



MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information			
Module Title	Planning Major Projects		
Module Code	UBGML9-15-M	Level	Level 7
For implementation from	2019-20		
UWE Credit Rating	15	ECTS Credit Rating	7.5
Faculty	Faculty of Environment & Technology	Field	Geography and Environmental Management
Department	FET Dept of Geography & Environmental Mgmt		
Module type:	Standard		
Pre-requisites	None		
Excluded Combinations	None		
Co- requisites	None		
Module Entry requirements	None		

Part 2: Description
<p>Educational Aims: This module begins by providing some meaning to the term ‘major project’ and presents some examples of the type of projects that would fall under such a heading. Specific regard is given to the terms ‘major development’ and ‘nationally significantly infrastructure project’. Key policy drivers are outlined while the module also provides some historical context by outlining the processes through which major projects have been developed and examined in the past. The module explains that major projects, by virtue of their size and location, tend to be complex developments to plan, design and project manage. Having clear legislation in place is therefore key if project impacts are to be properly considered and if the relevant consenting processes are to be judged as being fair, open, inclusive and timely.</p> <p>In order to facilitate the delivery of major projects on the ground, and to ensure that good projects happen, it is essential that the relevant parties involved have the necessary knowledge to engage with the legislation and consenting regimes in place. This module provides an opportunity for students to gain expertise with four different consenting regimes and four separate legislative pillars. By using case studies throughout, students will be able to gain an appreciation of the tasks and considerations that each system demands. This module will also allow for judgements to be made about their relative effectiveness and consider the type of changes that might occur to these systems moving forward. Although grounded in UK practice, the module will also provide insight into international practices.</p>

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Outline Syllabus: The module's syllabus includes sessions relating to:

Major Projects:

Definition and terminology

Key policy drivers

Historical considerations on consenting

Submission and examination under the Town and Country Planning Act:

Defining major development and its treatment under the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act

Process reflections over application and consenting arrangements

Conditions, legal agreements and the Community Infrastructure Levy

Project examples, e.g. Greenwich Peninsula, Wirral Waters, Brent Cross Cricklewood, Cambridge Biomedical Campus extension, Birmingham Bull Ring, Harry Potter World, Paramount London, Cheddar Reservoir

Planning Nationally Significant Infrastructure projects in England and Wales:

Origins to the 2008 Planning Act

Implementing the 2008 Planning Act

Key actors, including the Examining Authority and the Secretary of State

The role and direction of National Policy Statements

Defining the thresholds for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects

Form and scope of a Development Consent Order (including ancillary works)

Compulsory purchase issues

Pre-application procedures

Information and surveys

Application and decision making process

Environmental Impact Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment

Post examination issues: legal challenges, making amendments to the order and order revocation

Enforcement

Project case studies

Critiques of progress to date

Project examples, e.g. Clocaenog Forest Wind Farm, Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal, Redditch Branch Enhancement Scheme, Hinckley Point C

Transport and Works Act:

Summary of powers provided by current legislation

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Procedure for making and submitting an order

Decision making process and the form and scope of an agreed order

Project examples, e.g. Greater Manchester Rapid Transit, London Underground Northern Line extension, Cambridgeshire Guided Busway

Hybrid Bills:

Scope and rationale

Process considerations (role for first, second and third readings, scope of appointed Select Committee and Public Bill Committee, process to Royal Assent)

Project examples, e.g. High Speed One, Crossrail, High Speed Two

Critical evaluation and potential reforms for the future

Future application and projects, e.g. the expansion of Heathrow Airport

Teaching and Learning Methods: The module provides a learning experience that is engaging and capable of capturing thought, action and debate in a sector that is ambitious and dynamic. The module will allow for real life experiences to be aired in order to help share best practice.

The assessment strategy provides an opportunity for students to take a leading role in appreciating the complexity that a major project will typically have and the type of considerations that need to be critically reviewed and balanced.

Part 3: Assessment

For Component A, students will need to prepare and deliver a 10 minute presentation and be prepared to answer resulting questions for a further 5 minutes. This presentation can either be delivered in person or via webinar technology depending on the study format of each student. Students will be allocated a major project that they will need to critically review. Through their presentation, students will need to select an issue / challenge that arose with the project and offer a critical review on how this was duly tackled by the key parties involved in order to draw out key lessons and / or learning points. Formative support will be provided throughout the task with opportunities being provided for students to discuss their project and selected challenge / issue with module staff. Each presentation will be based around a separate project to minimise plagiarism.

The resit to component A follows a similar format in that students will need to re-deliver their presentation, taking into account any feedback that was provided with any previous submission.

Component B requires the production of an individual written letter that students will need to direct to an identified client. Through their 2,500 word letter, students will be required to provide professional planning advice in order to respond to a scenario connected with the consenting of a major planning project.

The resit to Component B will require the re-submission of the same letter, taking into account any feedback that was provided in response to any previous submission (where appropriate).

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Reading List	<p>The reading list for this module can be accessed via the following link:</p> <p>https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ubgml9-15-m.html</p>																

Part 5: Contributes Towards
This module contributes towards the following programmes of study: