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- 1.1.1 The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) has been undertaken by AECOM on behalf of EP Waste Management Limited.
- 1.1.2 AECOM is a global provider of professional technical and management support services. In the UK, EIA co-ordination and preparation is undertaken by AECOM's in-house resource of over 300 environmental specialists. AECOM's specialists cover the whole spectrum of environmental skills including air quality, ecology, geo-environmental sciences, hydrology, landscape architecture, socio-economics, land use planning and acoustics.
- 1.1.3 AECOM is registered to the EIA Quality Mark. The EIA Quality Mark is a scheme operated by the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) that allows organisations (both developers and consultancies) that lead the co-ordination of statutory EIAs in the UK to make a commitment to excellence in their EIA activities and have this commitment independently reviewed.
- 1.1.4 The EIA Quality Mark registrants adhere to seven key commitments. These commitments underpin and keep the high standard of the scheme:
- EIA Management – We commit to using effective project control and management processes to deliver quality in the EIA we co-ordinate and the Environmental Statements we produce.
 - EIA Team Capabilities – We commit to ensuring that all our EIA staff have the opportunity to undertake regular and relevant continuing professional development.
 - EIA Regulatory Compliance – We commit to delivering Environmental Statements that meet the requirements established within the appropriate UK EIA Regulations.
 - EIA Context & Influence – We commit to ensuring that all EIAs we coordinate are effectively scoped and that we will transparently indicate how the EIA process, and any consultation undertaken, influenced the development proposed and any alternatives considered.
 - EIA Content – We commit to undertaking assessments that include: a robust analysis of the relevant baseline; assessment and transparent evaluation of impact significance; and an effective description of measures designed to monitor and manage significant effects.
 - EIA Presentation – We commit to deliver Environmental Statements that set out environmental information in a transparent and understandable manner.
 - Improving EIA practice – We commit to enhance the profile of good quality EIA by working with IEMA to deliver a mutually agreed set of activities, on an annual basis, and by making appropriate examples of our work available to the wider EIA community.
- 1.1.5 This ES has been coordinated and reviewed by AECOM. The authors have considerable experience in all aspects of EIA. AECOM's EIA co-ordinators are highly competent managers of multi-disciplinary project teams working on large scale complex projects.

1.1.6 Specialist topics addressed in this ES have been prepared by competent and experienced experts and reviewed by appropriately qualified discipline leads across the various subjects, as shown in Table 1C.2 below.

Table 1C.2: Topic Lead Competent Expert Evidence

TOPIC	RELEVANT ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS	RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
EIA Lead	BSc, MSc	Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv), Member of the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (MIEMA)
Air Quality	BSc, MSc	CEnv, Member of the Institute of Environmental Sciences (MIEnvSc), Member of the Institute of Air Quality Management (MIAQM)
	MEng	MIEnvSc MIAQM
Noise and Vibration	BSc (Hons), MSc, PG Dip	Corporate Member of the Institute of Acoustics (MIOA)
Traffic and Transport	BSc (Hons), MSc	Member of the Chartered Institute of Highways and Transportation (CIHT)
Ecology	BSc (Hons), PhD	Member of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management(CIEEM), CEnv
Landscape and Visual	BA (Hons), Grad Dip LA	Chartered Member of the Landscape Institute (CMLI)
Geology, Hydrogeology, Land Contamination	BSc (Hons), MSc	MIEnvSc, CEnv, Chartered Scientist (CSci)
Cultural Heritage	BSc (Hons), MA	Full Member of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (MCIfA)

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Flood Risk, Hydrology and Water Resources	BSc (Hons)	Member of the Chartered Institute of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM) (MCIWEM), Chartered Member of CIWEM (C.WEM), CSci, CEnv
Socio Economics	BSc (Hons), MSc	N/A
Waste Management	BSc	Chartered Chemist (CChem) Member of the Royal Society of Chemistry (MRSC)
Cumulative and Combined Effects	BSc, MSc	CEnv, MIEMA
Human Health	BSc (Hons), MSc	CEnv, Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) Principal EIA Practitioner
Sustainability and Climate Change	BSc, M.Res, Diploma	N/A