



## **ELLIE GORMLEY IEng FIHE**

Ellie works for Telford & Wrekin Council as Principal Engineer in the Highways Capital and Forward Planning Team. Ellie joined Telford & Wrekin Council in Dec 2004 after starting her engineering career at Cannock Chase District Council. She worked her way up the career ladder from trainee technician to her present position of Principal Engineer and is very proud of her achievements.

She is presently responsible for the delivery of highways improvement projects agreed within the Integrated Local Transport Plan. Projects include Local Safety Schemes, improvements to Public Transport Infrastructure, traffic calming, signing, cycling and walking schemes.

Ellie left school with 5 O levels but had on the job training whilst working and was allowed day release to attain her ONC, HNC and degree in Traffic Engineering. However Ellie felt that to further advance her career she needed a professional qualification and attained IEng in 1998. Ellie is also a Chartered member of the Institute of Logistics and Transport.

Whilst working at East Staffordshire Borough Council, Ellie was on the review board at Burton College assessing HNC submissions. Ellie has also worked with the CITB encouraging young people, girls in particular to pursue a career in engineering.

Ellie says that 'every day I go to work I face a different challenge and my workload is so diverse. The time goes so quickly.

Ellie believes in helping and supporting others to achieve their professional goals is of vital importance, and has accomplished this since becoming incorporated. Ellie says 'I like to give something back to the profession, share my experiences with others to promote engineering as a career. You don't have to be a brainbox – dedication and determination was the key to my success.'

Ellie is a mentor, reviewer and assessor for the Institute of Highway Engineers and sits on IHE Council membership and qualifications committee. Ellie is secretary of the IHE Mercia branch, which reformed in 2009 and is gradually gaining pace.

Ellie is also currently the IHE's representative on the WISE (Women in Science and Engineering) national committee.

In her spare time Ellie likes walking and listening to live music, but her main passion is golf. Ellie with the assistance of her colleagues organises the annual Mercia Branch golf day to raise funds for the branch. This is now in its second year.