

A lush green forest with a small stream flowing through mossy rocks. The scene is filled with tall, thin trees and dense foliage, creating a serene and natural environment. The stream is shallow and flows over large, moss-covered rocks. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and verdant.

# Thomson

environmental  
consultants

Environmental  
Assessment Capabilities





## What we offer

**Thomson**  
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**Thomson environmental consultants is one of the UK's leading environmental consultancies providing a range of services across multiple sectors.**

Our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) team comprises experienced practitioners with a wealth of experience delivering proportionate, evidence based EIAs for major developments, as well as advising clients and local authorities on practical mitigation to minimise impacts on the environment and local communities.

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## What makes us different?

**Thomson**  
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- Single point of contact for environmental services
- Outcome focused approach to EIA with climate change and sustainability objectives at its core
- Experienced practitioners that understand the competing demands of development and environmental protection
- Innovative approaches harnessing technology including our environmental screening app (TESA) and award-winning Thomson Interactive Mapping (TIM) system
- Partnership working with clients. We are invested in your success.

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# Some project examples

## Guildford Borough Council

Preparation of EIA screening and scoping opinions for 5 strategic housing developments within the borough, together with reviews of the Environmental Statements submitted with the planning applications. Provision of EIA and general environmental advice to support the council through the determination process.

## Christmas House, private client

Landscape and visual appraisal for infill development on the edge of the Surrey Hills AONB. Generation of 3D visualisations and tree mapping to support planning application and address concerns raised by local residents.

## Court Hill Triangle, Colas Rail Ltd

Environmental appraisal for the creation of a track renewals compound on a piece of rail-locked land in Lewisham. Environmental constraints mapping and appraisal, including more detailed landscape and visual assessment to support engagement with the local community over the loss of greenspace.

## Wey & Arun canal essential silt (ES) review

Independent review of the ES submitted with the planning application for restoration of a 1km section of the Wey & Arun Canal and provision of environmental advice to the LPA. For Guildford Borough Council.

# Our services

## For developers:

- ✓ Environmental advice and input to feasibility studies and masterplans
- ✓ EIA screening and scoping studies
- ✓ EIA coordination and management
- ✓ Preparing environmental statements
- ✓ Early design stage advice to embed climate change and net gain objectives
- ✓ Desk-based studies and appraisals
- ✓ Baseline surveys and monitoring
- ✓ Multi-disciplinary mitigation design workshops to promote a collaborative approach to addressing environmental impacts
- ✓ Stakeholder engagement
- ✓ Aerial imagery
- ✓ Environmental data management and analysis
- ✓ Green infrastructure planning and design
- ✓ Full range of EIA technical topic assessments

## For local authorities:

- ✓ Preparation of EIA screening and scoping opinions
- ✓ Independent expert reviews of Environmental Statements to ensure legal compliance and best practice
- ✓ Environmental advice throughout the planning process from pre-application through to post-determination discharge of conditions
- ✓ EIA training for planning officers

# EIA – how we can help you

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## Project inception

We can provide environmental support to feasibility studies and early masterplanning, including constraints mapping and preliminary EIA advice.

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## Early scheme design

We can support and advise on environmental constraints and opportunities for initial scheme design.

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## Right people, right skills

One size does not fit all! We put together bespoke teams of environmental specialists that are right for your project and requirements.

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## Iterative design and environmental assessment

Our team will identify the likely significant impacts and work collaboratively with you and your design team to find practicable cost-effective mitigation and enhancement measures, with the goal of achieving the best design with environmental net gain built in.

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## Planning and consent

Our aim is to help you achieve a successful outcome for your project. Our team delivers high quality Environmental Statements to support planning applications and can support you throughout the determination process and post-consent.

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## Site selection

We can develop key site selection criteria, and using GIS tools, undertake analysis of multiple sites to compare suitability for the proposed development.

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## EIA screening

For smaller projects that do not require mandatory EIA, we can undertake screening using our innovative TESA system to identify likely significant effects and determine whether an EIA is required.

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## EIA scoping

Once the need for EIA is established we work with you, topic specialists and key stakeholders to define the scope of the EIA, ensuring it is focused, proportionate and supported by evidence.

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## Stakeholder engagement

Building trust and gaining the support of stakeholders is key to the success of your project. We can support you through the design and delivery of effective engagement strategies.





## A little more about us

**Thomson**  
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**Thomson environmental consultants cover all aspects of environmental consultancy – from smaller surveys through to strategic projects across all ecosystems.**

**We offer multiple specialist services within five business units:**

- Environmental Impact Assessment, Climate Change and Sustainability
- Terrestrial Ecology
- Habitat Management & Arboricultural Services
- GIS and Mapping
- Water and Aquatic Ecology

**Professional Accreditations:**

- Chartered Environmentalists
- IES, IEMA, CIWEM Members

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