

Head of Technical Support & Consultancy

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I am an experienced automotive engineer with training in engineering, innovation management and sustainability. I started my career with an engineering apprenticeship at Oxford Instruments, completed undergraduate and postgraduate studies at Sussex and Cambridge Universities. I then spent 6 years designing engines clients across the world, followed by 4 years working on automotive legislation, with companies, the UK government, the EU and the UN. At Cenex, I now work with low and zero emission vehicle technology, in order to introduce more sustainable road transport.

Cenex's programmes and consultancy work delivers low emission vehicle technology trials (e.g. electric cars or gas powered trucks), strategy support and research and development into new vehicle technologies and supporting refuelling/recharging infrastructure. Cenex customers range from government organisations (international/national/local) to private business of all sizes.

Why I chose my job

I chose my job as it allows me to use my training to work on sustainable alternatives to the current vehicles on the road, which are a major contributor to climate change and local air pollution.

The day-to-day

I work with clients to deliver technology trials and design strategies that help with the transition to more sustainable transport solutions. I also undertake research and development with companies inventing new technologies to help these technologies succeed.

Key skills

- Engineering (mechanical and electrical)
- Environmental Science
- Sustainability

Qualifications

Good GCSEs, Science, Maths and English at A level and an Engineering or Science based degree.

Salary & Progression

A starting salary in this career is around £25,000, with an industry average of around £40,000. The upper limit is approximately £80,000.

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