LI Election 2025 - Candidate Statement

Honorary Secretary:
Mark Smeeden 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:

Early experience included local authorities and a Development Corporation. I then worked for a land reclamation company followed by a national practice of landscape architects. This experience has given me some insight into the variety of organisations within which members work.

I was a founding partner in Smeeden Foreman and helped developed an integrated practice of landscape architects, ecologists and arboriculturalists. Our practice has won competitions and awards and contributed to a wide variety of projects ranging in scale from major engineering projects to private gardens. Work for our team encompasses landscape planning through to implementation and management. A breadth of work

which reflects some of the scope of activities within which the Landscape Institute membership is engaged. Part of what makes the landscape profession so stimulating is the extent of our professional interests and I am committed to the Landscape Institute providing support to members to enable them to offer the widest range of services, and to the highest possible standards. This has never been more important as the landscape profession makes strides to increase our presence and influence in both public and professional spheres.

The Honorary Secretary has a role as a trustee of the Institute and has recently become the ex-officio chair of the new Membership and Professional Standards Standing Committee. I am committed to using this opportunity to help the Landscape Institute be the best support possible for members delivering our charitable objectives and professional services to make this a better world in which to live.

Current membership of any other organisations:

Chartered Institute of Horticulture