

Two new Senior Directors at Lichfields

PLANNING and development consultancy Lichfields has promoted two of its staff to Senior Directors recognising their contribution to the growing business.

In the Manchester office director Caroline Musker has moved up the career ladder, and over the Pennines, in Leeds, Chris Darley has likewise been promoted.

Lichfields Chief Executive James Fennell said: “Both of these promotions are well-deserved. They recognise both Caroline and Chris’s skills and abilities in delivering for our clients in the North.

“Both have amply demonstrated their capabilities as directors and we look forward to supporting the further development of their careers with Lichfields.”

Caroline is an experienced planner having delivered permissions for many large-scale commercial, mixed-use, residential, hospital and hotel developments.

She recently secured a hybrid planning permission for 1.4 million sq ft of logistics floorspace on Green Belt land at M6Major.com, St Helen’s, for Bericote Properties Ltd. The Amazon Logistics hub on this scheme is due to be completed next month.

One of her most high-profile jobs was to deliver, as part of a large multi-disciplinary team, a Development Consent Order at the complex Daventry international Rail Freight Terminal.

This development comprises 7.9 million sq ft of logistics space, a new rail freight terminal, and a 193 acre nature reserve, known as Lilbourne Meadows.

Caroline, who has been with the Manchester office 15 years, said: “I could not be more thrilled about becoming a Senior Director at Lichfields. I am very fortunate to have such fantastic people around me who have mentored me since I joined as a Graduate in 2004.

“Myself and my team are very eager about the future. Having worked on high profile schemes in the North I am excited to assist in steering the growth of the office to achieve our future goals, and build on the strong foundations of the Lichfields brand.”

Chris Darley joined Lichfields in 2011 as part of the opening of the Leeds office and has played an instrumental role in its growth. He has extensive experience in residential, retail and mixed-use schemes.

He is currently acting for CEG in the development of 500 homes, and a new school, in Burley-in-Wharfedale.

Chris is also currently advising on developments comprising over 1,000 new homes in Leeds City Centre and the Hudson Quarter development in York for Palace Capital.

He said: "Lichfields continues to grow, both in the region and nationwide. I am delighted to become a Senior Director of such a dynamic and forward-thinking consultancy."

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