LI Election 2025 - Candidate Statement

Chartered Council Member:
Robert Sewell CMLI

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:

Landscape is central to the biggest challenges of our time, from climate change to shifting mobility models and social fairness. Our profession is uniquely holistic: it's not just about plants, but about how we move, breathe, socialise and thrive. I'm standing for Council because I want the LI to be bold, vocal, and work closely with other professional bodies - making sure landscape is considered from the outset, not as an afterthought.

I'm a Chartered Landscape Architect working across infrastructure, public realm and grassroots community projects, delivering schemes across disciplines from housing to highways. I currently work as a Senior Landscape Architect at Arcadis, and previously at WSP and LHC, building a grounded understanding of how landscapes are planned, designed and managed. I have also served on the Devon Countryside Access Forum, championing better access to landscapes for all, and now serve as a Parish Councillor. These roles have developed my ability to work collaboratively and turn ideas into action.

I will bring directness, energy, and a genuine curiosity about members' interests and values. I want to raise the profile of Landscape Architecture — moving beyond the perception of it as 'fluff around buildings' — and highlight its role as the vital glue that connects people, place and nature. I will foster collaboration across disciplines to deliver sustainable outcomes, placing landscape thinking at the heart of our country's future.

Current membership of any other organisations:

Sticklepath Parish Council