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Areas of expertise

Tom joined Quod in 2018 after completing a Master's in Spatial Planning at UCL and has since gained extensive experience in advising private sector clients across a wide range of projects. Specialising in large-scale industrial developments, as well as commercial and retail schemes, Tom has successfully led the preparation, submission and conclusion of numerous planning applications throughout the UK.

Tom's expertise spans all stages of the planning process, from conducting initial site assessments and engaging in pre-application discussions to preparing planning documentation, negotiating applications, and managing the delivery of schemes through conditions discharge and post-decision amendments. His extensive experience with high-volume submissions has fostered strong relationships and provided him with a deep understanding of the planning system to provide clear advice.

As a chartered member of the Royal Town Planning Institute, Tom offers strategic, commercially focused advice, ensuring clients navigate the planning process efficiently.

Key experience

Equation Properties - Tom provides advice on a range of employment sites, supporting pre-acquisition assessments to identify suitable locations for new industrial and logistics development. He plays a key role in preparing and submitting planning applications for major projects and subsequent scheme delivery, including Matrix 49 in Avonmouth, Vanguard Logistics Park in Longmoor and Radius Park in Basingstoke.

Travis Perkins Properties plc – Tom assists in providing a range of planning and asset management advice for the Travis Perkins Group, as well as leading on planning matters to deliver new branches in locations such as Basildon, Epsom and Bristol.

Key projects

Radius Park, Basingstoke

Matrix 49, Avonmouth

Vanguard Logistics Park,
Longmoor

Zenith 105, Wembley

Gatwick Green

Travis Perkins, Basildon

Hearts Services, Gillingham

Home Bargains, Cardigan

Former Debenhams, Bath

Key clients

Bental Green Oak

British Land

Buzz Bingo

Equation Properties

Patrizia

STARK Building Materials UK

Travis Perkins Plc

T J Morris Limited

Wickes



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TJ Morris Limited – Tom supports retail planning advice and leads on the submission of various planning applications in support of new retail units in England and Wales, comprising both the widening of existing planning restrictions and on new out-of-centre retail floorspace.

Former Debenhams, Bath – Tom supported British Land on the planning application for the repurposing and extension of the prominent former Debenhams unit in Southgate for mixed-use office and life science use.

Hearts Services, Gillingham – Tom has been involved with the phased expansion of the existing roadside services in South Norfolk, including the preparation and submission of all applications, undertaking retail and need assessments, as well as the discharge of conditions and scheme amendments to support on-site delivery.