



LAURA FERN



Laura has a BA(hons) in Town and Country Planning, a Diploma in Town Planning (urban design focussed) and is a Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute.

She started her professional town planning career 7 years ago, following her graduation from Newcastle University. Although she is based in Yorkshire, Laura has worked on projects throughout England and Wales.

Laura has valuable experience in dealing with Green Belt land, and has also worked on projects involving Listed Buildings in rural locations and Conservation Areas.

Laura was successful in gaining planning approval at an Appeal Hearing for a temporary essential worker's dwelling attached to a newly formed equestrian business. The site was challenging given its setting within the Green Belt, a Conservation Area and a designated Special Landscape Area. However, the Inspector concluded that an essential need had been demonstrated and that the property was appropriately sited. A planning application will be submitted in due course for a permanent dwelling once the financial stability and longevity of the business can be demonstrated.

She has a keen interest in Listed Buildings, particularly those in countryside settings. In previous employment, Laura successfully project managed a planning application to return a stately home back to its former glory, which had been more recently used as an office building following the addition of a concrete extension in the 1960s. This complex site is within the Green Belt and a Special Landscape Area, and was particularly sensitive from an ecological point of view.

More recently, Laura successfully project managed an application for 5 no. dwellings on a redundant agricultural site.

Laura continues to provide advice to a variety of clients with regards to barn conversions and agricultural buildings under Permitted Development, as well as assisting in promoting land for future development.

In her personal life, Laura enjoys spending time in the countryside. She has family connections in the farming industry and has a horse of her own, resulting in an excellent understanding of rural life and equestrian enterprises.

