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Summary of experience

- **Sustainable transport policy and spatial planning** – Masters degree and over a decade of experience in policy development, securing and monitoring developer contributions (Section 106), carbon reduction initiatives, car clubs, cycling and walking promotion, not-for-profit management, community engagement, securing funds, lobbying and social marketing
- **Diverse background** – government, community and academic sectors in the UK, Australia and USA

Positions held

Team Leader (Transport Programmes and Planning Obligations), London Borough of Islington (Feb 2003 to present)

- **Planning obligations (Section 106 funds)** – Overseeing £20-25m programme of developer contributions, including negotiation, allocations and monitoring of spend across all types of schemes
- **Transport policy development** – Including Islington Council's Sustainable Transport Strategy and Local Implementation Plan (2006 and 2011), the council's Travel Plan, and transport aspects of the Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy and supplementary planning documents (SPDs)
- **Cycling and walking** – Establishment of Barclays Cycle Hire, Cycle Superhighways, promotional initiatives and events, engagement with local cycling and walking groups, cycle parking and LCN+ scheme design input
- **Team management** – Managing a team of three to five staff covering Section 106, transport policy and car clubs
- **Securing funds** – Compiling annual LIP funding bids to Transport for London (£2-6 million), as well as other bids to local, regional and national funders
- **Interim Service Head** – Occasional acting up for the Head of Spatial Planning and Transport
- **Awards** – London Transport Award 2010 for Innovation (Vouchers for Permits), Highly commended at the National Transport Awards 2010 for Incentivising Behaviour Change (Vouchers for Permits), Gold Award at the Green Apple awards 2010 for Islington's car club (Project Centre and LB Islington), London Transport Award 2008 for Partnership of the Year for Islington's car club (Streetcar and LB Islington), London Transport Award 2007 for Innovation (ScootAbility), National Transport Award 2006 for Innovation (ScootAbility), London Transport Borough of the Year 2006, TfL Best Council Travel Plan 2006, TfL Sustainable Transport Borough of the Year 2005

Chair – Carplus Trust, registered charity 1093980 (Trustee since 2005, Chair since Nov 2009)

- **Strategic guidance and governance** – Helping steer this small charity through a very difficult period in terms of availability of funding and a number of personnel changes
- **Securing funding** – Helping the team secure substantial funding packages from Transport Scotland, Transport for London, Department for Transport and the Office for Low Emission Vehicles

Smogbusters Project Officer, Queensland Conservation (2000-2002)

- **Campaign management** – Queensland project manager of the national Smogbusters campaign for clean air and sustainable transport, including travel behaviour change initiatives and lobbying
- **Marketing** – media spokesperson, securing sponsorship and co-ordinating events
- **Publications** – research reports, web management and a quarterly newsletter (circulation 1500-2000)
- **Expanding capacity** – supervision of volunteer workforce and facilitation of a community action group
- **Stakeholder negotiation** – participation in government and ministerial committees

Voluntary sustainable transport campaigner (Brisbane, Australia, 1997-2002)

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Qualifications

Master of Environmental Science

Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia, completed 2002

- Coursework focused on transport planning, environmental education and public participation
- Dissertation: "The Role of Participatory Democracy in Achieving Environmental Sustainability: A Review of Community Engagement in Regional Transport Planning in South East Queensland" (40,000 words)
- Grade Point Average (GPA): 6.00 out of 7

Bachelor of Arts (English)

Santa Clara University, California, USA, completed 1996 (4-year degree)

- Grade Point Average (GPA): 3.44 out of 4
- Included one year at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia (GPA: 5.5 out of 7)

Training

- PRINCE2 'Practitioner' project management course (Feb 2008)
- Equalities for Managers (Sept 2006)
- Managing Health and Safety (May 2006)
- ISO14001 Environmental Management Systems Auditor (May 2006)

Brief Profile and Summary of Attributes

- **Dynamic, innovative and strategic thinker**
- **Transformational leader**
- **Enthusiastic team-worker**, including managing a team or working with minimal support
- **Excellent written and oral communication skills**, including media liaison, public speaking, report-writing and academic research
- Ability to **negotiate common understanding** among diverse stakeholders
- **Quick learner and experienced teacher**
- **Excellent information manager** including databases, MS Office suite, website design and management, desktop publishing, network administration and hardware upgrade
- **International experience** having lived and worked in the UK, Australia and the USA
- **Passionate** about promoting sustainable alternatives to the car, making it safer to cycle and walk, improving quality of life and making the world more just

Other information

- **Citizenship:** Australia and United States (plus permanent residency in the United Kingdom)
- **Health:** Very healthy and active; non-smoker; daily cycle commuter and long-distance cycle tourist
- **Memberships:** Transport Planning Society (UK), Campaign for Better Transport, London Cycling Campaign, Sustrans, Living Streets, Ramblers Association, Friends of the Earth, Amnesty

Referees

- Ms Karen Sullivan, Service Director (Planning and Development), Islington Council, 222 Upper Street, London N1 1XR, Tel +44 20 7527 2614, Email karen.sullivan@islington.gov.uk
- Mr Chas Ball, Chief Executive, Carplus, Round Foundry Media Centre, Foundry Street, Leeds, LS11 5QP, Tel +44 113 394 4590, Email chas@carplus.org.uk

Appendix

Publications – UK

- Brewer, Stephanie and Eric Manners (2013), "Planning Obligations (Section 106) Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)", November, <http://www.islington.gov.uk/s106>
- Bergers, Joost and Eric Manners (2011), "Islington's Transport Strategy and Local Implementation Plan 2011-2031", approved by the Mayor of London in January 2011, <http://www.islington.gov.uk/services/parking-roads/Pages/Transport-Strategy.aspx>
- Manners, Eric, Matthew Clark and Liz Halsted (2010), "Determining the market potential for car clubs in Islington and Camden", paper presented at the 8th UK Transport Practitioners Meeting, 20-22 July, <http://ericmanners.net>
- Manners, Eric (2010), "Participative democracy: Deliberative decision-making and social learning", in *An Introduction to Sustainable Transportation: Policy, Planning and Implementation*, by Preston L. Schiller, Eric C. Bruun and Jeffrey R. Kenworthy, Earthscan, London, pp 207-208, http://www.queensu.ca/ensc/graduate/graduatecourses/courselist/EasaSTTreview_SURP889.pdf
- Manners, Eric (2008), "Taking a Comprehensive Approach to Reducing Transport Emissions", paper presented at the 6th UK Transport Practitioners Meeting, Reading, 14-16 July, <http://ericmanners.net>
- Umney, Will, Eric Manners, Ashley Baker-Finch et al. (2007 and 2008), annual Islington Council Local Implementation Plan Annual Progress Reports and funding submissions to Transport for London
- Manners, Eric and Kathryn King (2007), "Islington's New Car Club 'Information Boards': Using Signage to Enforce and Promote", paper presented at the 5th UK Transport Practitioners Meeting, Manchester, 24-25 July, <http://ericmanners.net>
- Manners, Eric, Geoffrey Haines et al. (2006), "Sustainable Transport Strategy for the London Borough of Islington, 2006-2016", Local Implementation Plan approved by the Mayor of London in October 2006 and adopted by the council in December 2006
- Cooijmans, Martijn and Eric Manners (2006), "Green Travel Plan for Islington Council, 2006-2008", developed for the London Borough of Islington, February
- Cooijmans, Martijn and Eric Manners (2005), "Building the UK's Largest Car Club in the London Borough of Islington", paper presented at the 3rd UK Transport Practitioners Meeting, Birmingham, 5-6 July, <http://ericmanners.net>
- Manners, Eric (2003), "Green Travel Plan for Islington Council, 2003-2005", September

Publications – Australia

- Manners, Eric, David Wake and Rachel Carlisle (2009), "Smogbusters: Grassroots Action for Clean Air and Sustainable Transport in Australia", *Applied Environmental Education and Communication*, Volume 8, Issue 1, Jan 2009, pp.18-29, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/15330150902953423>
- Manners, Eric (2002), "The Role of Participatory Democracy in Achieving Environmental Sustainability: A Review of Community Engagement in Regional Transport Planning in South East Queensland", Griffith University Master of Environmental Science Dissertation, submitted November, <http://ericmanners.net>
- Manners, Eric (2002), "Organising a Smogbusters Forum", Smogbusters Queensland, <http://ericmanners.net>
- Bostock, Pat, Paul MacKinnon, Eric Manners, Robyn Davies and Matt Burke (2001), "A Ticket to Ride: Getting passengers on-side and on-board with Integrated Public Transport Tickets", Smogbusters Queensland vision statement, December, <http://ericmanners.net>
- Manners, Eric (2001), "The 'Smogbusters Way to Uni' Resource Kit for Promoting Sustainable Transport to Sustainable Campuses", paper presented at the *Inaugural National Conference of Sustainable Campuses*, Sydney, 27 September, <http://ericmanners.net>
- Manners, Eric (2001), "Smogbusters Way to Uni Good Transport Practices Questionnaire", Smogbusters Queensland, Nov, <http://ericmanners.net>
- Manners, Eric (ed.) (2000-02), *Smogbusters Update* newsletter, Editions 25 to 28, circulation 1500, <http://ericmanners.net>
- Manners, Eric (2000), "Community-Initiated Sustainable Transport Policy and Planning: A Vision for Achieving Urban Sustainability", literature review, May, <http://ericmanners.net>

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- Manners, Eric (2000), "Public Transport Stop Information: A Marketing Action Plan", Smogbusters Queensland, Brisbane, April, <http://ericmanners.net>
- Manners, Eric (2000), Queensland Conservation Council Submission to the Queensland Parliamentary Travelsafe Committee Inquiry into Public Transport in South East Queensland, 11 February, <http://ericmanners.net>
- Manners, Eric and Mick Fanning (1999), "Driver's Guide? It's Time for a Queensland Road Users' Handbook", Bicycle Queensland submission to Queensland Transport, July, <http://ericmanners.net>
- Manners, Eric (1999), "Identified Pedestrian and Cycle Blackspots in Brisbane", submission to Queensland Transport and Brisbane City Council, July, <http://ericmanners.net>

Workshops & Seminars

- "Covering the 1st and the last kilometre of a passenger's journey: all of the actors are responsible", round table discussion at the EU Intermodes Conference (8 February 2012)
- "Congestion on the Road Network", member of London Assembly Transport Committee panel discussion, 9 March 2011, <http://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=173&MId=4214&Ver=4>
- "Green carrots: Car clubs, electric charging points, workplace travel schemes", presentation at Parking Management 2009 conference, Coventry (with Jon Little, Project Centre, 11 November 2009)
- "Car Clubs and the Low Car Neighbourhood", presentation at Carplus seminar "Review of the Car Club Year", London (21 April 2009)
- "How Local Development Frameworks and Supplementary Planning Documents can help cut traffic", presentation at Improving Cities: Cutting Traffic conference, London (13 June 2007)
- "How a car club can speed up the planning process", presentation at Carplus seminar "Car Clubs in New Developments", Reading (18 July 2006)
- "Local Implementation Plans and Community Transport in London", presentation at the Community Transport Event 2005, Manchester (9 Nov 2005)
- "Participatory Planning for Sustainability: Why greater support for walking and cycling depends on broad-scale community involvement in transport decision-making", seminar for PedBikeTrans Australasia sponsored by Griffith University, Brisbane (13 Nov 2002)
- "Sustainability through Participatory Democracy: Why broad-scale (and better) community involvement in environmental decision-making is the only way we'll reach sustainability", workshop at *Reflect, Respect, React*, Griffith University, Brisbane (5 Sept 2002)
- "Smogbusters: Grass-roots action for greener transport", presentation at the 12th Biennial Conference of the Australian Association for Environmental Education Griffith University, Brisbane (with David Wake and Rachel Carlisle, 2-6 July 2002)
- "Campaigning for Sustainable Transport", workshop at the *Students & Sustainability Conference*, Griffith University, Brisbane (with James Whelan, July 2000)
- "Promoting Cycling at Uni", workshop at the *Students & Sustainability Conference*, Griffith University, Brisbane (with Steve Schwartz, July 2000)
- "Community-Driven 50-Year Transport Plans: Developing and Reaching a Vision of Community Sustainability", literature review seminar, Griffith University (22 May 2000)
- "The Smogbusters Clean Air Campaign", workshop at the *Queensland Conservation Groups Conference*, Dalby (with Amy Cupitt, April 2000)
- "Selling Cycling to our Communities: Broadening 'Cycling Advocacy' to 'Sustainable Lifestyle Advocacy'", workshop at the *Australasian Cycling Conference*, Adelaide (with Robyn Davies, February 1999)

Lectures

- "Planning Obligations and CIL in Islington", to University of Westminster MA Urban and Regional Planning students (guest lecture for Duncan Bowie, 19 November 2013)
- "The [Crucial] Role of Environmental Advocacy in Environmental Decision Making", to Griffith University postgraduate students in *Environmental Decision Making* (paid guest lecture, 30 May 2002)
- "Transport Equity", to Griffith University postgraduate students in the *Environmental Planning Studio* (paid guest lecture, with James Whelan, 3 Oct 2000)
- "Community Involvement in Transport Planning", to Griffith University undergraduate students in *Urban Analysis* (guest lecture, 18 April 2000)