

Planning & Environmental Policies

Steering a course between the competing interests of commercial or residential development and the impact on the environment is a delicate balancing act. Falling foul of legislation in either respect can be costly and damaging. Stephensons has a long track record in all types of planning and environmental issues, advising organisations and individuals alike. Our expertise ranges from minor matters such as private house planning applications to widescale environmental investigations.



We can help with

Advisory work

Our preferred approach is to provide proactive advice to clients on planning and environmental policies that can impact on them. Working in partnership with our clients, we keep you up to date with the current developments to ensure you avoid being taken to Court or prosecuted.

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Partner



Planning and environment projects

We provide a full planning service to owners and prospect developers, ranging from planning applications to compulsory purchase orders to access and highway issues. Our environmental services include due diligence on prospective developments and advice on managing potential risk. Our experience enables us to pull together experts from different fields and coordinate projects if required.

Appeals and court work

Wherever possible, we believe in negotiating solutions. However, it is possible that you will need representing either in the Courts or at public enquiries at some point. Our work includes defending businesses who are facing regulatory, criminal or civil prosecution in cases brought by the relevant enforcement agencies, such as the Environment Agency, local authorities and the Health & Safety Executive. Whilst we can respond rapidly to emergency situations our experience has shown that early intervention leads to the best likelihood of success. This includes attending interviews, site meetings and other investigations.

Our services

Our expertise includes:

- Planning applications & permissions
- Conservation areas
- Environmental assessment & due diligence
- All related Court work
- Hazardous substances
- Representation at interview

Key facts about us

- We have a genuine commitment to understanding our client's businesses and working with them on a partnership basis.
- We operate on a hands-on but informal basis and are never more than a phone call away.
- We seek to achieve practical solutions, discussing the merits or pitfalls of alternative approaches and never blinding clients with legal technicalities.
- Our policy of meeting clients wherever possible at their own premises and our lower office overheads enable us to charge more competitive fees than many city-based firms.

Contact us

Please feel free to contact us if you would like further information on any aspect of our work. Our friendly team is always on hand to help and advise you. We can be contacted directly on:

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About Stephensons

Stephensons provides legal advice for all aspects of your personal or business life. By understanding your circumstances and keeping the red-tape to ourselves, we focus on efficiently delivering what you need, when you need it. Operating from a number of regional locations, we rank among the top 100 UK law firms and are one of the fastest growing practices in the north west. With over 400 staff, you can trust our specialists to take care of things on your behalf, always putting your best interests first. So, for legal advice and action the way you want it, just turn to Stephensons.