# Matt Briant Senior Planner

MRTPI; MA in Planning and Sustainability; BA (Hons) in Sociology

#### **Areas of expertise**

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Matt is a Chartered Town Planner with over 10 years' Local Planning Authority and private sector consultancy experience. He has a proven track record of working on a range of complex cases including large residential schemes on both greenfield and brownfield sites, care home developments, contentious Councilowned development proposals, and various mixed-use Town Centre developments. Matt has experience of being the lead representative at Planning Committees and Appeal Hearings, and has assisted clients in taking a new garden village through the Local Plan Examination in Public (EiP) process, during which he prepared Statements of Common Ground, attended design workshops and Cons with Counsel, and supported the client and wider team at the EiP.

### **Key experience**

Matt has a background in commercial and large-scale residential Green Belt proposals and Town Centre developments. He has regularly acted as the lead planner at Planning Committees and the lead representative at Appeal Hearings. He is responsible for providing town planning advice to clients and has supported clients through pre-application meetings and Chelmsford City Council's EiP.

At Quod, Matt has been involved with the preparation of the Environmental Statement and Development Consent Order (DCO) application for EDF at Sizewell, regularly attending meetings with the client and their consultants.

Matt works efficiently with key stakeholders at all levels and stages of the planning process and has experience of dealing with local councillors and community groups. He also has a strong background in mentoring junior staff to chartered membership of the Royal Town Planning Institute.

## Key projects

Sizewell C North East Chelmsford Garden Community Imber Riverside, East Molesey (formerly Imber Court Trading Estate) Stompond Lane Sports Ground, Walton-on-Thames (contentious Council-owned development) Rivernook Farm Mixed-use town centre developments

# **Key clients**

EDF Threadneedle Pensions Hamberley Development Ltd