

A Quod profile



## Sue Wilcox Board Director

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### Areas of expertise

Sue is a Chartered Town Planner with over thirty years' of experience in the public and private sectors, on client side and as a consultant. She is also a member of NIPA and the BPF, having chaired the Planning Committee at the BPF for over 8 years.

Since joining Quod in 2013 Sue has built up a good track record of successes, securing consent by negotiation for a number of high profile residential and commercial schemes across the UK.

She works across all sectors and has experience in a full range of consenting regimes including DCOs.

She likes to work closely with clients to fully understand their needs in order to give the best advice throughout the life of the project. She has a highly commercial approach, recognising that securing consent by negotiation is normally 'first prize' for clients. Having recommended a strategy, Sue is able to coordinate and work well with the rest of the client consultant team to deliver successful planning outcomes.

In her former role at Sainsbury's, Sue headed up the town planning team to deliver consents at pace for the growth strategy of the business. In this role she advised the Board on all aspects of planning policy and strategy across the entire property portfolio. Sue has given evidence to Select Committee Inquiries on retail planning policy matters and has contributed at industry level to various Government reviews of planning policy and to the Competition Commission inquiry into supermarkets in 2007.

### Key experience

**West Midlands Interchange (WMI) Strategic Rail Freight Interchange** - Sue is leading a large consultant team on the DCO application for a NSIP project to deliver a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange, a new link road and up to 743,200sqm of rail served warehousing in South Staffordshire.

### Key projects

WMI Strategic Rail Freight Interchange DCO application in South Staffordshire

North Kensington Gate residential led scheme at Old Oak Common

Mitre Yard residential scheme at Old Oak Common

Axis Square regeneration project in Birmingham City Centre

Hammersmith Triangle office scheme

Residential scheme in Suffolk Coastal

Gulfstream on Farnborough Airport Care Home proposal

### Key clients

Asserson Law

Associated British Ports

Aurora Developments Ltd

Bostall Group

CBRE

City and Dockland

Crest Nicholson

Cubitt

Gazeley

Grosvenor

Gulfstream

Kilbride Holdings Ltd



**North Kensington Gate Residential development at Old Oak Common** - This was a complex residential-led scheme across two sites on the east side of Scrubs Lane. The development provides 211 residential units in total and includes a 22-storey tower on the southern site. Sue provided strategic advice and led a large multi-disciplinary team on this project. These were two of the earliest applications to be considered by the newly formed OPDC. Sue built up a good working relationship with the officers at the new mayoral corporation and as a result the team were able to secure a recommendation for approval. Resolution to grant was secured in 2017 and consent has been issued.

**Mitre Yard** - Advised City and Docklands on a build-to-rent urban regeneration scheme for c200 units and commercial uses at ground level across two sites on the western side of Scrubs Lane. Sue led the client team and worked closely with the OPDC and GLA officers and key stakeholders to secure consent. Again, this application was one of the first to be approved in the OPDC area.

**Axis Square** – Advised LCR on the redevelopment of the 1970's Axis office building and secured consent in 2017 for four buildings around a new public square in a key location in Birmingham city centre.

**Hammersmith Triangle** – On behalf of Romulus Construction led the client team and discussions with officers at Hammersmith & Fulham to secure officer support for the Hammersmith Triangle redevelopment. The scheme is for an office-led development with A1/A3 and a gallery use at ground floor. We worked against very tight time scales in order to prepare a full application and obtain consent at the local level and obviate the need to have the proposals heard at a public inquiry.

**Westerfield** – Secured consent on behalf of Cubitt Projects Ltd for a residential development on land at Westerfield in Suffolk Coastal District.

**Care Home** – Advising the Bostall Group on a scheme for a care home, hotel and A3 use on a site in Dartford.

**Gulfstream Hangar at Farnborough Airport** – Advising Gulfstream and preparation of a planning application for a new hangar at Farnborough Airport in Hampshire.

Land Securities

London and Continental Railways

Private clients

Romulus Construction Ltd