

A Quod profile



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Areas of expertise

Sophie joined Quod in March 2022 as an Assistant Planner having recently graduated from Newcastle University. Since then she has completed her UCL Planning Masters whilst working for Quod and is now working towards becoming a chartered member of the Royal Town Planning Institute.

Sophie has worked on a wide range of projects from small scale change of use applications to large scale mixed-use schemes which has developed her knowledge of the planning system. She has gained valuable experience across the different phases of planning from initial scoping of planning considerations for sites, preparing planning application documents and submitting applications, through to discharging conditions. Sophie has also helped her senior colleagues prepare evidence for planning inquiries.

Key experience

North Quay, Canary Wharf – Sophie assisted with the preparation and submission of a detailed planning application for a 23-storey 823,000 sq ft life science building, comprising the first phase of the North Quay Masterplan.

North West Cambridge Development – Sophie is currently working with the University of Cambridge on the preparation of a new masterplan for the future phases of the North West Cambridge development, a residential-led mixed-use scheme.

Envar Planning Inquiry – In July 2024, the Secretary of State granted planning permission for an innovative expansion of a waste site in Somersham. Sophie assisted in preparing and submitting the documents for this planning appeal as well as assisting the Barrister and Expert Witnesses throughout the Inquiry.

Key projects

North Quay
North West Cambridge Development
Shell Centre
Rushden Living

Key clients

Canary Wharf Group
University of Cambridge
The Crown Estate
Lendlease



Four Sites, Hammersmith and Fulham – Sophie is currently providing planning advice for four small housing sites in Hammersmith and Fulham.

Shell Centre, Waterloo – Sophie is providing planning assistance for the delivery of Building 5.

Rushden Living – Sophie coordinates a number of condition applications for this scheme and aided the preparation of a Section 73 application to amend the originally consented scheme.

Grove Farm – Sophie prepared planning documents for a Certificate of Appropriate Alternative Development for this site.