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BIOGRAPHY

Abigail has experience in the full range of planning work for both public and private sector clients including strategic advice, legal agreements, inquiry and court work. She has advised developers, utilities, local authorities and other public bodies. Abigail has particular experience in relation to compulsory purchase and compensation.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Compulsory Purchase Associate
- NIPA

ADMISSIONS

- England and Wales

RELATED CAPABILITIES

- Planning & Zoning
- Real Estate
- Oil, Gas & Sustainable Fuels

EXPERIENCE

Heathrow Airport Limited - on the promotion of the expansion proposals, including a new third runway. In particular advising on business relocations under the Compensation Code and other compulsory acquisition related issues and policies.

National Grid - on the protection of assets from third party Development Consent Order applications and in relation to asset protection issues generally including in respect of the Cleve Hill Solar DCO, VPI Immingham DCO and the London to Southampton Pipeline DCO amongst many others.

National Grid - on London Power Tunnels 2 including evidence preparation in relation to the CPO inquiry for circuits 1 and 2, the section 28 application, asset protection issues and the promotion of the CPO for the third circuit.

Bracknell Forest Borough Council - in relation to the promotion of their town centre regeneration proposals from inception through to delivery including advice on planning strategy, review of planning application, EIA issues, Planning Agreement and related Road Closure and Compulsory Purchase Orders.

Tesco Stores Limited – in relation to their redevelopment proposals for large scale mixed use schemes in Dartford and Woolwich, including planning strategy, planning agreements, rights of light issues and related Road Closure and Compulsory Purchase Orders.

Various Landowners nationally – in respect of the impact of Phase 1, Phase 2a and Phase 2b of HS2 on their land interests, including liaison with HS2, petitioning, preparation of evidence and representation at select committee hearings in order to seek to protect either the operational needs of their business or the value of future development sites.

Cadent Gas Limited – in relation to the protection of assets from third party Development Consent Order applications and Compulsory Purchase Orders including amongst others Norfolk Vanguard DCO, Lake Lothing DCO and Northampton Gateway Rail Freight Interchange DCO.

Tesco/St Modwen/Bracknell Forest Borough Council/Winchester City Council/Tower Hamlets Borough Council and Southern Water Limited – in relation to the promotion of a wide range of Compulsory Purchase Orders for infrastructure, housing and town centre regeneration schemes, through all stages of the Compulsory Purchase Process including complex open space and exchange land issues.

RESOURCES

PUBLICATIONS

Abigail presents the CPT Judicial Review Seminar alongside Meyric Lewis and Charles Streeten of Francis Taylor Building annually and has regularly spoken on CPO, CIL and planning generally as part of the RICS CPD programme.

RELATED INSIGHTS

Insights

Jan 17, 2025

Significant changes to CPO regime under consideration

Two significant consultations opened at the end of last year, the first by the Government and the second by the Law Commission, seeking views on proposed changes to CPO law and process. In the first of this two part series, we consider the Government consultation and what the changes it proposes may mean for acquiring authorities and those whose land or interests may be subject to a CPO.

Insights

Dec 11, 2023

Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023: Summary of DCO and CPO reforms

Included in the wide range of provisions in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 are some important changes to the process and procedures for Development Consent Orders and Compulsory Purchase Orders. In this Insight we examine these changes and their implications for landowners and local authorities.

Insights

Jun 21, 2022

Significant changes to CPO compensation on the horizon

A recently published government consultation (which closes on 19 July 2022) proposes fundamental changes in how CPO compensation is assessed and will have significant implications for landowners, acquiring authorities and scheme promoters. In this Insight we explain the implications and significance of these important proposed changes.

Insights

Sep 16, 2021

UK Energy National Policy Statement Review: Overview of consultation drafts

Insights

Apr 03, 2020

Coronavirus Act 2020 UK: Government powers to require assistance with death management explained

As the tragedy of the Covid-19 crisis unfolds, the real estate sector should be aware that the Coronavirus Act 2020 includes some important wide reaching powers in Schedule 28 to deal with the increasing number of coronavirus deaths. This is a difficult subject but the powers allow the Government or local authorities to requisition “anything” that could facilitate the transportation, storage or disposal of dead bodies or human remains. This means not only existing funeral or morgue operators, but also potentially any operators of suitable premises and transport/logistics networks as well as other services and facilities could be called on to assist.