

# STEWARDSHIP SUPPORT

Hyas provides specialist support to help Local Planning Authorities, landowners, and delivery partners embed effective, long-term stewardship into plans, projects, and place-based strategies. Our approach is grounded in practical experience, collaborative working, and a deep understanding of how stewardship can secure high-quality, well-managed places over time.

## KNOWLEDGE & RESOURCES

- Provision of comprehensive guidance notes, detailed case studies, and good practice examples that illustrate successful stewardship models, helping to inform decision-making and inspire effective implementation.
- Signposting to relevant contacts and resources for ongoing support, ensuring clients have access to the latest tools, funding opportunities, and expert advice to sustain stewardship efforts over the long term.
- Access to a wide network of experts and practitioners in stewardship and place management, enabling clients to draw on diverse insights, innovative solutions, and proven methodologies to enhance place-based stewardship outcomes.
- The opportunity to facilitate expert-led sessions and workshops that bring together diverse specialists to provide tailored advice, share innovative ideas, and foster collaborative discussions with local authorities and stakeholders to enhance stewardship strategies.

## STRATEGY & POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- Shaping stewardship visions and objectives tailored to local context, ensuring alignment with local authority priorities and community aspirations to foster sustainable outcomes.
- Providing advice on existing governance structures for stewardship, assessing their effectiveness, and identifying opportunities to align governance with community desires and emerging stewardship priorities. This includes understanding local aspirations, potential challenges, and pathways to enhance collaborative management and long-term place stewardship.
- Drafting Terms of Reference, governance frameworks, and strategies for long-term sustainability, providing clear roles, responsibilities, and accountability mechanisms to support effective stewardship.
- Advising on policy wording for stewardship, asset transfer, and community management to ensure clarity, enforceability, and adaptability over time.
- Integrating stewardship principles into planning policy, delivery strategies, and business cases to embed long-term management and maintenance considerations from the outset.
- Providing guidance on funding model options, including innovative and sustainable financial mechanisms to support ongoing stewardship activities.
- Supporting the integration of stewardship into phasing and delivery strategies to ensure seamless transition from development to long-term management and community involvement.

## ENGAGEMENT

- Facilitating working groups and multi-stakeholder workshops to co-design stewardship approaches, ensuring diverse perspectives are incorporated and fostering collaborative ownership of stewardship outcomes.
- Leading stakeholder engagement with infrastructure providers, community representatives, and delivery partners to build consensus, address concerns, and promote shared responsibility for long-term place management.

## IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING THIS FURTHER PLEASE CONTACT:



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# STEWARDSHIP SUPPORT - CASE STUDIES

## HEMEL GARDEN COMMUNITIES

- Hyas has provided comprehensive strategic support to the Hemel Garden Communities (HGC) programme to help establish a robust, future-proofed approach to long-term stewardship and placemaking. Working alongside local authorities, landowners, developers and community partners, Hyas has supported the HGC to shape a stewardship framework that ensures high quality assets, community facilities and public spaces are well managed, financially sustainable, and aligned with local aspirations for decades to come.
- Drawing on national best practice and local context, Hyas input into the production of the HGC Stewardship & Placemaking SPD, to define the vision, objectives and delivery pathway for a Programme wide model. This included options for establishing an Umbrella Stewardship Body or Stewardship Hubs Model to deliver consistent, accountable and community centred management of open spaces, facilities and infrastructure across the programme area. Hyas also supported the development of policy wording for both emerging Local Plans in Dacorum and St Albans.
- To support implementation, Hyas presented at working groups, developer sessions and the HGC Stewardship Advisory Group, helping stakeholders co-design governance structures, shape the role of a Shadow Board, and explore sustainable income models.
- This collaborative process has ensured alignment across partners and created a unified 'One Place' approach that will integrate stewardship from pre-application stages through to asset transfer and long-term operation.

- Through strategic advice, policy development, governance and financial modelling, workshops and facilitation, Hyas has supported HGC to embed stewardship at the heart of its growth strategy, creating the conditions for well-managed neighbourhoods, community empowerment and resilient, high-quality places for future generations.

## RAF HALTON: STEWARDSHIP & LONG-TERM PLACE MANAGEMENT

- Hyas provided strategic and technical support to Buckinghamshire Council and partners throughout the preparation of the RAF Halton Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), ensuring that long-term stewardship, community benefit, and sustainable management were embedded from the outset. The SPD sets out a comprehensive framework for transforming the decommissioned RAF base into 'Halton Woods', a landscape led, heritage rich and highly connected new community delivering 1,000 homes, extensive green space, community facilities, and retained sports assets.
- Hyas helped shape the vision and objectives for the redevelopment, emphasising the need for robust stewardship of the site's 50% green infrastructure, extensive heritage assets, and long-term community facilities including the Nuffield Pavilion, sports fields, play spaces, Registered Park & Garden, woodland and parkland corridors. Through structured engagement with Buckinghamshire Council officers, Halton Parish Council, Historic England, and the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO), Hyas facilitated a collaborative approach to identifying how these assets should be protected, enhanced, and sustained in perpetuity.

- A key contribution from Hyas was translating complex delivery requirements, including green infrastructure, sports provision, community buildings, SUDS, accessibility routes, and heritage settings into a clear and phased delivery framework that highlights the need for long-term governance mechanisms and early consideration of stewardship models. The SPD sets out expectations for future planning applications to identify ownership, management responsibilities, and funding arrangements for public spaces and community assets, ensuring they remain high-quality and well-maintained as the new neighbourhood evolves.
- Hyas also supported the Council in exploring options for community involvement in long-term management, reflecting local aspirations for the Parish Council to take a leading role in taking on the pavilion and sports field stewardship. Alongside ensuring alignment with policy requirements, viability considerations, and the complexities of a phased redevelopment potentially involving multiple landowners or developers. The resulting SPD provides a strong foundation for a sustainable stewardship approach that respects RAF Halton's rich heritage, delivers accessible and well-designed landscapes, and secures a long-lasting legacy for both new and existing residents.

