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Areas of expertise:

Vicki Cooper is an expert across a range of waste disciplines. Having formerly **managed waste collection and processing facilities**, she is able to combine practical hands-on experience with extensive subject knowledge on key regulatory requirements. In particular, Vicki has dealt with a large number of **environmental permits** and associated **planning, EMS and IED** that have required lengthy and detailed involvement with **enforcement bodies** and **local authorities**. Vicki also has well recognised technical expertise in dealing with **transfrontier** movements of waste and recyclables, **producer responsibility** and **quality management systems**.



Relevant experience includes:

Examples of her key work and experiences are:

- **Environmental permitting** – *written and obtained >70 Environmental Permits. Surrendered >10 waste facilities – includes arranging ground contamination analysis and negotiating exit plans.*
- **Waste planning** – *written and obtained >30 sui generis waste planning permissions. Successfully obtained certificate of lawful use on land with enforcement notice for waste activity.*
- **Expert witness** – *support in a planning appeal won against Bolton Council for permission to extend the land and operating hours of a metal recycling facility and to develop a recycling building.*
- **Due diligence** – *financial and operational assessment of waste businesses.*
- **Transfrontier shipment** – *hazardous waste shipments, RDF and mixed packaging to European destinations and negotiation with European Competent Authorities; recycling exports to non-EU countries.*
- **Environmental management plans** – *written and implemented >40 Environmental Management Plans across a range of areas including fire, accident, drainage, odour, noise, pest control, litter.*
- **ISO14001 and CMS** – *qualified lead auditor. Implemented ISO14001 and CMS to certified level.*
- **Legal compliance review** – *provided environmental legislation compliance audits for >30 companies*
- **Operational improvement support** – *interim management and secondment to recycling facilities to provide Business Management support, commercial and operational improvement support.*
- **Water discharge consents** – *obtained /surrendered > 10 water consents.*
- **Producer responsibility regulations** – *registered companies for the Packaging Waste, WEEE and Batteries Regulations and manage exporter and reprocessor approvals for numerous companies.*
- **Civil sanctions** – *negotiated Enforcement Undertaking for >5 companies.*

Qualifications and training:

- Environmental and Business Management BA (Hons)
- Environmental Law LLM
- WAMITAB (CoTC) – Managing hazardous operations – level 4
- Lead auditor – IRCA No. 01200282
- EMS auditor
- Expert Witness Training