinguished career he established an encyclopaedic knowledge of the manner in which Local Government works and especially the interaction of Councils with Regional Authorities and Assemblies. An opaque and challenging relationship that requires the utmost care and attention to achieve a successful partnership.

Through his work on both the Council and the GLA he gained valuable insight into the planning process, particularly with regard to Green Belt issues, major regeneration – both housing and industrial project such as Stockley Park, together with the Olympic Park and the Elizabeth Line.

His responsibilities for the Mayoral Community policies has given him unrivalled insight into communication and consultation with the communities that have created the diversity of the United Kingdom.

Richard has maintained his contact with former colleagues, on both sides of the political debate, many of whom are now senior Ministers and Members of Parliament.

Specialist expertise

- Former leader of a Council
- Regional Government (GLA)
- Major Planning Application (regional level)
- Local Plan promotions
- High-level stakeholder engagement (Leadership of Councils, Regional Assemblies and Ministerial)

Geographic areas

- London
- South-East
- Southern Home Counties

Achievements

- 100+ successful development projects across the UK