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### **IHIE launches Development Control Certificate**

The Institute of Highway Incorporated Engineers today announced a unique training and certification scheme for highway development control practitioners at its Annual Development Control Conference on 23 June 2005.

The scheme was initiated by the Eastern Development Control forum – one of whose member authorities, Essex CC, put fifteen staff through the pilot programme in March/June.

Gerry Harvey, IHIE President and himself a development control manager with Buckinghamshire CC said, “Highway Development Control training has been long neglected and the skills shortages are well known. Thanks to the Eastern DC forum we have an opportunity to put highway development control on a new professional footing. The IHIE Certificate will give practitioners confidence when appearing as expert witnesses”.

TMS consultancy was commissioned to design and deliver an assessed six day course. Successful completion of the course and allied assignments gives DC staff a Course Certificate.

For the IHIE Professional Certificate, development control staff will submit for interview a report and documents to show they met the broad standards which define a competent development control officer.

The training has been matched to the new National Transportation Qualifications (NVQs) at level 3 which TMS is an Assessment Centre. Hence development control staff have a complete career route through to an NVQ3 and incorporated engineer registration with IHIE for those with the right additional experience.

Carol Craven, Essex CC, welcoming the IHIE Certificate, said “Essex was very keen to put development control staff from the county and our area offices through proper development control training. TMS delivered the 6 day pilot course and the general feedback from delegates suggests that the course was well presented and provided a good understanding of the development control function for new or staff with limited experience working within this discipline”.

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