

A Quod profile



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Areas of expertise

Greg is an associate who is adept at both supporting colleagues and taking the lead on a diverse range of projects.

Greg has a wide experience base that includes working on complex inner-city regeneration schemes, strategic land promotion, large-scale employment schemes, and schemes that have gone to public inquiry.

Key experience

Maitland Park Estate, LB Camden (2019-present) – Greg took a leading role in preparing, reviewing and submitting a Minor-Material Amendment application for design and unit mix changes of this Council-led estate regeneration scheme, for which he successfully secured permission in September 2020. Since then, Greg has overseen the discharge of the pre-commencement conditions as the construction phase begins, as well as submitting a further non-material amendment application on behalf of the client.

VIP Estate, RB Greenwich (2019) – Greg has been closely involved with appealing the Mayor's decision to refuse planning permission for this mixed-use development in the Charlton Riverside Opportunity Area. His role has included providing detailed and concise advice to the multi-disciplinary team, as well as negotiating statements of common ground with opposition parties.

Omega Zone 8 (St Helens), TJ Morris - Greg was involved with preparing for a public inquiry after this scheme was called in by the Secretary of State. This involved getting quickly up to speed on this complex project, providing concise research notes and inputting to the planning proof of evidence. The hearing was carried out in April/May 2021, with the Secretary of State's decision currently pending.

Key projects

Fulham Gasworks
Harwell Campus
Bacton Low Rise
Maitland Park
Earls Court
Omega Zone 8
Birmingham Business Park

Key clients

St William Homes LLP
DHL
Earls Court Partnership Limited
London Borough of Camden
Harwell Science and Innovation
Campus Ltd
BlackRock Inc



Harwell Fermi Avenue, Harwell Campus (2018-present) –

Greg is involved in the preparation of an outline application for the development and extension of the Harwell Science Campus in the North Wessex Downs. The sensitive geographic area of the campus has meant that an appropriate response is required whilst maintaining and ensuring the client's commercial demands. As well as preparing planning documents, Greg has been involved in reviewing and providing feedback on architectural plans and technical documents for the team, as well as advising on commercial matters where they relate to the planning process.

Land north of Towcester (Northamptonshire), DHL - Greg is supporting the preparation and submission of a hybrid planning permission that would see the delivery of c.1,000,000 sqft of logistics and distribution warehousing floorspace on behalf of DHL. This initially involved preparing a due diligence report for the client, and now involves helping to manage a multi-disciplinary technical and design team navigate a wide range of complex issues relating to transport impacts, biodiversity net gain and programme requirements.

Fulham Gasworks (LB Hammersmith), St William Homes LLP - Since the grant of outline planning permission, Greg has been involved in preparing and submitting Reserved Matters Applications, and non-material and minor-material amendment applications for this large-scale, multi-phased development. This has involved being agile in the face of client requests and instructions and preparing amendments and RMAs in a timely manner to ensure the long-term success of the scheme.

Earls Court (LB Hammersmith and Fulham, RB Kensington and Chelsea), Earls Court Partnership Ltd - Greg is part of the multi-disciplinary team at Quod advising ECPL on bringing forward a new planning application to help realise this highly strategic and high-profile site in central site. Greg has been involved in preparing applications for advertisement consent and advising on planning matters relating to temporary works and meanwhile uses of the site.