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Areas of expertise

Georgie is a chartered town planner involved in all aspects of the planning process, from advising on initial concepts and acquisition of land, to preparing planning applications, managing consultant teams and negotiating viable planning permissions, planning conditions and legal agreements with Local Planning Authorities.

By taking projects from inception stage through to practical completion, Georgie has gained an excellent understanding of the commercial pressures and objectives that drive development and is therefore focused on achieving approvals that are valuable for her clients.

Key experience

Cambridge Biomedical Campus – Georgie is instructed to advise on the optimisation of Cambridge Biomedical Campus (CBC) and its expansion through a new allocation in the Greater Cambridge Local Plan. CBC is the largest employment site in Cambridge and one of the most significant clusters of biomedical science in the world. Interventions are required to help it become a more integrated quarter of the city, offering attractive and welcoming places that are better connected to existing neighbourhoods. Capacity is also required to help the campus continue to attract world class science based innovation. The expansion land, which must be released from the green belt, will offer much needed space for globally significant research and development facilities, homes, infrastructure and substantial improvements to biodiversity and green and blue infrastructure.

Geo Cambridge – Georgie is advising Columbia Threadneedle Investments and Berwick Hill Properties on the preparation of a planning application for a new Life Sciences building in the City of Cambridge. The proposed development will be built speculatively to provide high-quality research and development floorspace, comprising a mixture of office and laboratory space. The

Key projects

Cambridge Biomedical Campus
Geo Cambridge
Fulham Gasworks
Newcombe House
Bluewater
Southall Gasworks
Heathrow Expansion
Farringdon East OSD

Key clients

Cambridge Biomedical Campus Ltd.
Columbia Threadneedle Investments
Berwick Hill Properties
Brockton Everlast
U&I
Delancey
Land Securities
Cambridge County Council
St William LLP
Berkeley Homes (West London)
Pigeon Investment Management
Land Improvement Holdings
Transport for London
Crossrail Ltd.
Heathrow Airports Limited.



proposals have been designed to provide flexible and adaptable floorspace that facilitates collaboration.

Fulham Gasworks, Hammersmith and Fulham– Georgie advised on a part detailed, part outline permission for 1,800 homes across 16 buildings, ranging in height from 1 to 37 storeys. The approved masterplan secures the retention of a Grade II* listed gasholder within a large new park. Georgie was retained to advise on the first Reserved Matters Application and to advise on a series of non-material amendments that will enable the swift delivery of new homes.

Newcombe House, Kensington and Chelsea – Georgie advised on a major application for a mixed use scheme above Notting Hill Gate Underground Station. The proposals comprise six buildings ranging in height from two and eighteen storeys in a highly constrained setting. Georgie led on the planning strategy that secured a call in by the Mayor of London and a resolution to grant planning permission from the Mayor at a public hearing. Georgie subsequently managed a multi-disciplinary team through a planning inquiry which resulted in the Secretary of State granting permission in June 2020.

Southall Waterside, Ealing – Georgie advised Berkeley West Thames on the regeneration of the former Southall Gasworks. The project, which will deliver 3,750 new homes, is one of the most complex regeneration projects in London.

Bluewater Shopping Centre, Kent – Georgie advised on the submission of an application for a major extension to Bluewater, including the preparation of a Retail Impact Assessment in support of an additional 30,500 sqm of retail floorspace.

Heathrow Expansion – Georgie was instructed by Heathrow Airports Limited to advise on the scheme development of the proposals for a third runway. Georgie's role included advising on the development and implementation of an optioneering approach that would withstand scrutiny at examination and be able to support the highly sensitive decisions which are inherent in a scheme of such scale and significance.

Silvertown Tunnel – Georgie was instructed by TfL in relation to a Development Consent Order for a new tunnel that will link west Silvertown with the Greenwich Peninsula.