



**Gill Foster FIHIE**  
**Principal Engineer, Jacobs**

Gill works for Jacobs Engineering UK Ltd and is a Team Leader in the Traffic and Transportation Team at their office in Buckinghamshire. Gill joined Jacobs Engineering UK Ltd in 2005 after having spent over 17 years with Surrey County Council. Whilst at Surrey Gill took a career break for a year to undertake a solo journey round the world. Gill feels the trip has benefited her personal development as well as improving her negotiating and communication skills.

The move to a global consultancy produced new challenges, but her understanding of Local Authorities has helped given she works mostly with Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire County Council's. At present Gill is overseeing a variety of commissions including Civil Parking Enforcement for the whole of Oxfordshire, design/implementation and review of Controlled Parking Zones, Traffic Regulation Orders and feasibility studies for traffic management measures. She became a qualified Road Safety Auditor in 2006. Gill is also involved in local Health & Safety issues together with staff retention and recruitment for the office.

Gill strongly believes that you can't knock something until you have tried it.

She believes IHIE members could be more involved, and provide better feedback to guide Council.