LI Election 2025 - Candidate Statement

Chartered Council Member:
Akash Wadhawan 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:

I am currently on the Advisory Council, having joined in 2023, and want to continue to contribute with the learning gains I have made so far.

I have been on the LI South East Committee for a number of years, as Treasurer, Chair and now an ordinary member. I have sought to support the SE members in knowledge exchange and networking, which is useful for colleagues working as solo practitioners, in smaller practices or the public sector. Practicing in a small practise, I bring an understanding of challenges faced, especially skills [shortage].

Landscape Architecture has a key role to play in helping to enhance the role of nature in our everyday lives, by influencing the policy and decisions makers, collaborating with allied professions and teaching the next generation. We, as landscape architects, can be responsible stewards in working with the land to aid green recovery, enhance biodiversity and strengthen green infrastructure, while creating spaces which provide equal access to people from all walks of life.

As part of the current corporate strategy, the Landscape Institute has focused on the goals of increasing the influence and relevance of the profession, alongside seeking inclusive growth. I would continue to promote these goals by highlighting the positive contribution of the landscape profession in the form of innovative work and projects which promote nature recovery, sustainable design and equitable outcomes for all stakeholders. I would also support the LI to enhance collaboration with allied disciplines to increase the LI profile and reach.

Current membership of any other organisations:

Urban Design Group