



### **Bob Hindhaugh FIHIE**

Bob is an expert on Development Control, and is Area Traffic Engineer in Cheshire County Council. He began in the Royal Engineers, with 14 years service “building roads and bridges” in unlikely places, before he joined Cheshire.

Bob looks after the Local Transport Plan, and all other Traffic and Transportation issues, plus Highways Development Control, for the Ellesmere Port and Neston Borough Council Area. A member of the Ellesmere Port and Neston Safer Roads Partnership, he is heavily involved in measures to manage speed better, and to improve pedestrian safety.

The IHIE is an organisation close to Bob’s heart. He has encouraged colleagues to join, and others now want to come forward. He joined via the mature candidates’ route and believes strongly that the IEng qualification provides professional recognition “for the backbone of the civil engineering profession”. He himself is proceeding to CEng, as the “pinnacle” of an engineering career, in highways or anywhere else. He sees this as a logical progression for engineers in the industry, and sees IHIE as an excellent launch pad for progressing to the CEng “pinnacle”.

He finds everything about his work enjoyable and sees himself, and IHIE, spending time and effort to encourage new blood into the industry, which faces a growing shortage of home-grown people.

His career focus remains on Development Control, and Bob has given time and energy to the IHIE Introduction of Development Control Training programme. He believes young people should be given education and information about road safety, so that they understand what is at stake, and who become naturally defensive, not aggressive drivers.

Bob maintains that institutions miss out on getting sixth forms enthusiastic about careers in engineering, and in highways and transportation in particular. This is something he will do what he can on IHIE Council to redress.