

SUMMARY



Dr Ricardo Gomez is a specialist in the economics of housing. His professional experience spans 16 years in consultancy, local government and academia. His clients include major developers, planning companies, central government departments and local authorities across the UK. Ricardo has a strong track record in the economic impact assessment of new housing development, and in assessing the economic implications of local authority housing targets.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

HOUSING IMPACT AND HOUSING NEED

Ricardo has directed more than 50 socio-economic impact assessments for proposed housing developments, including reports for planning applications and environmental impact assessments and evidence at appeal. He has also worked with colleagues in developing and updating the Regeneris housing impact model, a core tool for our work in this area. Separately, he has developed specialist knowledge in housing need and the economic implications of local authority housing targets, preparing material for private sector clients to support representations and serving as an expert witness in examinations in public and Section 78 planning inquiries.

LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ricardo has led our work on several local economic strategies and evidence bases for local authorities and partnerships across England. This has included employment land reviews, local investment planning, sector development strategies and economic analysis for area master planning. His work has extended to planning policy, including the economic testing of core strategy evidence bases and forecasting for housing and employment land requirements.

POLICY PROGRAMME AND PROJECT EVALUATION

Ricardo has overseen an extensive range of evaluation studies including major programme evaluations of area based EU Structural Fund Programmes, ex-ante evaluations (England 2014-20 ERDF; Wales 2014-20 programmes) and many project evaluations, specialising in land and property, sectoral business support (e.g. aerospace) and innovation support. In a number of these assignments he has been retained to advise projects on the design of future programmes. He has managed our national evaluation of England's ERDF 2007-13 programmes, and our ex-ante evaluation of England's 2014-20 ERDF programme.

INVESTMENT PLANNING AND BIDDING

Over the past 8 years Ricardo has managed a number of commissions to develop major funding bids for our clients. This includes work on the Manufacturing Advisory Service (2009), superfast broadband projects for Cumbria and Cheshire (2012) and Regional Growth Fund bids. This work has extended to advice about the design of services and facilities, staff resourcing, governance, management, monitoring and evaluation.

PERSONAL PROFILE

- Hatch Regeneris: Director, 2018—Present
- Regeneris Consulting: Director, 2013-2018
- Regeneris Consulting: Associate Director, 2010-13, 2005-2009
- Visit Chester and Cheshire: Operations Director 2009-2010
- Lancashire County Council: Regional Policy Advisor, 2003-2005
- Centre for Urban Studies University of Bristol: Lecturer, 2003
- University of Manchester, Research Associate, 2001-2003

QUALIFICATIONS

- University of Glasgow:
PhD, Strategic Action in EU Trade Policy
- University of Hull:
MA, European Integration & Cooperation
- Staffordshire University:
BA (Hons) International Relations