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#### Areas of expertise

Richard provides planning and development advice to a broad range of clients including landowners, occupiers, investors, corporate clients and public sector organisations. His experience includes providing strategic advice on complex sites in London and other areas, co-ordinating the preparation, submission and negotiation of planning applications. In addition to his core planning skills, Richard has a thorough understanding of the EIA process and has strong organisational and project management skills, enabling him to advise and co-ordinate large multi-disciplinary teams.

Richard is a chartered town planner who joined Quod in 2010, having worked in both the private and public sectors.

#### Key experience

**Crowthorne** – Advising L&G on the comprehensive redevelopment of the former Transport Research Laboratory site in Berkshire. This comprised securing a planning policy allocation of the site for a residential led urban extension. In 2014 Bracknell Forest Council approved L&G's planning application for redevelopment of the site to include up to 1,000 new dwellings, a new primary school, neighbourhood centre and other related uses. This is a sensitive site located immediately next to the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area / Site of Special Scientific Interest, which necessitated successful engagement with a range of stakeholders.

**Lewisham Gateway** – Advice relating to the redevelopment of this strategic site in Lewisham Town Centre. Planning permission was issued in May 2009 for the replacement of the existing roundabout, road system and bus station with a comprehensive new highways layout and bus interchange. The scheme also involves re-aligning the existing rivers and providing up to 100,000 m<sup>2</sup> of new mixed- use development along with public open space etc. Richard prepared evidence and appeared as an

#### Key projects

Crowthorne  
Lewisham Gateway  
Farnborough  
Deptford Wharves  
Hinkley Point C  
London City Airport  
Southbank Centre  
Thameslink 2000  
Crystal Palace Park  
Stratford City  
TAG Farnborough Airport

#### Key clients

Lend Lease  
Legal & General  
Muse Developments  
EDF Energy  
London City Airport  
London Development Agency  
Network Rail  
Southbank Centre  
Hammerson  
TAG Farnborough Airport



expert witness at the related CPO inquiry. On-site construction began in 2014 and Richard continues to be involved, coordinating reserved matters applications and other submissions for each phase of the project.

**Farnborough** – Advising L&G on residential redevelopment of an allocated employment site. This comprised reallocation of the site in planning policy and obtaining approval for a planning application to provide 159 new homes. This has included sensitive matters such as the Thames Basin Heath Special Protection area and the provision of necessary mitigation measures.

**Deptford Wharves** – Provision of strategic and technical advice on the preparation and submission of a planning application for the comprehensive redevelopment of this strategic site in south-east London (LB Lewisham) to provide approximately 1,100 residential units, employment space and other complementary uses. The role includes liaising closely with the principal stakeholders and determining authorities.

**Southbank Centre** – Advised on the refurbishment and extension of the Royal Festival Hall, a Grade 1 Listed Building located in the South Bank Conservation Area. This involved a lengthy programme of detailed discussions with stakeholders in order to successfully obtain the necessary planning permissions, listed building consents, conservation area consents and advertisement consents. Richard advised Southbank Centre on the successful Metropolitan Open Land de-designation of Hungerford Car Park.

**Hinkley Point C** – Advised EDF Energy on the successful application for a Development Consent Order to build and operate Hinkley Point C nuclear power station. Richard's specific role on the DCO application related to managing elements of the associated development including construction of a new bypass. His other principal role for EDF Energy was advising on the securing of planning permission for the site preparation works required for the 170 hectare Hinkley Point C site, enabling these works to commence prior to the DCO being granted.

**London City Airport** – Advising the Airport on its medium/long term expansion plans and in relation to ongoing proposals for upgrading Airport facilities. The role involves the provision of strategic advice in relation to the Airport's plans for further growth, including submission of planning policy representations. The most significant element of this work has been obtaining approval for a 60% increase in flights at the Airport, for which planning permission was issued in July 2009, and subsequently managing the Airport's compliance with the permission. Richard provides ongoing advice regarding other proposals on the Estate, ranging from long-term strategic proposals to temporary public art works.