

Andrew M Leahy

BSc, MIO



Year of birth: 1963

Academic qualifications: Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering (Portsmouth University)

Other positions held: Board Member A² Dominion Housing Group, and Chairman of A2 Dominion Enterprises.

Former Board Member Spelthorne Housing Association, A2 Housing Solutions and Apex Housing Association

Member of BPF Residential committee, interfacing with the Treasury, CLG, GOL and GLA.

Summary of experience:

Andy began his career with Wimpey, starting out as a trainee engineer and rising to Development Director for their Eastern Counties operations based in Witham. His next appointment was as Managing Director of the Southern Housing operations for Raine Industries. Following the sale of the Raine Industries to McAlpines, Andy became a consultant to Admiral Homes working on the sale of the company to Bryant Homes

Andy was then Development Director for Ballymore Properties Ltd from 1996 to 2004 on major mixed-use schemes and has remained a consultant for them since leaving the company.

In 2004 Andy set up Bespoke Property Group which specialises in providing consultancy services on affordable housing to developers, RSLs, local authorities and the Homes and Communities Agency.

Andy is also Chair of A2 Dominion Enterprises which is the open market arm of A2 Dominion targeting the key worker and open sale / rental markets. Andy is a Director of the Affordable Property Trust, a new investment vehicle in Affordable Housing and has been leading discussions with Government and financial institutions about getting private finance into affordable housing and the private rented sector. He is also Landlord of a number of tenanted residential properties.

Andy's company Bespoke Property Group provides one of the country's leading consultancy services on development viability. In 2005 Andy together with Stuart Morley of GVA Grimley, authored the Economic Assessment Tool, which is now in use throughout the country in support of planning applications. In 2009 the EAT was updated for the newly formed HCA. Andy provides services for a wide variety of councils and developers carrying out economic assessments, in particular viability assessments of LDF policies in readiness for examination in public.