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| **AGM & Environmental Lecture****Environmental Engineering – A reflection over the last 50 years Peter Braithwaite, University of Birmingham****Synopsis:**A personal reflection of the challenges, successes and changes that have occurred within the geotechnical field. The talk will start in the 1970s when there was soil mechanics and progress through the decades highlighting major changes, and the part that the Midlands geotechnical community played in advancing geotechnics from an art to become more of a science. Finally, from today’s position, a look into what is hoped will be a more sustainable future, with Environmental Engineering at its heart.**About the Speaker:**Peter Braithwaite is a Chartered Engineer, Environmentalist and Resource and Waste Manager. Since graduating in Civil Engineering from the University of Strathclyde in 1974, Peter has had a varied career in geotechnics, land contamination, environmental engineering and for the last 30 years, sustainability. His world-wide career has resulted in him becoming a recognised expert in sustainability and sustainable development of major infrastructure and regeneration projects.For the last 40 years Peter has been based in the West Midlands, 27 of them with Arup where he built up first an Environment Team and then a Sustainability Team in the Midlands, both of which continue to be very successful. He left Arup in 2008 to join the London 2012 Olympic Park Delivery Partner as Head of Sustainability with responsibility for delivering the challenging sustainability targets during construction of the Olympic Park. On completion of this role, Peter was appointed European Head of Sustainability with CH2M HILL, now part of Jacobs. Peter joined the University of Birmingham Academic staff part-time in 2012, where he has been involved with research projects around livable cities and now is technical lead for the ARLI collaborative research project. In recognition of his work in sustainability, Peter was conferred as Honorary Professor in the School of Engineering at the University of Birmingham in 2006 until 2012.  |  |

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