To achieve recognition as a Chartered Engineer through the Institute of Water is a great source of pride to myself, standing alongside the recognition of Chartered Environmentalist.

Having started my career as an Engineering Assistant some 21 years ago, I believed at the time that I was not capable of achieving this status, having not been afforded the opportunity of “training under agreement” or access to the facilities that Graduates have.

However, undertaking my BEng (Hons) Degree on a part time basis (whilst working full time), I strove to achieve this recognition as a culmination of my professional achievements. This has now been realised.

Joining the Institution at the earliest opportunity, I achieved EngTech, then IEng, CEnv and now CEng status.

Gaining CEng has allowed me to progress my professional standing across a multitude of general engineering and building functions in my new role as a CDMC. It is an internationally recognised standing that now sees me involved in major construction schemes from medieval castle renovation, major public art projects and complex civil engineering schemes.

I have recently become a Professional Assessor and hope to give back a little of my experience to the present crop of professionals coming through our industry and Institution. I believe now is the time to progress yourself to the standing of Chartered Engineer within the Institute of Water and help to drive our industry forward.

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