

Year of Call: 1982



Practice Summary

John has practiced at the Planning and Environmental Bar since 1983. He is PEBA Member and is a former Committee Member of PEBA. John is also the former Editor of Encyclopaedia of Environmental Health (Sweet and Maxwell) he practices in all aspects of Town and Country Planning, Compulsory Purchase, Highways, Minerals and Waste, Renewable Energy, Environment, together with Administrative & Public Law and Local Government. Over the last 2 years John has promoted the development of over 2,000 houses on behalf of house builder and land promoter clients.

John acts for many of the UK's leading developers and house builders. He acts for most of the major house builders including Taylor Wimpey, Persimmon, Redrow, Wainhomes, Seddon Homes, Peel Group, McCarthy & Stone and Tensi Homes and Heritage Homes. He acts for national developers including Gladman Developments and Fox Strategic Land and Property. John has acted for major retail developers including Morrisons, Aldi, Maple Developments and the Brookhouse Group. He acted for the developers at recent examination in public of the central Lancashire Core Strategy, Cheshire East Local Plan and the Stratford on Avon Local Plan. John regularly advises and appears in cases concerning judicial and statutory reviews of Planning Decisions and Local Plan adoption.

John was appointed a Recorder in 2003. He has lectured throughout the UK at seminars for the Royal Town Planning Institute, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and in respect of housing and in-house events on variety of subjects He has acted pro bono for environmental groups. He is married with two children.

John specialises in all aspects of town and country planning, environmental law, compulsory purchase and acquisition and highways.

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John has recently acted for the developer in housing appeals at Kirkham in Lancashire, Malpas and Northwich in Cheshire West; Wistaston, Holmes Chapel, Sandbach and Alsager in Cheshire East, Emmer Green and Faringdon in Oxfordshire, Watton in Norfolk, Foxton in Cambridgeshire; Bozeat in Wellingborough and 3 appeals all in Hambleton District.

He acted for the developers at recent examination in public of the central Lancashire Core Strategy, Cheshire East Local Plan and the Stratford on Avon Local Plan.

John regularly advises on judicial and statutory reviews of Planning Decisions and Local Plan adoption.

He has appeared as counsel in numerous UDP and Local Plan inquiries and has worked extensively in the areas of waste disposal and management, minerals, highways and housing. Other significant inquiries include those relating to substantial commercial and retail developments, especially supermarkets and public houses/restaurants.

John was the former Editor of the Encyclopaedia of Environmental Health (Sweet and Maxwell).

He is a Member of the Administrative Law Bar Association. He regularly advises and acts in cases involving Local Government and public policy. He has been involved in a number of leading and high profile cases including highway closure and section 38 agreements, local authority decision making, waste disposal, sewers and drains, statutory nuisance proceedings and environmental assessment.

Memberships

• He is a member of the Planning and Environmental Bar Association. He has lectured throughout the UK at RTPI, housing and in-house events on variety of subjects.

Qualifications

• BA (Hons) MMU Grays Inn

Appointments

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