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BIOGRAPHY

Giles is experienced in town and country planning law, and related matters such as highway and compulsory purchase. He has experience in the promotion of large retail, commercial and residential and mixed use schemes advising clients on schemes across England including logistics hubs, retail stores, build to rent (BTR) and other residential development and very large scale brownfield regeneration. He has a specific interest in large, commercial-led development in Central London, including the regeneration of Victoria and various projects across Westminster, Camden and the City of London. Giles has worked on several very large infrastructure schemes under the DCO and other regimes.

Giles is ranked within Chambers & Partners UK 2025.

MEDIA MENTIONS

"Degree of uncertainty threatens student accommodation boom" - Property Week

ADMISSIONS

England and Wales

RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

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EXPERIENCE

- Advising Landsec on the regeneration of its Victoria estate and also on its development of 21 Moorfields in the City of London; and out of London on its Eastern Quarry brownfield residential scheme.
- Advising National Grid on various projects across England, including on its London Power Tunnels 2 Project – a deep tunnel carrying high voltage electricity cables beneath 33 km of south London.
- Advising Lendlease on its redevelopment proposals around and above the HS2 station at Euston.
- Advising Greater London Authority and the Transport for London "family" on strategic residential proposals across its land portfolio.

- Advising Get Living and Europa Capital on various "Build to Rent" proposals across England.

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Insights Apr 14, 2025 **Tall Building Trends in London**

Tall buildings have hugely contributed to London's sense of place and rightful place as a world-leading financial centre. They have made a defined impact on the London skyline particularly in the period between 2000-2019 when the number of new tall buildings built increased significantly, largely due to a change in planning policy. For the last 10 years the NLA (New London Architecture) has been surveying trends in tall building development (which it defines as those of 20 storeys or above) across London. In this Insight we examine the NLA's recently published annual survey 2025 and what it means for tall building development in the capital.

Insights

Mar 14, 2025

Planning and Infrastructure Bill - The Next Step on the Road to Planning Reform

The much trailed Planning and Infrastructure Bill introduced to Parliament on 11 March covers wide ranging changes to the conventional planning process, CPO, development corporations and infrastructure planning. It is an ambitious piece of legislation, designed to support delivery of the Government's housing and critical infrastructure targets and drive growth, and introduces some novel measures.

News

Feb 04, 2025

International law firm BCLP has advised on the indirect corporate sale of Allegro, a buildto-rent scheme in Birmingham

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 subject to a CPO.

Insights Dec 18, 2024

What's new in the updated NPPF?

On 12 December 2024, the updated NPPF consulted on over the summer, came into immediate effect. The prodevelopment changes aim to increase housing delivery, support development generally and in particular key growth sectors whilst placing a stronger emphasis on sustainability, tackling climate change and promoting green energy.

Awards Oct 17, 2024

Chambers 2025 UK guide ranks BCLP in 34 practice areas and recognises 74 individual lawyers

Insights Sep 19, 2024 NPPF Consultation: Green Belt reform

One of the headline changes proposed by Government in its consultation (which closes on 24 September) on revisions to the NPPF is to Green Belt policy. These proposed changes are worth detailed consideration as they may have significant implications for landowners and those with development interests in land currently allocated as Green Belt. In this insight we take a detailed look at how the proposed new Green Belt NPPF policy would apply in plan making, decision taking and to site assembly and what this means for land values, development viability and CPO compensation.

Insights

Jul 19, 2024

The King's Speech: hints at the planning reform to come

So, now is the time to deliver. Among an abundance of new legislation announced in the King's Speech, we see the legislative beginning of a heavily trailed reform to the planning system with the delivery of high quality housing and infrastructure both name-checked. We had the teaser from Rachel Reeves speech on the "economic planning system" last week, and following His Majesty's opening of the new Parliament we now await the detail. What can we expect?

Insights Jul 05, 2024

Can a Starmer Government deliver meaningful planning reform?

Labour's landslide victory marks the end of 14 years of Conservative rule and heralds a new era. But once the champagne corks have stopped popping at Labour HQ, the new Government needs to roll up its sleeves fast and steer a stagflation economy onto a path of dynamic growth. Is it time for developers to be optimistic?