



AUTUMN 2018



MD's first word

I am pleased to announce that mode continues to grow steadily and that the company is starting to gain recognition for our hard work; not only from the continued support from our clients, but also from outside of our industry with the award that we won recently. I firmly believe that our growth can be attributed to our staff, for it is staff and their knowledge that are mode's key asset in delivering our clients' needs and aspirations.

We have had a number of staff appointments in Birmingham, Reading and Manchester over the last 12 months, which have facilitated relocations of existing staff into our new London office; continued recruitment of high-quality staff will remain a key focus for the business into 2019.



Driving EV forward

UK Government has, this year, implemented new policy to force a step change away from reliance on the traditional combustion engine; their 'Roads to Zero' strategy predicts that half of all new car sales will be Electric Vehicle (EV) by 2020. Transport Secretary, Chris Grayling, announced this as the "new age of the car".

Car manufacturers are taking note: Volvo has committed to exclusively plug-in electric cars by 2019, whilst there is now a growing luxury EV market with the likes of Jaguar, BMW and even Porsche following Tesla by making steps to leave the traditional engine behind!

Inevitably, there will be greater emphasis on EV provision in new developments; mode is working closely with both EV providers and developers to consider types of charging point and where they are placed, who is responsible for them as well as their integration with the public realm.

As part of our commitment to EV strategies, we've been working onsite at the Elmsbrook 'Exemplar' Eco-development, North-West Bicester, Oxfordshire; the challenges of promoting a step change to EV is currently being documented by mode through ongoing Travel Plan Co-ordination.

Every new home, office and even lamp post will have an electric vehicle charging point

Our clients have differing EV needs and there are benefits (and differing costs) to the EV technology available at this stage; most EV owners are also likely to need a top-up charge for longer journeys, so charging points in retail car parks may offer the difference between attracting customers or not! Our partnerships with EV suppliers allows us to advise on various on-site options associated with different types of development:

- Residential (Home charging);
- Work places (Destination charging); and
- Retail (En-Route charging).

As EV charging increases in importance, mode is leading the way in incorporating EV strategies into our transport advice and making cases for certain levels of provision in our Transport Assessments; before implementing their delivery through well-considered and actively managed Travel Plans.

mode provides the following services

- transport assessment
- travel plans
- environmental impact assessments
- transportation inputs to masterplans
- sustainable travel studies
- transport policy review
- junction design
- traffic modelling
- public consultation
- inputs to public realm design
- section 106 negotiation
- expert witness at planning inquiry

Birmingham

Our head office continues to grow and 2018 has been no exception; mode supported the Midlands Engine tent at mipim in Cannes; the office continues to be appointed on large strategic projects and we have successfully defended three applications at Public Inquiry.

We have had new staff join and we have put things in place to continue our successful graduate recruitment programme and we are exploring the national Transport Planning Apprenticeship scheme for 2019.

London

We continue to expand our London offering with a new office location above the Stables Market at Chalk Farm in Camden; with more room and improved facilities the office has seen a 300% growth in staffing and projects over the last 12 months. The team are currently working with a number of London based clients such as LandSec, Bart's Health NHS Trust and RAF Hendon.

Manchester

Our Manchester office has entered its third year and continues to deliver projects of all types and sizes. Our northern based team has been advising on schemes ranging from small residential schemes, all the way up to the strategic masterplans. The team are currently providing transport and highways due diligence advice for a large number of former Toys R Us sites across the UK.

Reading

It was a big change from the centre of Oxford, but mode's Thames Valley team have embraced the new co-working offices at Spaces in Reading; having hosted clients, planners, architects and even 'Constructing Excellence Berkshire' over the last year. If you haven't been for a coffee and toured the building, then please do get in touch!

#themodeway

During the summer, mode staff came together to show off their combat skills at one of the UK's leading paintballing sites! Needless to say, most of the mode staff came away with many bruises and broken egos; all except Mark "one shot, one kill" Edwards!



& finally...

mode transport planning is pleased to be announced as winner of the City of Birmingham Business Award for "Contribution to Transport and Infrastructure 2018"; we are particularly proud of this achievement as we were competing against some big names within the industry that included WSP and Mott MacDonald.



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