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BIOGRAPHY

James is experienced in all aspects of planning and environmental law. He has advised central government, local authorities, water and sewerage undertakers, public and private companies and developers on a wide range of development projects including major infrastructure and environmentally sensitive projects, regeneration, housing, retail and leisure development as well as new settlements and town centre redevelopment.

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The chancellor's 'mini-budget' on 23 September introduced some significant planning reforms. In a separate blog we discussed the new Investment Zones announced that will benefit from tax reliefs and liberalised planning laws. In this blog we discuss the new government's proposals to reform the planning regime for major infrastructure projects.