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Dilip entered the industry on leaving UMIST university in 1992 and “ fell into a major project with Travers Morgan’s Roxborough Bridge Improvement Scheme” which gave him experience of many aspects of traffic engineering. Building on this, he worked for a number of Councils, notably the London Borough of Camden where he had the good fortune to take management responsibility for the Covent Garden Area. “Good salary, but spent a fortune!” In 1999 Dilip joined Mouchel Consulting, and acquired a thorough knowledge of many aspects of road and highway maintenance. While there, he and a group of colleagues all decided to try for IEng together, were recommended to IHIE, and “were given the confidence and information to go ahead”.

Dilip has just been headhunted to lead the Team “compiling as much data as possible about the M25” to underpin the bidding process for letting a 30 year maintenance contract. He says that having achieved registration was “key to this step up the career ladder”. He believes that employers would be sensible “to make room in the workspace for small workshops, mentoring, and mutual support, to help people to progress to IEng as a way of ensuring a future pool of good recruits.”

Dilip says he joined the industry to acquire “a broad range of specialisms and potentially a chance to travel”. He applauds IHIE for “providing a focus on improving knowledge through training” but is very convinced that all engineering related companies “will suffer ultimately from a shortage of skilled people that has the potential to lead to an infrastructure collapse in this country”. He thinks IHIE “must put pressure on employers to make space for training, for in house workshops, and for employees’ CPD”. Dilip has benefited greatly from such opportunities: he thinks the country needs many more people to do so.

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