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David Atwell, dipArch dipTP, is an Associate and Consultant to Jeffery W. George and Associates. He has been closely associated with the practice since 1992, appearing as an expert witness at a number of planning inquiries and informal hearings.

He qualified in architecture in the late 1960s and in town planning ten years later. Whilst qualifying he worked for eight years in the well-known conservation practice of Donald Insall and Associates, and later with Philip Jebb, where he worked mainly on prestigious listed building projects in central London.

David joined the Historic Buildings Division of the Greater London Council in 1970, specialising in all aspects of conservation work in the City of Westminster area. In 1977 he was appointed Principal Information Officer, in charge of press, publications and public relations for the GLC Department of Architecture and Civic Design, which included the Historic Buildings Division. In 1985 he became Director of Public Affairs at the RIBA, and in 1988 moved to Hampshire to take charge of press and public relations for the County Council in Winchester.

Until he moved from London in 1988 he was a member of the Committee of SAVE Britain's Heritage, and was a founder and committee member of the Thirties Society, now renamed the Twentieth Century Society.

David Atwell has appeared twice in 1993 and 1996 as an expert witness on behalf of Glasgow City Council at Public Inquiries on appeals against refusal to allow redevelopment of a statutorily listed cinema. Both appeals were dismissed. In earlier Public Inquiries into listed cinema cases, David appeared for Portsmouth City Council in 1980, and for Swansea City Council twice in 1980 and 1982. All the cases were won by the local authority.