



Areas of Expertise:

Ben is a chartered town planner with sixteen years experience in the private sector and is a founding Director of Quod. Ben provides commercial planning advice within a range of property sectors including residential, retail, leisure, and commercial. Ben has specialised in a number of groundbreaking large scale mixed use developments in London, co-ordinating project teams so as to meet the commercial interests of clients. Ben has been called as an expert witness at public inquiries and instructs Counsel.

Key Experience:

Mixed Use:

- **Osiers Gate, Wandsworth** – Full planning permission from Wandsworth Council and GLA for 275 apartments including a 21 storey tall building and 3,000 square metres of commercial floorspace within Wandsworth Riverside Quarter. EIA Development.
- **Former Cane Hill Hospital, Croydon** – Hybrid Planning Permission for redevelopment of a 80ha site in the Green Belt for 660 houses, 5,000 square metres of commercial floorspace and new landscaped park. GLA and Croydon Council. EIA Development.
- **Oriental City, 399 Edgware Road, Colindale** – Hybrid planning permission from Brent Council and GLA for a mixed use proposal comprising a new Morrisons foodstore; 250 residential units (0% affordable); nursery and primary school for 480 pupils and a new Oriental Shopping Mall. EIA development.
- **British Gas Site, Purley Way, Croydon** – Full planning permission from Croydon Council and GLA for a mixed use proposal comprising 10,000 square metres of commercial floorspace; 845 residential units; nursery school and PCT; and deculverting of the River Wandle across the site. EIA development.

Key Projects:

Buckingham Gate,
Westminster

Broadwick Street,
Westminster

Chelsea Estate, Kensington
and Chelsea

Tideway Wharf, Nine Elms,
Battersea

New Covent Garden Market,
Vauxhall

Osiers Gate, Wandsworth

Oriental City, Colindale, Brent

British Gas Site, Purley Way,
Croydon

West Hendon, Barnet

Former Cane Hill Hospital,
Croydon

Furniture Village, Nationwide

Morrisons, Littlehampton

B&Q, Nationwide

Scotia Gas Networks,
Nationwide



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- **Tideway Wharf, Nine Elms, Battersea** – Ben advised Omniyat on the redevelopment of Tideway Wharf to deliver 1,000 residential units and 20,000 square metres of commercial floorspace within 4 tall buildings fronting the River Thames. The development was subsequently sold to Berkley Homes.
- **Tameside Park, Aldridge Road, Perry Barr, Birmingham (Hinton Properties Ltd)** – Planning permission for a Wickes Extra DIY store, 10 all weather sports pitches and pavilion, a public house and restaurant, 9,290 square metres of Class B1, B2 and B8 employment floorspace and new access and cycle facilities.
- **New Covent Garden Market** – Ben advised the shortlisted development partner on the £1bn redevelopment of the Covent Garden Market Authority site in Nine Elms, Vauxhall. The development proposals involve replacing the existing market, high-density residential led mixed use development and the introduction of tall-buildings.

Residential:

- **12-14 Lombard Road, Battersea** – Submission of a full planning application to Wandsworth Council and the GLA for a 28 storey tall building on the River Thames southbank comprising 135 residential units and 500 square meters of commercial floorspace.
- **Farm Lane Industrial Estate, Fulham** – Full planning permission for redevelopment of an occupied 10,000 square metre industrial estate for 50 luxury houses set around a new London Square from Hammersmith and Fulham Council.
- **111 & 113 Upper Richmond Road, Putney** – Full planning permission for two new tall buildings and 113 units and 4,613 square metres commercial floorspace with 0% affordable housing from Wandsworth Council and GLA.
- **Buckingham Gate, Westminster** – Full planning permission for residential conversion of former listed office building in Westminster achieving 0% affordable housing from Westminster Council.
- **Trenchard House, Broadwick Street, Soho** – Full planning permission for the redevelopment of this former Police Headquarters Hostel in the heart of the Soho Conservation Area for 76 residential units and 2,000 square metres of retail and restaurant uses from Westminster City Council and GLA. Ben acted for the development partner to the GLA who were the landowner.
- **John Milton School, Battersea Road, Battersea** – Planning permission for 261 apartments up to 10 storeys opposite Battersea Power Station from Wandsworth Council and GLA.

Key Clients:

Barratt Homes
Development Securities Plc
St George
Linden Homes
London Square
S2 Estates
Bouygues UK
Furniture Village Ltd
B&Q
Scotia Gas Networks (SGN)

Expert Witness Appeals:

St Pancras Way, LB Camden
Featherstone School, LB Ealing
Salisbury Depot, LB Ealing
Royal Road, Southwark

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- **Battersea Police Station, Battersea** – Planning permission for redevelopment of this former police station comprising 48 Residential units.
- **Chelsea Creek, Fulham** – Retained advisor for redevelopment of Chelsea Creek site, adjacent to Imperial Wharf for 400 units and commercial floorspace.
- **Half Moon Street, Mayfair** – Ben provides ongoing planning advice in respect of the wholesale redevelopments of this urban block which comprises a series of listed buildings with a configuration area.

Estate Regeneration:

- **Chelsea Estate, Chelsea** – Retained advisor regarding redevelopment of Chelsea Estate for 350 private and affordable apartments in the heart of Chelsea opposite the Grade 1 St. Luke's Church. EIA Development.
- **West Hendon, Barnet** – Hybrid planning permission from Barnet Council and GLA for demolition of West Hendon Estate and erection of 2,000 new homes and 3,000 square metres of commercial floorspace adjacent to the Welsh Harp including four tall buildings up to 30 storeys. First development in London to be awarded CIL Exceptional Circumstances Relief. EIA Development.
- **Stonegrove Estate, Barnet** – Hybrid planning permission from Barnet Council and GLA for the demolition of existing estate and erection of 937 new homes and community facilities across a 12 hectare site adjacent to the Green Belt. EIA Development.

Retail:

- **Foodstore, Wick Site, Littlehampton** – Planning permission for a 5,000 square metre new Morrisons foodstore and 3,000 square metre New Enterprise Hub in Littlehampton.
- **B&Q** – Retained planning advisor on UK property portfolio and disposal strategy.
- **Furniture Village** – Retained planning advisor on UK property portfolio and expansion strategy.
- **Foodstore, 399 Edgware Road, Colindale** – Hybrid planning permission from Brent Council and GLA for a mixed use proposal comprising a new 6,500 square metre Morrisons foodstore. EIA development.

Other:

- **Scotia Gas Networks** – Retained planning advisor to SGN regarding redevelopment and disposal strategy of its high value Gasholder Sites.



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- **Hotel, East Hill, Wandsworth** – Planning permission for 6 storey 120 bed four star Holiday Inn.
 - **Hotel, High Street, Sutton** – Planning permission for a 100 bed Travelodge.
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