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Expert Witness

Robust, professional, experienced

Experienced

Joe Abrams, a founder and Director of the company, provides Expert Witness services for our company. He has extensive experience in the heritage and archaeology sector/s in the UK. He has led numerous teams of consultants, in several companies, operating across the UK. He regularly mentored these teams and contributed directly to projects. Many of these involved renewable energy (primarily Solar and Wind) and property (residential and commercial) related proposals. This work was at all stages of appeal including:

- Preparation of Proof of Evidence
- Preparation of Statement of Common Ground
- Written representation/s
- Meetings with Design Team, Legal advisors
- Appearing as Expert Witness
- Rebuttal letters

Training and Qualifications

Joe obtained a Degree in Archaeology in 1995 and has worked in the commercial heritage sector since 1998. He is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London and a Member of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (MCIfA). He has been the responsible postholder for a Registered Organisation with the CfA and has served as a member of the Advisory Council to the CfA.

Training directly relevant to the task of expert witness is as follows. I hold:

- *The Cardiff University Bond Solon (CUBS) Expert Witness Civil Certificate (2022)*

To complete my Cardiff University Bond Solon (CUBS) Civil Expert Witness Certificate I have undergone the following Bond Solon expert witness training courses:

- *Civil or Family or Criminal Law and Procedure (2021)*
- *Excellence in Report Writing (2021)*
- *Courtroom Skills (2021)*
- *Cross-Examination Day (2021)*

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Who often uses this service?

Renewable Energy developers

Commercial and Residential Property developers

Why use this Service?

To provide expert witness at public inquiry (Archaeology and Heritage)

Professional Standards and Guidance

The Setting of Heritage Assets
Standard 2. Historic Environment Good Practice Advice in Planning: 3

Commercial Renewable Energy Development and the Historic Environment: Historic England Advice Note 15

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Additional, relevant training is as follows:

- *Harm in the Historic Environment (2021)*

This course is run by the Oxford University Department for Continuing Education and covers the important topic of harm and the language used to describe it.

- *Commercial Renewable Energy Development and the Historic (2021)*

This was hosted by Historic England and covered the topic from the perspective of Historic England including a review of guidance.

- *Public Inquiry Training*

The training involved attending and listening to a mock inquiry with questions, cross-examination. The course followed the ideas discussed in The Harm Paradox and The Trouble with Significance, both by Dr Jonathan Edis (2019).

Reputation

Joe has taken an active role in raising and maintaining professional standards within the sector and has a well established reputation for doing so. He has worked as a professional conduct assessor for the complaints section of the ClfA. He also served on an ethics working group for the Society of Antiquaries of London. These activities and the knowledge and processes they required are all fed into his work as an expert witness. He has written various articles on professional ethics and how they may apply to the commercial heritage sector.

Where to find us

- National Register of University Certificated Expert Witnesses (Bond Solon) <https://register.bondsolon.com/>
- Company website <https://www.abramsarchaeology.co.uk/>
- Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (ClfA), Directory of Accredited Professionals <https://www.archaeologists.net/directory-of-accredited-professionals>

Go ahead and ask.....

If you would like to talk over a site or any of the topics mentioned above, please give us a call or send an email. We are happy to help out with some preliminary observations on archaeology and heritage.

Find out More:

<https://www.abramsarchaeology.co.uk/>

<https://www.abramsarchaeology.co.uk/blog-commercial-archaeology>

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