

Savills Earth continues to grow as associate director is appointed

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Michael Blake has been appointed by [Savills](#), the leading global real estate provider, as an associate director within its social value team as the firm continues to grow its Savills Earth offering, which launched in January 2023.

Michael has 10 years' experience in the field of social value and community wealth building across the private, public and voluntary sectors. Most recently, as the Head of Social Investment, he designed and wrote Kensington and Chelsea's Social Investment Strategy.

As part of the social value team within Savills Earth, Michael's focus will be to support clients to get the most social value out of their projects and programmes across their UK portfolios helping to develop strategies and innovative programmes that create impact and support with community engagement among residents.

Wesley Ankrah, Director of Social Value for Savills Earth, comments: "Michael has been recognised within the sector for his work on helping to create social value and I am delighted he will be joining our growing social value team. Having launched our social value offering in January this year, it has been clear to see the industry demand and the important role the 'S' plays in our ESG agenda."

Michael comments: "The opportunity to join Savills to continue to push the boundaries of what social value can achieve for residents and communities was one I could not pass up. I am looking forward to working with the Savills Earth team as it takes an opportunity to lead on creating impact for communities across the UK and be seen as one of the thought leaders that pushed the conversation on social value forward, not just in real estate but in all sectors."

Michael's work at Chelsea and Kensington led to their innovative 'Social Investment Lease' winning the Innovation Prize at the Public Sector Transformation Awards. Michael was also recently shortlisted for Trailblazer of the Year and Public Sector Impact Award at UKReif 2023. He also sits on the Future of London Social Value Steering Group.