

Senior Planner– Majors & Mineral’s Team

Grade 12

Role Description

We are a large Metropolitan district authority which includes the thriving University town of Huddersfield and the stunning Pennine countryside. We have ambitious plans to kick start the regeneration of Dewsbury. We have diverse towns and villages ranging from Dewsbury at the edge of Leeds to Holmfirth at the edge of the Peak District.

At Kirklees we are expecting big changes. We recently adopted our Local Plan and have big ambitions for growth and development. Our Local Plan sets ambitious housing and employment targets which we are excited to achieve. We know we need to deliver new homes and jobs to create the communities of the future and cement our position in the Leeds City Region. We want our buildings and spaces to be of high quality and to are looking to take the opportunities to improve design whenever they present themselves.

We are seeking a Senior Planner with experience of dealing with a range of complex minor and major applications to join our busy planning teams. The work is varied, interesting and if you want to develop, we have good opportunities to further your skills and experience across all types of planning applications and enquiries.

This role is part of the Council’s Development Management team. We provide professional advice, guidance, interpretation, and evaluation of pre-planning enquiries, planning applications, appeals and consents for listed buildings and advertisements. This role will work as part of a team and provide an efficient, friendly, and effective service to meet statutory and service requirements.

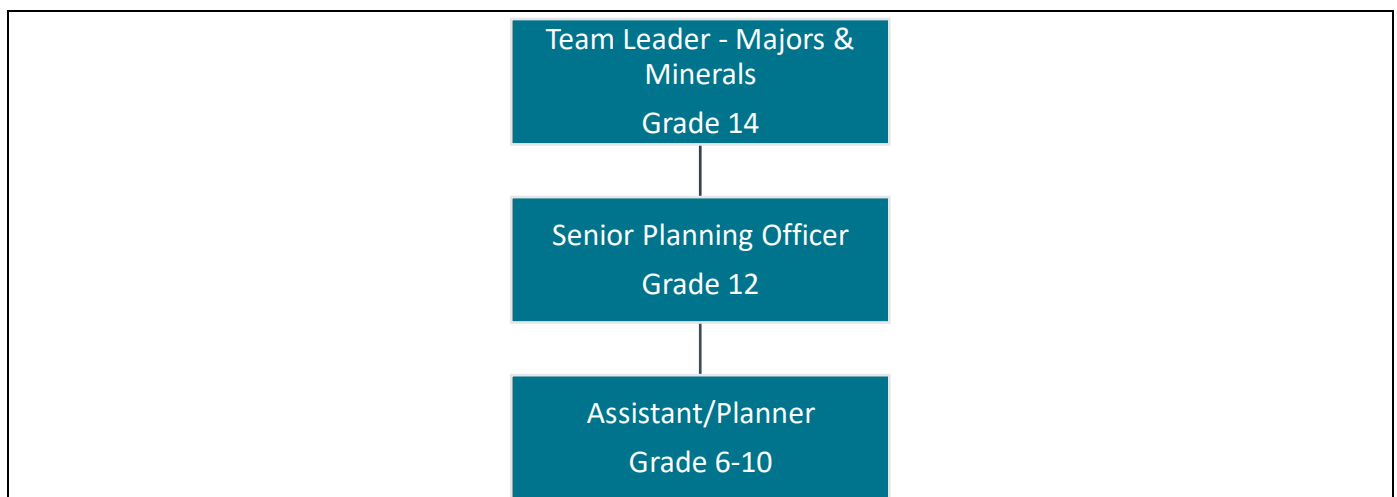
At Kirklees we want to be innovative and creative in the way we work to deliver our services to our communities, so we are always looking for better and smarter ways to work. Therefore, the Development Management part of the service needs forward thinking and driven individuals to take us forward on our new journey.

Key areas of responsibility

- Reporting to the Team Leader you will take the lead role as case officer for Strategic and Majors applications within this dynamic Development Management section which is striving to make changes all the time but is committed to the economic growth of the district. Having a keen eye for design and taking opportunities to enhance schemes is important to us, alongside sound project management and leadership skills.
- We currently deal with more than 4000 applications of various kinds every year, one of the largest caseloads in the Yorkshire area.
- You will be an ambitious planning professional who can demonstrate the qualities, large scale Major experience and potential to rise to the challenge of dealing with our Strategic and Majors case work. We can provide the challenges (look at our adopted Local Plan) and opportunities you are looking for.

- Your main role will be as lead officer for Major applications, pre-application enquiries and you will act as the Council's expert witness at appeals. You will also be asked to mentor and support the junior members of staff and to contribute towards service improvement initiatives.
- We can provide the challenges if you are looking for the next step in your career, we can offer fantastic experience and the challenges.
- Assess and process a broad caseload of complex major applications and associated appeals.
- Provide pre-application advice to prospective applicants for major and complex development schemes.
- Project manage significant and complex applications across the district.
- Seek to add value to proposals and applications through advice, process management and timely decision making.
- Manage the delivery of effective and timely preparation and presentation of delegated reports and reports to Planning Committees.
- Contribute to and support negotiations on potential Section 106 contributions, in connection with planning proposals.
- Represent the Council as required at Informal Hearings and public enquiries and meetings.
- Input into service improvement initiatives.
- Support the team leader, mentor junior staff, help maintain and improve service performance.

Position of job in organisational structure



Employee Specification

Knowledge, qualifications, skills, and experience	Shortlisting criteria
Have a relevant professional qualification - MRTPI	Essential
Have extensive experience in development management particularly in connection with large scale major development proposals.	Essential
Have knowledge and experience of supervising and managing staff.	Desirable

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Have in depth and extensive knowledge in the latest national planning policy; guidance and procedures.	Essential
Have in depth experience of major or complex development proposals; their management and how to negotiate key outcomes on behalf of the Council with developers and/or key stakeholders.	Essential
Be experienced at working in a sensitive political environment.	Essential
Have substantial knowledge and experience of preparing and presenting evidence at public inquiry or examination.	Desirable
Travel to various locations in order to carry out the duties of the job. Possession of a full and valid driving licence and a car available for work. (exceptions can be made for disabled applicants).	Essential

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Job Category	Growth and Regeneration	Grading ID	65630
Job ID	80100892	Last Updated	June 2021
Job Focus	Yes	Career Progression	No

Contractual Variants

DBS Category	No	DBS Type	No
Health Check	No	Politically Restricted	No
24/7 working	No	Public Holidays	No
Night Working	No	Alternating Pattern	No
Standby	No	Other	No