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Andy worked for 28 years in PINS, 25 of them as a Senior Housing and Planning Inspector. His experience is extensive, derived from working under a wide range of legislative regimes in considering the legal requirements and the relevant tests, applying government policy and advice.

Andy's main focus now is neighbourhood plan examinations. He has completed the examination of neighbourhood plans produced in Bollington (Cheshire East); Weston and Basford (Cheshire East); Handforth (Cheshire East); Calveley (Cheshire East); Knutsford (Cheshire East); Poynton with Worth (Cheshire East); Alsager (Cheshire East); Newhall (Cheshire East); Slinfold (Horsham); Farndon (Cheshire West and Chester); No Man's Heath (Cheshire West and Chester); Tarvin (Cheshire West and Chester); Membury (East Devon); Ivinghoe (Aylesbury Vale); Holwell (West Dorset); Upper Marshwood Vale (Dorset); Ellistown and Battleflat (North West Leicestershire); Ab Kettleby (Melton); Upper Broughton (Rushcliffe); Greater Carpenters (London Legacy Development Corporation) and Winkleigh (Torrige).

Andy has recently completed examining the Puttenham Neighbourhood Plan (Guildford) and he is currently examining the Kemble and Ewen Neighbourhood Plan (Cotswold) and the Puddletown Neighbourhood Plan (Dorset).

Links to Andy's reports on Ab Kettleby and Upper Marshwood Vale are provided below:

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<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/west-dorset-and-weymouth-portland/neighbourhood-planning/pdfs/neighbourhood-plan/upper-marshwood-vale/umvnp-report-final-121219.pdf>

Andy has worked on virtually all aspects of PINS casework including section 78 appeals on planning applications, local plans, minerals and waste planning, nationally significant infrastructure projects (NSIPs), planning enforcement, compulsory purchase and transport works orders. As such the application of development plan policy, national policy - latterly the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) - and other government advice has been common to all his cases. He was further a lead member of the local plans advisory team supporting local authorities preparing plans; representing PINS at numerous external Planning events and delivering training to other Planning Inspectors.

Andy's expertise extends to a very significant and varied portfolio of hundreds of planning appeals. He has dealt with small and large-scale housing schemes at various stages of his career, including several significant schemes in central London in Islington, Camden and Tower Hamlets, as well as in the wider countryside.

Andy was one of the first Planning Inspectors to undertake NSIP casework under the Planning Act 2008. Since 2009 Andy has undertaken NSIP casework or similar, beginning with the St Albans Strategic Freight Rail Interchange inquiry in 2009, where the impact of the proposal on nearby residents was one of the main considerations. Additional NSIP casework includes an examination into an offshore wind farm in the North Sea, with associated onshore facilities including a very large substation to be constructed near houses, and an examination into a gas pipeline which would have traversed East Yorkshire from near Selby to the North Sea, with again the impact on nearby residents being a consideration.

Prior to becoming a Planning Inspector in 1988, Andy worked for Wiltshire County Council and Devon County Council.