

David Wood

Senior Associate
London

Biography

Named as an "associate to watch" in *Chambers & Partners* and a "rising star" in *Legal 500*, David Wood has a diverse planning 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.

Latest thinking and events

- Insights and Analysis
 - UK: Compulsory purchase: a compensation masterclass
- News
 - UK Planning – New year, same planning challenges
- News
 - UK 2023 Planning round-up – wrapping up the year in planning and development
- Published Works
 - Legal Viewpoint: Acquisition of land – no objection to non-opposition clauses *Planning Resource*
- Insights and Analysis

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

Accolades

"A good problem solver and extremely good at finding his way through difficult and knotty issues"

Chambers UK 2020

"A skilled adviser on urban regeneration and redevelopment matters"

Chambers UK 2022

"A very strong lawyer"

Chambers UK 2020

"David knows how to communicate effectively with all members of our team, which is critical"

Chambers UK 2024

- UK Major Infrastructure Projects – summer consultation on reforms to the NSIP consenting process
- Published Works
 - Legal Viewpoint: High Court provides some consenting clarity on solar generation *Planning Magazine*

"David recognises the needs of the client and the service that is required"

Chambers UK 2024

"Exceptional... provide[s] great judgment and client-friendly advice"

Legal 500 UK 2020

"He is very approachable and great to work with"

Chambers UK 2021

"He is very competent, excellent planning knowledge and delivers – on time and on point"

Legal 500 UK 2022

"He presents information in a digestible and uncomplicated manner and takes a commercial approach to his advice"

Chambers UK 2024

"He shows impressive judgment and has the ability to take a good strategic overview"

Chambers UK 2019

"He's really clear in his thoughts, very calm and incredibly reliable"

Chambers UK 2021

"Very bright, personable and responsive. He gets onto the job quickly and is a great problem solver and team player too"

Chambers UK 2019
