Pegasus Group now employs more than 280 skilled and experienced staff operating from 12 offices across the UK and is regarded as one of the UK’s leading development consultancies specialising in planning, design, environment, economics and heritage.

Tony Bateman, Pegasus Group Managing Director, said: “To mark our 15 year anniversary, we thought it fitting to raise money for a chosen charity and a vote across the business saw the Alzheimer’s Society selected.

“Our success is grounded in our determination not to stand still but to continue to grow and invest in a strong workforce and we are proud to mark our 15th anniversary.

“Pegasus Group’s objectives remain the same as when the company was founded – that we deliver a first-class service for our clients whilst providing optimal results.”

An anniversary ball was held in October 2018 to celebrate the milestone, where the £15,000 target was exceeded. Helen Foster, Director of Operations from the Alzheimer’s Society attended the event on Saturday night.

Helen Said: “We are extremely grateful that Pegasus Group staff have chosen to mark the company’s 15th anniversary by uniting with Alzheimer’s Society against dementia.

“Dementia is the UK’s biggest killer – someone develops dementia every three minutes, with 1 million set to develop the condition by 2021.

“Sadly, too many are facing dementia alone without adequate support. But every pound raised by Pegasus Group colleagues will help us find a cure, improve care and offer help and understanding for people affected by dementia.”

Other fundraisers by Pegasus Group staff throughout the year have included taking part in the 2018 Yorkshire Pedalthon, Leeds 10k, Warwickshire Triathlon, the Three Peaks Challenge, as well as office cycle challenges and office led baking competitions.

Over the past 15 years, Pegasus Group has been involved in a number of high profile projects which have included Gloucester Services, Plasdwr Garden City, Cardiff, Ebbsfleet Garden City Scheme, Regional Distribution Centre for Asda, Binfield Learning Village, New Monaco, Birmingham, the Panoramic 34 Restaurant, Liverpool, and the Jaguar Land Rover redevelopment at Gaydon.
PEGASUS GROUP EXPAND URBAN DESIGN SERVICES NATIONALLY

Pegasus Group has expanded its urban design services across the UK.

In the North West, Andrew Ford-Marsden has joined Pegasus Group’s Manchester team and Steve Williams moved to the Liverpool office in August.

Both are advising on immediate and strategic residential site promotion, mixed-use sites and are preparing outline masterplans, detailed site layouts, design and access statements, building for life assessments and design codes.

In the East of England Steve Lloyd, Associate Urban Designer joined the Cambridge office along with Peter Jackson-Horner, Senior Urban Designer. The Cambridge team now offers a full range of urban design services including site appraisals, masterplanning, detailed site layouts, design codes and design and access statements.

Steve and Peter will advise on a range of both immediate and strategic projects for existing and new clients across the east of England.

Finally, Design Director, Tom Looker has been appointed to the Bracknell office and brings with him a breadth of experience in the built environment and a specialism in masterplanning and urban design.

Tom is well versed in working on complex and challenging projects at a variety of different scales, including large residential led mixed use development at one end of the spectrum, to small scale sites comprising just a few dwellings at the other.

Tony Bateman, Pegasus Group’s Managing Director said: “We are delighted to welcome all of our designers to Pegasus Group across the UK, where we are confident that their many years of experience in both the private and public sectors will enable us to support and grow our urban design offering to clients nationally”.

I am Tom Looker, Director of the new Design team in the Pegasus Group Bracknell office. I have over 20 years experience in the built environment, spanning both the public and private sectors and have specialised in master planning and urban design since 2001.

I have particular experience in preparing concept plans, master plans, feasibility studies, design codes, design and access statements and vision documents for sites ranging from 50 dwellings to 5,000 dwellings.

What attracted you to join Pegasus Group?
I have known and respected many people within Pegasus Group over the years, and the opportunity to work with them and introduce a new design service into the Bracknell office in the heart of the Thames Valley represented a unique opportunity. The ability to be part of one design team that encompasses master planning, urban design and architecture is exciting and offers real benefits to our clients.

What inspired your career path?
Shadowing a family friend, a top-notch design and conservation officer in Essex, for two days during my teens first fired my interest in the built environment. His critical eye made me realise I was hitherto blind to those elements that made a place special. Understanding what makes well designed places has always interested me since. An opportunity to help prepare the Suffolk Residential Design Guide cemented my urban design path, with further study in London and my first private sector job in the Thames Valley thereafter.

What are the upcoming challenges in the industry?
Design quality with speed of delivery is increasingly high on the agenda. The two elements are compatible, but it will require more than fine words in the new NPPF to realise this ambition. As an industry we will have to become more open, more collaborative and less adversarial. Appeal decisions in the short term may provide the ‘stick’ with the ‘carrot’ of certainty offered by embracing engagement and review processes early, as an integral part of bringing forward development.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?
Spare time with two boys?! I am very lucky to have a great family. Isaac and Samuel keep me occupied at weekends kicking, throwing, hitting and running with various shapes and sizes of balls – generally anything that involves careering around like lunatics! The countryside is my sanctuary and the fields and woods of Berkshire and Hampshire are idyllic natural counterpoints to the quality urban places I inhabit during the week.
DALLINGTON GRANGE, SUSTAINABLE URBAN EXTENSION

Pegasus Group has secured outline planning permission for the Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) at Dallington Grange, Mill Lane, Kingsthorpe on behalf of Persimmon Homes and David Wilson Homes.

Northampton Borough Council approved the outline plans, with all matters reserved except access.

The development will provide:

- Up to 3,000 new homes including around 300 affordable homes
- Two primary schools and a secondary school
- A local centre to include food store and six shop units, a restaurant or café, a ‘drinking establishment’, hot food takeaway and a pub
- The redevelopment of Grange Farm to provide a café, restaurant, pub or hotel
- Employment land

Under a Section 106, the scheme is set to finance a multi-use community building, public transport, healthcare, local highway improvements and the management of open spaces.

While Government cash via a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) will help pay for the much-anticipated Northampton North-West Relief Road, a secondary school and off-site sports provision.

The proposed development is a major investment in new homes, jobs and infrastructure of local significance in accordance with the aims and objectives of the adopted Development Plan.

Our expert teams provided planning, design and master planning, and landscape design services.

We liaised closely with Northampton Borough Council, including taking part in a technical briefing at which councillors were able to ask questions clarifying technical aspects of the proposals including site context, site access strategy, concept plan and an indicative masterplan.

This is a large urban extension that will take a number of years to deliver.

PLANNING PORTAL

On 10th September 2018, Planning Portal upgraded their support through the introduction of a Financial Transaction Service. This administration arm centralises the submission of planning applications to all LPAs in England and handles all of the associated fees. The Planning Portal will be deemed the supplier and will release the payment through to the relevant LPA.

The applicant will be charged a mandatory service charge by the Planning Portal of £16.67 + VAT (£20) in addition to the LPA’s application fee. Payment of the planning application fee and service charge in full will enable Planning Portal to process the application through the Planning Portal process on to the LPA.

The service charge will cover daily running costs of providing the service, banking charges and future technical development to maintain an efficient service.

The timing of application submissions will correlate to the payment method selected. Any method chosen requires a PP plus relevant application reference to accompany the payment. Planning Portal have provided a break down table of indicative timings. They have produced a guide, which includes these timings, that can be found following this link https://ecab.planningportal.co.uk/Uploads/PPQ_Agent_Guidance_and_FAQs.pdf

Planning Portal is Pegasus Group’s preferred planning submission portal and have built a working relationship with the Portal in creating guidance documents to assist our clients to guide through this new process.
Economic activity in the area is high but it is washed over by Green Belt, which can hamper new development. Tatton Estate is actively involved in converting barns and other properties to offices, wedding venues and other commercial uses.

It is also a filming location for the BBC hit series – Peaky Blinders. Pegasus Group recently achieved deemed consent for 3 separate temporary filming studios on the estate. Each cover a 1.5 ha, within which a number of structures and buildings can be provided on a temporary basis (9 months in a 36 month period).

Pegasus Group also obtained permission for a 3D Printing Lab for Manchester Metropolitan University and Tatton Estate to reuse a redundant farmstead building under the prior approval process.

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Housing is a key element of the arc and there is a need to quickly unlock land for new homes and provide a better service for those who already live across the arc. The aim is to deliver one million new homes in the corridor by 2050 through urban extensions and development of new towns or villages.

Pegasus Group is working with land owners and developers to investigate and promote a range of development opportunities along the corridor ranging from new garden communities to a variety of urban extensions, advising on associated green belt, housing, landscape, heritage, transport and wider economic implications.

Cambridge, Milton Keynes and Oxford are amongst the UK’s most productive, successful and fastest growing cities. They host a highly skilled labour force, cutting edge research facilities and world leading technology clusters.

The Cambridge-Milton Keynes-Oxford (CaMkOx) arc is home to 3.3million people and is of critical economic importance to the UK. It stretches from Cambridgeshire, via Bedford and the south east midlands, to Oxfordshire and forms a broad arc around the north and west of London’s green belt. The arc contains Northampton, Daventry and Wellingborough to the north, and Luton and Aylesbury to the south and links with Norfolk and Suffolk in the east and with Swindon to the west.

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OUTLINE PLANNING CONSENT GRANTED FOR AMPFIELD CARE VILLAGE

We are delighted to report that outline planning consent has been granted for Ampfield Care Village with both access and scale of development approved.

Pegasus Group has been working on behalf of landowner, Perbury Developments Ltd on the scheme. The project will involve the demolition and removal of all existing buildings and plant/vehicles from the site, and the provision of ‘extra care living’ apartments, with a core community building, set in a parkland setting with the retention and strengthening of landscaped boundaries to Flexford Nature Reserve, Trodds Copse and the Monks Brook.

Residents of the Care Village will be restricted to the elderly (65 years and over) and in need of some assistance with ‘day to day’ living, but will also deliver a membership facility for access to a Day Club for elderly persons living within the local community.

The scheme will deliver local economic and community benefits including:

• a net increase in over 40 jobs generated from the site;
• a contribution towards new street lighting in Baddesley Road, to improve pedestrian safety along a stretch of unlit pavement.

Jim Tarzey, Chairman of Pegasus Group & Executive Planning Director said:

“We are delighted that outline planning consent has been granted, this is a great opportunity to secure the long term future of an underused brownfield site”.

A team from Pegasus Group’s London, Bristol, Manchester and Cirencester offices have worked with Perbury Developments on the project including Chairman, Jim Tarzey, Directors, Hilary Degnan and Teresa Hazelwood, Associate, Richard Cook and Principal Planner, Elizabeth Fowler.

RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITIES

This is an exciting and rewarding time to join Pegasus Group as we continue with our diversification strategy to expand our expertise. We are currently seeking to recruit into the following positions across a variety of locations:

• Planners
• Urban Designers
• CAD Technicians
• Environmental Planners
• Highways Engineers
• Transport Planners
• Landscape Architects

If you are interested in joining one of the leading development consultancies in the UK, please contact Dee Booth (dee.booth@pegasusgroup.co.uk) or Steph Mumford (Steph.Mumford@pegasusgroup.co.uk).

We are offering competitive salaries, excellent benefits package including pension, healthcare, life assurance, bonus and other employee perks as well as career progression opportunities.
Pegasus Group has gained planning permission on behalf of Manchester-based property investment company, MCR Property Group, to build over 1,000 new homes and two landmark towers on Birmingham’s Monaco House complex.

Named New Monaco, the £275 million urban village will completely transform the seven acre site on Bristol Street into a unique village community on the fringe of the city centre.

11 apartment blocks ranging between 5 - 10 storeys will sit alongside two prominent towers of 26 and 29 storeys, to provide 1,009 homes, including 92 affordable private rental properties.

Plans for the development also include a 7,588 sq. ft. residential hub and 16,285 sq. ft. of commercial space.

The mix of one, two and three-bedroom apartments and townhouses will be managed by a single company and enable residents to upsize or downsize within the development as their lifestyle changes.

Monaco House located on prominent brownfield land once home to the now demolished Monaco House, construction will start at the end of 2018 and is expected to be completed in 2023.

Comprising ground-floor shops, cafes and bars as well as landscaped public and private open areas and pedestrian walkways, New Monaco residents will also have access to 335 underground car park spaces, a concierge service, on-site gym and cycle club.

A new road will link nearby Vere Street with Wrentham Street to connect the development to its surrounding city centre locations.

Architects, Leach Rhodes Walker worked with MCR Property Group and Pegasus Group to bring the ambitious project to life.

Chris Taylor, fund manager at MCR Property Group, said: “Investment into Birmingham’s Southside area has become vital to improving the levels of high quality housing stock in the city. Receiving the go ahead for our New Monaco development means we can provide much-needed homes to Birmingham residents while carving an exciting new identity for the neglected Monaco House site.”

David Onions, Planning Director said: “New Monaco will result in a dramatic improvement to this part of the city centre, aiding significant revitalisation of Birmingham’s Southside area and meeting the city’s growing housing needs.

“We are delighted that these exciting plans to create a purpose-designed urban village with retail, food and residential use are now set to become a reality.”

Christian Gilham, managing director at Leach Rhodes Walker Architects, said: “We have worked hard with the city to deliver an exceptional scheme, which we believe will set the standard for new rental development, and high quality public and private spaces.

“The two towers will mark the location with a striking skyline and with their dynamic architectural facades, signpost and identify this location from the city centre.”
PEGASUS GROUP SECURES PLANNING FOR FIRST UK SITE UTILISING NEW WASTE CONCEPT

This advanced process is showcased here in North Wales, for the first time ever outside of Israel.

The technical process that will be used at the plant is known as ArrowBio, a unique technology that successfully treats municipal solid waste (MSW) using a hydromechanical separation and preparation process to recover recyclables.

It uses water and mechanical equipment to separate the organic fraction, produce high methane (CH4) content biogas for several green energy uses and recycle up to 70%-80% of the waste.

By-products such as various plastics, cardboard, wood and metals are suitable for recycling, and some of them also for RDF (Refuse-Derived Fuel) treatment. At the end of the anaerobic process, the organic remains are used as soil improver for agriculture as well as for bio-drying systems.

Neil Culkin, Regional Director at Pegasus Group’s Liverpool office, said: “This proposal represents the first UK site utilising this concept, and we are pleased to be involved in such an innovative scheme.”

Pegasus Group secured the planning permission from Flintshire County Council on behalf of Logik Strategic Land to deliver a biogas facility on the former Gaz De France power station.

The plant is expected to handle up to 182,000 tonnes of rubbish a year, producing up to two megawatts of green energy, while bringing huge investment to the region.

It will also deliver arguably the most advanced and environmentally friendly landfill diversion to date through a process that diverts more than 85% of our black bin waste into recyclables and recoverables supporting Wales in its zero to waste targets.

The process captures an extra 6,000 tonnes per year of valuable recyclables that by any other process would be missed. These are recyclables that are put into black bin bags by mistake and they are hard to obtain normally.

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