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# **Charlotte Mitchell**Associate

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#### **Areas of expertise**

Charlotte's strength is strategic planning. She works with clients to establish and articulate a clear project vision and then develops an effective planning strategy to achieve it. Her wide range of experience – from typical planning applications to large and complex infrastructure projects – allows her to quickly identify key risks to project objectives and tackle these directly.

Charlotte has particular experience in:

- Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects / Development Consent Order Applications
- Development governance and delivery bodies
- Long-term and flexible masterplanning for large sites
- Planning policy development

Charlotte is on the National Infrastructure Commission's Young Professionals Panel and she is a member of Urbanistas: a women-led network that amplifies the voices of women to make cities better for everyone.

## **Key experience**

#### **Heathrow Airport Expansion (Heathrow Airport Ltd.)** –

Charlotte worked with a team of legal and technical experts to develop a consentable surface access strategy to support Heathrow Airport's expansion. The complex nature of the project pushed her beyond the traditional role of the planner to bring together various strands of the project and champion a creative approach to balancing rigorous policy requirements with challenging client objectives.

Cambridge Airport (Marshall of Cambridge) – Charlotte provides strategic planning advice to Marshall of Cambridge to support their proposals to redevelop Cambridge Airport and bring forward a new piece of city. She has steered the development

## **Key projects**

Heathrow Expansion
Cambridge Airport
Harwell Campus
Didcot Garden Town

### **Key clients**

Heathrow Airport Ltd

Marshall of Cambridge

Harwell Campus

South Oxfordshire District Council



of a vision for the site that is capable of uniting disparate stakeholder interests over the long term, and works to ensure that vision will be underpinned by planning policy to secure the opportunity for its delivery.

Harwell Campus (Harwell Campus and U&I) – Charlotte provides strategic planning advice to support the development of Harwell Campus: a leading science, innovation, technology and business campus located south of Oxford. Following the designation of part of the site as an Enterprise Zone, Charlotte has worked closely with the Campus and local authority to establish a vision and develop a masterplan framework for the site that provides a flexible blueprint for future development.

#### Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government

- On a seven-month secondment to the Cities and Local Growth Unit within what was then DCL, Charlotte was a Senior Policy Advisor in the Infrastructure Team, leading the development of government's planning and governance strategy for the Oxford-Milton Keynes-Cambridge arc. This demanded a strong grasp of competing objectives in order to successfully navigate Whitehall and build productive relationships across DCLG, DfT, HCA and IPA. Her commercial perspective and delivery experience added value to the team, for example by contributing to new proposals for land value capture mechanisms.

Didcot Garden Town (South Oxfordshire District Council) – in the wake of Government awarding Didcot with Garden Town status, Charlotte worked with a team of consultants to develop a vision and delivery strategy for the Garden Town. Charlotte provided strategic advice on planning, policy and governance matters. She also gave evidence about the Garden Town proposals at a planning Inquiry on behalf of the Council.