LI Election 2025 - Candidate Statement

Vice President:
Mike Spence 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 have been a member of the Landscape Institute for 36 years. During that time I have worked in local government, private practice and environmental consulting. For the past 25 years I have run my own LI Registered Practice (MSEnvision) which has been at the forefront of technical innovation and developing good practice guidance in landscape planning.

I am a designer by training but it is landscape planning that I have helped forge confidence in the technical competence and standards of the landscape profession. I have worked within the Landscape Institute Technical Committee sub-committee on photography and visualisation work. I have been responsible for initiating good practice guidance in geospatial applications, such as ZTVs/ZVIs. I have worked for the IEMA EIA Technical Steering Group(2019-2022) and been a Peer Reviewer for the Sheffield University Landscape Course (2019-2024).

I was the Digital Technologies and Photography/Visualisations technical author for the LI competency framework

I have worked alongside the National Trust, Historic England, Friends of the Earth, Historic Royal Palaces and RBG Kew on important heritage projects. I have also worked on the Bath World Heritage City strategic views and tall buildings strategies in Hounslow and Derby.

I have also worked for SNH on their windfarm visualisation good practice guidance (in 2015-17) and recently undertook research on windfarm aviation lighting proposals.

I bring 30 years of landscape planning competence and confidence to the table, and would like to help organise and coordinate the LI's first conference on Landscape Planning/LVIA/TVIA.

Current membership of any other organisations:

Institute of Environmental Management & Assessment
Royal Geographical Society