



**Election 2021**

There is an election for board members through September. Members will receive an invitation to vote.

To assist members decide who to vote for, here are CVs and election statements from the various candidates.

<p><b>Paul Astbury</b> Partner Carter Jonas</p> 	<p>I have been working in compulsory purchase for thirty years, firstly at Transport for London and then in the private sector at GL Hearn and Carter Jonas. I have acted for acquiring authorities on schemes around the country including London, Canterbury, Birmingham, Doncaster and Leeds. I have advised claimants from London to Inverness. I have been actively involved in the CPA since 2006 and have greatly enjoyed contributing to the Association’s successes on law reform and engagement with Government and other key stakeholders. I served as Chair in 2009/10 and Hon Secretary 2016-2019.</p> <p>The CPA membership and Board have achieved some remarkable successes. When the focus was on law reform, we helped secure significant reforms in the Localism Act 2011, Housing and Planning Act 2016 and Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017. A switch of focus to behaviours resulted in the CPA Land Compensation Claims Protocol which is now recommended to parties in the Upper Tribunal Land Chamber’s Practice Directions. We have also consulted extensively with Government and other stakeholders in respect of the CPO process, guidance, and best practice.</p> <p>I would be grateful for your support in allowing me to continue contributing to our Association’s success on your behalf, particularly in respect of improving education and training and attracting more young professionals into compulsory purchase careers.</p>
<p><b>Barry Denyer-Green</b> Barrister Falcon Chambers</p> 	<p>As the author of <i>Compulsory Purchase and Compensation</i>, shortly to come out in the 12<sup>th</sup> edition, and as a practicing barrister, I can draw on decades of experience to advise and assist the work of the CPA.</p> <p>HS2 and other projects are throwing up lots of problems, and the CPA, with its successful history of promoting law reforms, is the best body to address these for the benefit of both claimants and promoters.</p> <p>I promise this is the last time I will ask for your support. But I feel I can still represent your views for the next year or two.</p>

**Jonathan Bower**  
Partner  
Womble Bond Dickinson



Thank you for taking the time to read this statement. I am sharing with you why I am standing, the difference I consider I can make and also some more information about me and my career.

#### **My nomination**

I have chosen to stand as I consider I can make a difference to the CPA and the value it delivers both to its membership and the expertise being offered to the sector.

I have been a member of the CPA since inception and have been a supporter of the organisation ever since it launched; attending and contributing to a number of events. However, I was extremely disappointed in what happened with the organisation of this year's Law Reform Lecture when diversity and inclusion was not obviously addressed to the full extent it could have been. Since then and having raised my concerns I have contributed to the CPA's now adopted Diversity and Inclusion Statement as well as having been invited to join the new Working Group. This has been the driver to stand to become more active in the CPA and I consider I can also bring the value of my professional experience into the board.


#### **The difference I consider I can make**


Having joined and attended the inception meeting for the CPA I have gradually become more involved which has included being the convenor for the South West, co-leading on the production of the CPA's [report](#) on CPOs being an Effective Tool for Local Authorities as well as contributing at conferences. I have also contributed more widely to CPO reform through attendance at working groups with MHCLG. I was also co-author of the British Property Federation's report on Town Centre Investment Zones which advocates the role of CPO in transforming town centres.


That is about my practice area but it is also about the development of our members that I consider I can contribute to. One of the reasons why I am passionate about CPO is the transformation it can make through regeneration to society. Directly linked to that transformation is the opportunity it provides to people. I am driven by social mobility as well as the desire to provide the opportunity to succeed where it may not otherwise arise. I have been instrumental in recruiting two solicitor apprentices into our team as a way of opening up the profession and whilst being an ally of WBD Pride and member of WBD Reach (Race, Ethnicity and Cultural Heritage) groups, social mobility is an area I feel I can make the most contribution toward based on my own experiences. I would like to focus the CPA's work on ensuring that D&I is at the heart of its activities when historically it has not had that emphasis.

#### **About me**

I am a partner at Womble Bond Dickinson based in Bristol and head up our UK Planning team. I have been practising in CPO since I started out as a trainee solicitor in 1999 and focus on CPOs advising both acquiring


	<p>authorities and those affected by schemes. That work also now includes advising on compulsory acquisition for NSIPs. I also head up CSR in our Bristol office.</p> <p>Outside of work I am chairman of a local hockey club where I play along with my teenage children, enjoy triathlons (albeit possibly now retired!) and can be seen occasionally taking part in park runs now they have resumed.</p> <p>If I am fortunate to be elected I will seek to deliver what I have set out here. If I am not elected you will at least know what drove me to stand and I will continue to support the CPA as a member as well as being part of the D&amp;I Working Group.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
<p><b>Greg Dickson</b> Director and Head of Compulsory Purchase Service Barton Willmore</p> 	<p>Greg is a chartered Town Planner, Director and Head of the Compulsory Purchase Service team at Barton Willmore.</p> <p>Throughout his career, Greg has advised acquiring authorities, developers and private landowners in respect of compulsory purchase procedures and compensation claims. This has been on behalf of those promoting and implementing compulsory purchase powers as well as those opposing them. Recent work on behalf of acquiring authorities promoting the compulsory acquisition of land includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Warrington Borough Council: advice on matters relating to the exercise of compulsory purchase powers in order to facilitate the comprehensive mixed use regeneration of the Bridge Street Quarter in Warrington town centre.</li> <li>- HS2 Limited: in respect of compensation matters arising out of Phase 1 of the project; and</li> <li>- Highways England (now National Highways): on a number of major road schemes / Development Consent Orders (DCO) which require the acquisition of rights or land.</li> </ul> <p>Greg has also successfully advised claimants and objectors in relation to a number of significant schemes including, Harlow Science Park, the Manchester A6MARR relief road and the Dreamland Amusement Park (Margate).</p> <p>Greg started his involvement with the CPA as an active member of the Young CPA Steering Group (now CPAF) between 2013-2016. Having served as a Board Member between 2016-2020, Greg is passionate about the work of the National CPA Committee and wants to continue represent the important work chartered town planners undertake in the field of CPO. He feels this is important for the following three reasons:</p>


	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To ensure planning professionals have a means of influencing the formulation of ideas to assist growth in the membership of CPA / CPAF;</li> <li>2. To ensure that the work of the CPA is relevant to practicing professionals and to improve links with industry bodies such as the RTPI and NIPA; and</li> <li>3. To proactively support the advice/recommendations presented by the CPA (on behalf of its members) to Government to further assist the ongoing reform of the CPO process.</li> </ol> <p>As a CPA Board member, Greg would strive to implement these ambitions.</p>
<p><b>Merle Boyd</b> Director, Rural Savills</p> 	<p>My name is Merle Boyd. I am a Director with Savills and based in the Perth Office. I sit within the professional team in the Rural division and head up the Compulsory Purchase Board for the UK.</p> <p>I qualified from Aberdeen University in 2005 with a Bachelors degree in Land Economy. I worked for Davidson &amp; Robertson Rural where I started my training and my RICS Assessment of Professional Competence (APC); to joining Savills half way through. I was successful in passing my APC first time round. From the start of my career as a trainee, I was heavily involved in utilities and compulsory purchase work. At Davidson &amp; Robertson Rural, I acted on behalf of Scottish Water and Scottish Gas Networks in negotiating access agreements, implementing statutory notices for access, and compensation claims for water, sewerage and gas schemes. I also assisted in the Lands Tribunal case for Dundas Estate in relation to the M9 Spur extension. After moving to Savills, I became primarily involved in Estate Management and was responsible for the day to day management of the Wemyss Estate in Fife. This gave me experience not only in traditional management matters but the negotiation of various wind farm deals and opencast coal mines. There was a Scottish Power transmission power line running through one of the opencast coal mine sites at the time, and we terminated the wayleave agreement to be able to work the consented coal reserves below the tower. The case ultimately progressed through the Necessary Wayleave process and to Public Inquiry. At the time Scottish Power were seeking a 40 year Necessary Wayleave yet we were successful in getting a 3 year wayleave granted. We also claimed compensation for sterilised coal reserves due to the presence of the tower and its stand off distances.</p> <p>I am currently involved in many power line and pipeline projects across the UK, acting mainly for affected parties, dealing with their objections to the schemes where necessary and negotiating access agreements, disturbance and injurious affection claims over various types of property including farmland, residential properties, minerals and sporting estates. I am also involved in a number of road schemes in Scotland and England including the dueling of the A9, A66, A14, A1 and A96. My team has been involved from the beginning of these schemes advising clients from the consultation</p>

	<p>stages through to draft Orders and then the claim stage in due course. I have been involved in the preparation and proceedings of Public Local Inquiries where objections have been sustained for these schemes, providing specialist reports on a number of aspects of the objections. I am currently heading up the team providing land consultancy services to an acquiring authority for the delivery of a new road scheme in Scotland using compulsory purchase powers.</p> <p>I have worked hard creating a joined up process throughout the CPO UK Savills team and supporting the team on various schemes to create a unified approach. I would like to stand as a board member in the CPA in order to raise the profile of compulsory purchase and the need for specialist advice within the industry which I am passionate about. I also want to make a difference. Through my work and involvement, particularly through road schemes, acting for affected parties, it is clear that the legislation is not always fit for purpose. There is also a lot of sub-standard work being carried out by contractors. Sometimes it is not clear whether the fault lies with the contractor or the acquiring authority but what is apparent, many affected parties can be left in a very difficult position and often lack sufficient resources and knowledge to claim fair and just compensation for damages endured to their property or businesses through the compulsory process, through no fault or action of their own. I would like to highlight this and look at ways these issues can be alleviated to make the compulsory purchase process more fair and transparent for everyone affected; while allowing projects and schemes to be delivered effectively and in a cost efficient way for the public good.</p>
<p><b>David Holland</b> Partner Squire Patton Boggs</p> 	<p>I am a solicitor and Partner in the Compulsory Purchase and Compensation team at Squire Patton Boggs.</p> <p>My particular professional specialism is in land compensation matters, including compulsory purchase compensation claims, claims under Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973 and compensation matters in the aviation, energy and utilities sectors. I am experienced in advising both acquiring authorities and claimants in compensation matters and regularly advise clients in proceedings before the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber).</p> <p>I am a long-standing and active member of the Compulsory Purchase Association, previously serving as a Director on the Board of the CPA for two years and as Honorary Secretary of the CPA. I am the current regional convenor for the CPA in Yorkshire.</p> <p>If elected, one of my particular focuses will be on supporting the CPA's efforts to support and promote the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution to resolve land compensation and other CPO related disputes.</p> <p>I am a keen advocate of the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution in compensation matters and am experienced in successfully resolving many</p>



	<p>claims through different forms of ADR, including mediation, early neutral evaluation and expert determination.</p> <p>I am currently chairing the CPA's working group responding to the Ministry of Justice' call for evidence on Dispute Resolution in England and Wales. I am committed to promoting ADR in the CPO sector, including speaking on the topic at the CPA National Conference 2021 and previously gave evidence to the All Parliamentary Working Group exploring potential reforms to develop the role of ADR in the planning and compulsory purchase system.</p> <p>I enjoy contributing to the reform activities of the CPA and am a member of various CPA working groups, including the Alternative Dispute Resolution and Utilities groups.</p> <p>I am also very keen to promote the work of the CPA in the regions to promote greater uptake in membership and participation in events and the work undertaken by the CPA.</p> <p>I regularly attend and speak at national and regional CPA and other industry events, including most recently being a regular panellist on the CPO 'Talking Heads' webinar series and participating in the Annual CPO Convention this year. I also regularly deliver industry training on CPO and compensation matters, including to HS2's land and property team and the Local Government Association this year.</p> <p>I am committed to supporting the CPA in its efforts to promote reform and good practice in the sector. I would welcome the opportunity to be elected as a Director of the CPA Board and to play an active role in contributing to and promoting the activities of the association in the future.</p>
<p><b>Colin Cottage BSc MRICS</b>          Managing Director of Compensation          Ardent Management Limited</p> 	<p>I have worked in the property industry for more than 30 years since obtaining an Honours Degree in Land Administration in 1988. I qualified as a Chartered Surveyor in 1991 and have been a member of the Compulsory Purchase Association since 2006. My current professional role is Managing Director of Compensation at Ardent Management Limited.</p> <p>I have provided advice on compulsory purchase and compensation matters for more than 25 years and have specialised in this area of work since 2004. My experience includes advising acquiring authorities in relation to compulsory purchase orders used to deliver regeneration and infrastructure projects throughout England and I was one of the London Development Agency's primary advisers for the CPO used to deliver land for the 2012 London Olympic Games. I am also currently the compensation lead for the East West Rail project, where Ardent is the appointed Land &amp; Property Partner.</p> <p>In addition to acting for acquiring authorities, I also act for businesses and individuals affected by compulsory acquisition.</p> <p>I am an RICS accredited expert witness and have been involved with 70-80 compensation and telecommunications cases referred to the Upper Tribunal, ten of which proceeded to an oral hearing. I am also a regular</p>

	<p>contributor to compulsory purchase and compensation seminars and workshops.</p> <p>Prior to 2018, I had been a CPA national committee member since 2009 (in the role of Treasurer) and was chairman of the Association in 2016-2017. During my tenure as chairman I led the sub-committee that produced the compensation per-reference protocol and gave evidence to the Bill Committee for the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017.</p> <p>Although I decided to take a break from the committee in 2018, refreshed, I am now looking to return as I believe I can make a renewed contribution to the CPA's work. Since joining Ardent, in addition to continuing to work on a range of regeneration CPOs, I have gained a greater understanding of the Development Consent Order process and the promotion of infrastructure projects generally. I also now have a wider knowledge of the various professional functions that support compulsory purchase, including land referencing, order promotion and project management.</p> <p>I am confident that the additional experience I have gained over the last 3 years will increase the value I can add to the committee and the benefit I can bring to the wider CPA membership. I hope you feel able to vote for me.</p>
<p><b>Vicky Fowler</b> Partner and Head of Planning and Compulsory Purchase Gowling WLG</p> 	<p>I am a solicitor and partner and head the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Team at Gowling WLG.</p> <p>I became a Board Member of the CPA in 2015 and I was the first female Chair of the CPA. I am a strong supporter of the CPA's aims and objectives. I am also an advocate of making the CPA inclusive and ensuring that the Association engages with members and there are opportunities to engage with the CPA up and down the country. I am particularly committed to the reform of the compulsory purchase process and compulsory purchase compensation and whilst on the Board have chaired the reform sub group, participating in the representations and discussions with MHCLG on the Housing and Planning Bill and the Neighbourhood Planning Bill. There are still provisions that remain to be enacted such as the temporary possession powers and my experience in this area as well as the good relationships built with MHCLG will be helpful going forward.</p> <p>Since qualifying as a solicitor in 1998 I have advised on a large number of regeneration, road and other infrastructure projects involving the use of compulsory purchase powers and the settlement of compensation claims including: Bracknell town centre; the Homes and Communities Agency's regeneration of Greenwich Peninsula; Woolwich Love Lane; Liverpool City Council's development of Liverpool One (Paradise Street), Sheffield City Centre, and several Estate Regeneration schemes. I also advised on the implementation of the compulsory purchase powers in the Thames Tunnel Tideway Development Consent Order and advise Highways England on a number of their Development Consent Orders.</p>

	<p>As well as acting for promoters of compulsory purchase orders I also advise claimants. I advised Apethorpe Country Estate on compulsory purchase compensation issues following DCMS's compulsory Acquisition of the Grade I Listed country house, Apethorpe Hall and I have advised claimants on representations and compensation claims relating to HS2, Metrolink, CTRL and Crossrail. The breadth and depth of experience that I have gained provides a balanced perspective of the issues that concern members and the parties they advise</p>
<p><b>Cathryn Tracey</b> Senior Associate Burgess Salmon</p> 	<p>I am a Senior Associate in Burgess Salmon's Planning and Compulsory Purchase team. I provide advice on all aspects of compulsory purchase and compensation to promoters, objectors and claimants.</p> <p>I have worked on various projects seeking compulsory purchase powers including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highways Act schemes;</li> <li>• Regeneration Schemes using Town and Country Planning Act powers;</li> <li>• Housing Act Orders;</li> <li>• Education Act Orders;</li> <li>• Environmental Schemes for flood alleviation; and</li> <li>• Planning Act 2008 schemes.</li> </ul> <p>Since its inception (and before Covid) I was an active member of the Junior CPA and was involved in setting up the South West Junior CPA Group and the South West CPA Group.</p> <p>As I no longer meet the requirements to remain a member of the Young CPA I hope to continue my involvement in the CPA by becoming a Board Member. I am looking forward to being involved with the future reform of compulsory acquisition and have a particular interest in special category land issues.</p> <p>I will bring the experience I have gained and combine this with the knowledge of others on the Board to ensure that compulsory purchase remains fit for purpose in the future.</p>



**Adrian Maher**  
Managing Director  
AspireCP



Adrian has 35 years' experience in managing compulsory purchase projects for the public sector. He led the compulsory purchase team at Transport for London with a compensation budget of over £1.1billion on projects such as Crossrail and the Olympic Park. In his last 10 years at TfL, his team managed 48 Tribunal cases and was also responsible for some of the leading compensation decisions at the Upper Tribunal such as Spirerose and Bishopsgate Space Management.

Five years ago he founded Aspire Compulsory Purchase, which specialises in advising acquiring authorities on managing acquisition risk, assurance and upskilling in house capability.

Adrian election to the Board will give an experienced acquiring authority perspective to the largely claimant side experience of other Board members. Over his previous terms he has put considerable energy into reforming CPO guidance to drive a change in behaviors between the acquiring authority and claimants. This important reform needs to get over the finishing line and he will play a key role in achieving this.