

## **Richard Alexander**



Richard began his career in the engineering office at Associated British Ports, Lowestoft preparing drawings, engineering documents, tenders and contracts for various works within the port estate.

Joining Norfolk County Council in 1989 Richard spent 18 years with the authority working as a Highways Development Control Officer and, in the later years, with the Waste Management Team looking after the County's Recycling Centres.

Richard retired from his role as a Service Manager at Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils in 2017 where he represented both the respective authorities on joint venture and partnership boards for services being delivered on their behalf. Services included the day-to-day operational services, such as waste and recycling collections, the management and operation of leisure centres and asset management of council properties.

More recently Richard has just completed a short term with Great Yarmouth Borough Council in the Planning and Growth Team looking at vacant commercial and domestic properties within the Borough and how best to encourage the owners to return them to use/occupation.

" I believe that a society should provide some form of social housing and that it fulfils a vitally important sector of the housing provision. The opportunity for people to rent good quality properties coupled with a regulated and fair system of rent increase is essential."