

David Wood

Senior Associate
London

Biography

Described in Chambers UK as "a very strong lawyer" and in Legal 500 UK as "exceptional", David Wood has a diverse practice advising clients on all types of major development proposals.

David is experienced in big ticket urban development and regeneration schemes, particularly in London, and is acting on a number of strategic applications across the city. David's work includes advising on planning application strategy, legal audits of applications, CIL advice and negotiating major Section 106 and infrastructure agreements with planning authorities, the GLA and TfL. David is also adept at contentious work and is experienced in major appeal and call-in inquiries and in the courts.

David takes a particular interest in energy and infrastructure work and acts for promoters of nationally significant infrastructure projects and parties affected by them. David advises on development consent projects from start to finish; drafting development consent orders, appearing at examination to carry out advocacy, and advising on the implementation of the consent and associated powers of compulsory acquisition.

Representative experience

Advising Ballymore and Hammerson on the redevelopment of Bishopsgate Goodyard.



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Languages

English

Practices

Real Estate

Industries

Real Estate

Energy and Natural Resources

Areas of focus

Planning, Zoning, and Land Use

Real Estate Development

Education and admissions

Advising Related Argent on its transformative regeneration of Brent Cross Town and its build to rent development on the King's Cross Triangle Site.

Advising Covanta and Veolia on all aspects of the implementation of the Rookery South RRF development consent order.

Advising St George on all planning and CPO aspects of Grand Union, the residential-led regeneration of the former Northfields industrial estate in LB Brent.

Securing a development consent order for the construction and operation of the 22km Thorpe Marsh high pressure gas pipeline.

Advising clients including Ballymore, the Berkeley Group, British Land, the Church Commissioners, Hammerson and M&G Real Estate on major development proposals.

Advising AECOM on the planning and consenting aspects of its design contract on the Thames Tideway project.

Acting for various parties whose interests are affected by major infrastructure projects including HS2, Crossrail and the Heathrow expansion.

Awards and rankings

- Planning (London), *Legal 500 UK*, 2019 - 2022
- Associate to watch, Planning (London), *Chambers UK*, 2019 - 2022

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - UK: Fast tracking the fast track: reforms to the nationally significant infrastructure consenting regime
- Insights
 - UK compulsory purchase of land regime – key reforms in the making?
- News

Education

M.Phil., University of Cambridge, 2006

B.A. (Hons), University of Durham, 2005

Memberships

National Infrastructure Planning Association (NIPA)

Court admissions

Senior Courts of England and Wales

- The Right to Buy extension – third time lucky?
- News
 - UK Levelling-Up and Regeneration Bill: IL, CIL and our old friend Section 106
- Published Works
 - Legal Viewpoint: Assessing indirect likely significant effects – how far to drill down? *Planning Magazine*
- Published Works
 - How high is design on the planning system's agenda? *Estates Gazette*