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David has been involved in diverse projects related to waste and resources during his time at Oakdene Hollins. He spent four years as the head of the Centre for Remanufacturing & Reuse and other projects have included: the evaluation of new technologies relevant to reduced resource use for industrial clients; research into effective waste prevention strategies for business; a project for the EU Commission to harmonise data on geological and man-made resource deposits in EU28 countries, creating a comprehensive directory of key resources (Minventory) ; and the coordination of government-sponsored R&D programmes, for example working with the Technology Strategy Board.

David's background is in the chemicals industry where he spent 13 years in ICI and DuPont in roles ranging from R&D, design, production, trouble-shooting, project management and techno-commercial analysis. He has a degree in chemical engineering from Cambridge and an MBA from Durham University Business School.