



► **Thorpe Park - Stealth**

Since 1982, NLP has been advising The Tussauds Group about planning issues associated with its growing portfolio of leading visitor attractions. The TTG attractions in the UK are household names; Madame Tussauds and The London Planetarium, the London Eye, Alton Towers, Chessington World of Adventures, Thorpe Park and Warwick Castle. For the theme parks, NLP has prepared various development plans and negotiated consent for numerous individual developments. These projects include hotels at Alton and CWOA and major rides at Alton and Thorpe. For 2006, Thorpe Park has constructed a 62.5m high roller coaster “Stealth”, for which NLP secured planning permission. Details and other information about the coaster can be seen on Thorpe Park’s own website <http://stealth.thorpepark.com>.

NLP prepared a planning application, including Environmental Statement for a Medium Term Development Plan for the Park, to cover the period 2005-2010. The MTDP included the coaster, now named as Stealth, and was assessed on several criteria, especially its visual impact. (Thorpe Park is a major developed site in the Green Belt).

Nick Thompson, Director of NLP, explains that the project was fully discussed with the local authority and the Councillors were satisfied with the potential impacts of the new ride, especially visibility and noise. NLP also submitted reserved matters applications and liaised with the Environment Agency to ensure that there would be no adverse effect on the flood plain, within which Thorpe Park is located. Nick has commented that “Despite receiving the consent, I think I will look at it from ground level only!”

Project:
Stealth, Thorpe Park
Client:
Tussauds Group

