LI Election 2025 - Candidate Statement

Chartered Council Member:
Adam Barker FLI

All candidates are required to provide a candidate statement of no more than 250 words that must address the 2 questions below

1. Please summarise your skills and experience relevant to the role for which you are standing
2. Why are you standing for this position and what would you hope to achieve as a member of the Council

Candidate Statement:

Skills and experience
I am a Senior Lecturer in Environmental Planning in the Department of Planning, Property and Environmental Management (PPEM), University of Manchester. I have an interdisciplinary professional background and am a Fellow of the Landscape Institute (FLI), a Chartered Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (MRTPI) and an Affiliate of the Institute for Environmental Management and Assessment (AIEMA). Both my research and teaching operate on the boundary between landscape theory and practice. I have extensive experience of services to leadership, ethics, equality and diversity. I have served on university EDI and Athena Swann committees, am a current Board Member of the LI (ends 2025), Member of the LI Governance Reform Group, and a former Secretary of State Appointee to the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

Motivation
I have a specific interest in supporting the transition to improved governance processes within the LI. If successfully appointed to Council I would hope to use my experience of working on institutional reform to improve responsiveness to member needs whilst providing appropriate guidance and advice to the Board. As a practice-facing academic, I would also look to support Council in promoting the relevance and influence of the LI in responding to contemporary landscape challenges. In particular, I am keen to advocate the role that landscape professionals can play in enhancing climate change adaptation, societal wellbeing and urban inclusiveness.

Current membership of any other organisations:

Royal Town Planning Institute- Chartered Member
Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA)