



Role: Statutory Planning Specialist

Area: Major Projects

Location: Dublin

Duration: Permanent **Salary:** Competitive **Ref:** 035M19

Ervia is a commercial semi-state company which provides strategic national gas and water infrastructure and services in Ireland. Through our regulated business, Gas Networks Ireland, we build and operate one of the most modern and safe gas networks in the world. In 2014, we took responsibility for the operation and maintenance of Ireland's water and wastewater assets through our other regulated business Irish Water. Ervia directly employs over 1,600 people who deliver services to 1.6 million customers daily. Our infrastructure supports economic and social development, protects the environment and enhances the health and quality of life of the Irish people.

The Role:

The delivery of projects requires the relevant consents and permissions to be obtained under the Planning and Development Act and related national and European legislation. Reporting to the Planning and Compliance Manager, the Statutory Planning Specialist will work with internal and external personnel to manage pre- and post-Planning consent activities to achieve business objectives.

A key part of this role will be building relationships with Third Party service providers and driving quality outputs in accordance with established procedures.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Implement planning strategies, policies and procedures to aid the successful timely and cost-effective delivery of projects and programmes within Major Projects
- Assist in the management of planning applications and Environmental Impact Assessment Report / Natura Impact Statements prepared by third party service providers for submission to the relevant planning authority, including appeals and submission of SID applications to An Bord Pleanála
- Drive excellence in quality of agreed standards and procedures, and ensure compliance with such standards and processes by third party service providers for continuous improvement in planning applications within the statutory planning system.
- Review technical reports to ensure quality and consistency, including associated document control and communication procedures
- Assist in preparation of submissions to strategic and statutory policy documents
- Undertake safeguarding procedures in respect of Major Projects (including the drafting of observations in respect of planning applications, where appropriate)
- Raise risks and issues as appropriate with the Planning and Compliance Manager
- Build and maintain relationships with key stakeholders on a range of critical planning issues in relation to the delivery of water and gas infrastructure.
- Work closely with various personnel across Major Projects to understand current business requirements.
- Develop and continually maintain an awareness of all statutory obligations regarding planning on infrastructure development and best practice.

- Develop and promote effective working relationships with other planning, legal and environmental functions within Irish Water and Gas Networks Ireland.
- Proactively recognise and drive the need for innovation or improvement to alternative solutions within existing processes or activities.
- Actively develops and maintains skills and expertise across a number of areas that are relevant to the planning and environmental field, including legislation at national and EU levels
- Perform other such duties such as Ervia may reasonably require.

Knowledge, Skills and Experience:

- Holds a professional qualification in town planning recognised by the Irish Planning Institute or the Royal Town Planning Institute as a qualification enabling the person to seek full membership of the relevant institute.
- Have at least 5 years satisfactory post-graduate experience in a town planning role, preferably on large infrastructural projects for the utilities sectors.
- Experience and expertise in Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA).
- Expert knowledge and experience of planning, its nature, strategic objectives and processes.
- Project Management skills, particularly in respect of multifaceted projects requiring document control and decision tracking
- Detailed knowledge and experience of planning application assessment procedures applied by consenting authorities (An Bord Pleanála/ Local Authorities/ EPA).
- Ability to work in close consultation with key internal and external stakeholders.
- Ability to achieve delivery of competing demands within prescribed timelines and deadlines.
- Detail oriented with an ability to connect issues and think laterally
- Excellent relationship and communication skills including report writing skills.

The closing date for receipt of applications for this vacancy is the 19th March, 2019

Applications, including a current Curriculum Vitae should be emailed to: recruit@ervia.ie

Please include the Reference Number for this Role when making an application