LI Election 2025 - Candidate Statement

Chartered Council Member:
Daniel Smith 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:

As a proud Fellow of the Landscape Institute since 2024, I am deeply committed to advancing the profession, both internally and externally, at every opportunity. I find great fulfilment in mentoring through the P2C program, supporting colleagues, and particularly enjoy tackling complex challenges in projects of all sizes.

My career in private practice spans over 20 years, including experience with startups and companies employing over 75,000 people. This breadth of experience has equipped me with strong skills in team leadership, budget management, project delivery, and portfolio oversight across both UK and Middle Eastern contexts.

My years living and working in Qatar, Abu Dhabi, and Saudi Arabia provided an invaluable international perspective and fostered a proactive, solutions-oriented approach to construction projects.

Why I am seeking a position on the LI Council:

My previous tenure on the LI Council in 2007 as a Licentiate Member offered unique insight into the organisation's operations and commendable work. However, it also highlighted a persistent challenge: effectively communicating these efforts to the membership. This remains an area for improvement, and I am eager to rejoin the Council to actively address these communication gaps and find practical solutions to concerns often raised by members.

Current membership of any other organisations:

ASLA