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Areas of expertise

James is a Chartered Town Planner (MRTPI), a member of the National Infrastructure Planning Association (NIPA) and is currently working towards full membership of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

He is involved in a wide range of development proposals at Quod, working on logistics, residential and employment led planning schemes, and also has significant experience and expertise in taking a number of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) through the Development Consent Order (DCO) process.

James holds a master's degree from the University of Manchester in planning, with a focus in real estate (MPlan).

Key experience

West Midlands Interchange (WMI), South Staffordshire –

James is part of the project team who have taken a Development Consent Order application for a new Strategic Rail Freight Interchange in the West Midlands through the pre-application and examination process. The project will provide a new intermodal rail terminal connected to the West Coast Mainline, with up to 8 million sq ft of associated rail served warehousing in the Green Belt. A decision is expected in February 2020.

Silvertown Tunnel, London – James assisted the TfL project team during the Development Consent Order application for a new tunnel linking the Greenwich Peninsula and Silvertown in London. Development consent was granted in May 2018.

EDF Nuclear Decommissioning, various sites – James is leading the planning aspects in decommissioning multiple nuclear sites, on behalf of EDF.

Heathrow Airport, London – James is part of the project team assisting with taking the third runway proposals through the Development Consent Order process.

Key projects

West Midlands Interchange
EDF Nuclear Decommissioning
Heathrow Airport
Farnborough Airport
DHL Manton Wood
Mitre Yard
North Kensington Gate
Hampton School

Key clients

DHL
Grosvenor
Heathrow
EDF
TfL
Gulfstream
City & Docklands



Gulfstream MRO Hangar, Farnborough Airport – James led the planning team in delivering a new maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) hangar for Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation, at TAG Farnborough Airport. Consent was granted in December 2018. James is now leading the discharge of conditions, with the MRO hangar expected to be operational in early 2020.

DHL Manton Wood, Worksop – James is acting on behalf of DHL, having delivered planning consent for 540,000 sq ft of logistics space in Phase 1 in 2019, with initial work now being undertaken on the planning work to deliver Phases 2 and 3.

Mitre Yard, Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation – James assisted the project team on an application for a 200 dwelling, residential led mixed-use development in the newly formed Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation area, which was granted in 2017.

Mitre Yard S96a and S73, Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation – James successfully increased the previous consent to provide 241 dwellings at Mitre Yard. The application was granted in January 2020.

North Kensington Gate (South) S73, Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation – James is leading the project team seeking to uplift the previous consent to provide further dwellings at North Kensington Gate (South). An application is anticipated in late 2019.

Uplands Farm, Wealden – James successfully delivered planning consent for 183 dwellings at Uplands Farm in March 2019. James is now leading the discharge of conditions on behalf of Taylor Wimpey.

Hampton School, Richmond – James assists Hampton School through the leading of a number of planning projects across both the main school and the prep school sites, providing strategic planning advice across a number of issues.

Kamkorp Park, Sunningdale – James was part of the project team that delivered planning consent for a hybrid application at Kamkorp Park in Surrey Heath. The application included over 100,000 sq ft of new research and development floorspace, a monorail and a test track within the Green Belt, with very special circumstances successfully demonstrated and permission granted in 2015.