

David Wood

Senior Associate

London

Biography

Described in Chambers UK 2020 as "a very strong lawyer" and in Legal 500 UK 2020 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



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Languages

English

Practices

Real Estate

Industries

Real Estate

Energy and Natural Resources

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

Advising British Land on its Paddington Central campus, including on the flagship Paddington Gateway hotel development and on the keystone 5 Kingdom Street development.

Advising clients including Argent Related, Ballymore, Bishopsgate Goodsyrd Regeneration, the Church Commissioners, Mount Anvil and M&G Real Estate on major development proposals.

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

Securing a development consent order for the construction of a 22km high pressure gas pipeline connecting a proposed CCGT power station to the National Grid transmission network.

Strategic advice to Uniper on the on-going operation of its generating stations throughout England and Wales.

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 the Heathrow Expansion, Western Rail Link to Heathrow, HS2 and Crossrail/2.

Awards and rankings

- Planning (London), *Legal 500 UK*, 2019 - 2020
- Associate to watch, Planning (London), *Chambers UK*, 2019 - 2020

Latest thinking and events

Areas of focus

Planning, Zoning, and Land Use
Real Estate Development

Education and admissions

Education

M.Phil., University of Cambridge, 2006

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

Memberships

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National Infrastructure Planning Association (NIPA)

Court admissions

Senior Courts of England and Wales

Accolades

"A very strong lawyer"

Chambers UK 2020

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

Legal 500 UK 2020

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - COVID-19 UK – Emergency permitted development right switched on *Keeping It Real Estate*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - It's just a phase... isn't it? *Keeping It Real Estate*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Conditions, conditions... *Keeping It Real Estate*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - A cunning plan to avoid paying CIL? *Keeping It Real Estate*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Draft Airports NPS takes off... *Keeping It Real Estate*
- Blog Post
 - Planning in principle?

"Extremely good at finding his way through difficult and knotty issues"

Chambers UK 2020

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

Chambers UK 2019

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

"Industrious, very thoughtful and excellent at problem solving"

Legal 500 2019
