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George Lambrick is an Honorary Vice-President of the Council for British Archaeology and from 1999 to 2004 was its Director. Prior to the CBA he worked at Oxford Archaeology for 25 years, having graduated in history from Oxford University. In the 1970s to 1980s he directed excavations on several important Neolithic and Bronze Age ceremonial and funerary complexes in the Thames Valley, including the Rollright Stones, Stanton Harcourt and Drayton/Abingdon, as well as later prehistoric sites.

As Deputy Director of Oxford Archaeology from 1989 to 2004, GL developed and managed their consultancy department. He led cultural heritage studies for EIAs of several major projects including HS1 (the Channel Tunnel Rail Link), M6 Toll motorway, A27 Worthing to Lancing improvements, and a range of major housing, commercial, minerals and forestry developments.

From 2004 to 2006 GL was closely involved in the *Planarch 2* initiative, a European Community funded review of cultural heritage coverage in EIAs in NW Europe, for which he was lead author for the English study (2005), and a contributor to the overall report (2006). In 2008 he completed a review of cultural heritage coverage in EIAs and SEAs in Ireland for the Heritage Council.

In the 1990s GL was a contributor to (the still current) Volume 10 of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (the '*Good Roads Guide*') and co-authored guidance on assessing the cumulative impacts of offshore renewable energy projects for COWRIE (2008). In 2008 he co-authored an internal working review for English Heritage of Planning Inspectors' Reports on cases involving the setting of heritage assets; and for the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists, compiled a consultative review on approaches to assessing effects on the setting of heritage assets. From 2010 to present he has directed a well-received professional training course on *The Setting of Heritage Assets and Places – Current Approaches* for the Dept, Continuing Education, Oxford University.

GL co-authored an English Heritage report on piloting historic landscape characterisation (1999) and lead author of the Hampshire HLC project (1999). For several years from 1999 he was a member of the National Trust's Archaeology Panel, which *inter alia* advised on research proposals at Stonehenge. In 1997 he co-founded the Rollright Trust, which owns and manages the Rollright Stones megalithic complex, chairing the Trust ever since. Since 2014 he has been a Secretary of State appointee to the Conservation Board of the Cotswold AONB, and is a member of its Executive Committee and Working Group on the A417.

GL has acted as an expert witness for Government departments, developers and objector groups. As Director of the CBA he was involved in discussions about the (then) Stonehenge visitor centre proposals and was the CBA's expert witness at the 2004 public inquiry into the previous A303 Stonehenge road scheme. In recent years he has represented NGOs at Examinations-in-Public into strategic plans covered by sustainability appraisals such as Thames Water's Water Resource Management Plan and several District local plans in Oxfordshire. Since 2012 he has been co-director of a Public Inquiry training workshop for heritage professionals organised by the Dept. Continuing Education, Oxford University.