

Acceptance Blog from Phil Moore after receiving the
John Holdsworth Award 2017.

Dear Council and Members:

One great advantage of actually reading the agenda before a meeting especially the AGM, is that I did get fore warned of this award, not sure the name should have appeared on the agenda, but mighty pleased it did as it did allow me some time to think about what I was going to say.

After receiving such a prestigious award, I think it is only right and proper to say a few words, which alas on the evening time prevented, so I have included them in this blog:

Who and more importantly what is Phil Moore:

Phil spent 39 years working for LA's. He only worked for three, that being Greenwich (before it was Royal), Newham and latterly Medway.

He studied engineering and traffic at Middlesex, but found a great interest in road safety and human behavior, especially on how the person interacts with the built environment and experienced the sometimes-huge gap between engineering principles and road user experiences, which gave rise to a quote that he has used as a manager when dealing with design engineers

“Please don't forget when designing this road it may be designed by Engineers but it's actually used by mere mortals”

Just for clarity Mortals is defined as “Not a God but something that can die” You can understand now why he's always had a great relationship with the engineering profession.....

So how did he come to receive the John Holdsworth award?

Phil worked his way to a manager's post at Greenwich, before moving to Newham where he became involved with LoTAG through ALBRSO. Whilst at Newham, he graduated with a management qualification, which has stood the test of time.

He became involved with TAG Transportation for a number of years and then chair for quite a few. He represented TAG on:
HMEP – 3 years
CIPFA/DfT steering group on asset valuation – 6 years
DfT sign review (twice) No idea but a few years
TMA 2004 - ongoing
UK roads – Asset Mgt 5 year
UK Roads – Highways maintenance 5 years
Facilitated Ian (Medway) to represent TAG on UK Street lighting board and managed to facilitate Priscilla (Medway) to sit on Ruth's coastal and flood committee
No doubt there were a goodly number more that have faded into history.

Whilst not TAG he sat on and chaired the TVG latterly called NFTS, where he developed a set of NVQ's for the transportation sector at the then levels of 3, 4 and 5, now levels 4 to 8. And only recently through the Road Tunnel Operative Association (RTOA) where he was Vice Chairman for four years has taken those standards and amended them to reflect the tunnel industry's needs and they have subsequently been adopted in all the UK road tunnels as the standards recommended in the UK.

Phil finished his full time working life with LA's where he was running a £30m per annum service, involving 100 staff dealing with everything relating to Highways from inspection through to capital designs, structures, tunnels, asset management, car park management parking enforcement and processing so really the "King of Pot holes and parking tickets.... Yes Effigy's of Phil Moore have been seen hanging from lighting columns in the Medway Towns. Not the most loved person in the authority...

He's had a great career, met and had dinner with the late Diana Princess of Wales (along with Martin Low) one to one afternoon tea with HRH Prince Michael of Kent when Phil was Chairman of another industry body in the early 2000's and a whole raft of other ventures – not bad from a south London boy who left school with a report saying "Don't come back"

Unlike his school report, he hopes to be with TAG for a goodly number of years to come, if the chairman and council feel he still has something to offer or until he receive the TAG version of his school report.....

A very humble Phil Moore May 2017.