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Areas of expertise

Alex has built up substantial skills through involvement in a large number of projects across London and the South East. These range from mixed-use, estate regeneration, residential, leisure and retail schemes to Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects.

He is involved with all aspects of the planning process, from providing initial advice at a project's inception, to the preparation and submission of planning applications and subsequent discharging of conditions, in addition to development plan representations and planning appeals.

Key experience

Estate Regeneration, Tower Hamlets – Alex is managing a major application for the estate regeneration of a site in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. The proposal comprises three buildings, ranging in height from three to 31 storeys. The proposed development will deliver an uplift in affordable and market housing, and the design approach has been based on collaboration and consultation with key stakeholders and the local community.

Hemel Hempstead urban extension – Alex is providing planning advice for the promotion of an urban extension to Hemel Hempstead through the St Albans Local Plan. His role includes providing detailed and concise advice to the multidisciplinary team, and liaising with both the client and the Council, to ensure the optimum site allocation is secured in the Local Plan.

Newcombe House, Kensington and Chelsea – Alex advised on a major application for a mixed use scheme in the heart of a town centre that is split across six buildings ranging between two and eighteen storeys in height. Key issues included heritage and affordable housing.

Key projects

Estate Regeneration, Tower Hamlets

Hemel Hempstead urban extension

Newcombe House, Kensington and Chelsea

Sizewell C Nuclear Power Station, Suffolk

Heathrow Airport Expansion

Offshore Wind, National Grid ET

Key clients

Mount Anvil

Pigeon Investment Management

EDF Energy

Heathrow Airport Ltd

National Grid ET



Sizewell C Nuclear Power Station, EDF Energy – Alex formed part of a team advising EDF Energy on its application for a DCO. Alex was involved with drafting key documents including the Planning Statements for the Associated Development of the DCO. As part of this, Alex led the drafting of the justification of chosen routes for new road bypasses including explaining the alternatives that had been considered and the reasons why they had been discounted.

Alex oversaw the proposed changes to the DCO during the Examination period, which involved managing a multi-disciplinary team and reviewing updated plans and documents, including the Environmental Statement Addendums.

Alex was also responsible for reviewing and responding to key consultees during the Examination period. This was a vital role in the lead up to the Examination hearings and required an attention to detail to ensure that key matters that were being raised by stakeholders were being responded to and addressed appropriately ahead of the hearings.

Heathrow Airport Expansion, Heathrow Airport – Alex formed part of the planning team in relation to the delivery of a third runway. Alex helped manage the drafting of various technical reports, including the Mitigation Strategy for the airport wide masterplan, which sought to introduce airport infrastructure in the Green Belt, relocate major roads, rivers, community facilities, and high security facilities. It was necessary to balance the ambition for flexibility with the need to measure and mitigate the impact of the wider development.

Offshore Wind, National Grid Electricity Transmission – Alex helped undertake an independent review on the suitability, and potential challenges, of the current planning regime to enable the delivery of the Government's objective to connect 40GW of electricity from offshore wind power to the UK transmission network by 2030.