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## **BIOGRAPHY**

Sam is experienced in planning law, environmental law and public law – acting on advisory, contentious / disputes and transactional matters.

Regarding planning, his experience includes all aspects of planning law regarding UK real estate and infrastructure projects including planning policy, planning applications, planning appeals (including public inquiries), planning and infrastructure agreements, CIL, Section 106, infrastructure planning, DCOs, NSIPs, compulsory purchase and compensation, highways and transport.

Regarding environmental, his experience includes environmental law areas associated with the planning system including environmental impact assessment, environmental statements, habitats and biodiversity. Sam also has experience with specialist standalone environmental law areas including environmental liability, regulation, compliance, permitting, chemicals regulation and

product stewardship, climate change, carbon capture, emissions trading, PFAS, contaminated land and EU environmental law.

Regarding public law, his experience includes judicial review, consultation, decision-making, local government powers, freedom of information and environmental information.

Sam works closely with the Antitrust & Competition and International Trade teams – where his areas of practice interface with competition, regulatory, trade and Brexit.

Sam has been listed in Legal 500 (Environment) as a Key Lawyer – “Sam Levy has a particular focus on planning and public law-related work”.

## **ADMISSIONS**

- England and Wales

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### **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.

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### **UK restrictions on PFAS in a quickly evolving international context**

The UK position on PFAS is developing post-Brexit via UK REACH and a regulatory management options analysis. The EU position on PFAS is developing via EU REACH (with several significant restriction processes underway). The US position on PFAS is developing via extensive and ongoing regulation in the US at both the state and federal levels.

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## **BCLP Advises on Joint Venture in London for Sustainable Property Developer**

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## **The long term implications of PFAS for real estate in the UK**

Poly- and Perfluoroalkyl substances ("PFAS") are widely present in soil and groundwater, and the negative human health consequences of this are starting to be understood. There are important implications for anyone with interests in real estate in the UK. This Insight analyses the risks of PFAS in the UK under UK law.

Blog Post

Feb 09, 2023

## **EU broad PFAS restriction proposal published – A complex and significant process begins**

PFAS has been on European regulatory radars for some time, but 2023 looks to be a significant year for the EU's broad PFAS restriction proposal. In January, five EU member states submitted the proposal to the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) under REACH (the EU's chemicals regulation) and, in February, ECHA published the proposal. There's no doubt that the task faced by ECHA and interested parties / consultees will be sizeable as this proposal moves through the restriction process.

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## **The Environment Act 2021: a practical look at the new biodiversity requirement**

One of the more ambitious provisions of the new Environment Act 2021 is the mandatory requirement for new developments to provide a 10% biodiversity net gain. Whilst this requirement has no legal effect yet (and will be brought into force through secondary legislation at a date not yet known), the provisions are complex and warrant close examination.

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## **Staying Alive: Extending the Life of a DCO**

The regime for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) allows for Development Consent Orders (DCOs) to be granted for a set period of time (often 5 years), but only recently has it become clear that time limits can be extended to keep DCOs alive.

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## **Carbon pricing in the UK/Europe: ETS and CORSIA developments**

Operators in the aviation sector and the 'stationary sectors' (power generation, energy intensive industries, etc.) should note that the environmental regulatory framework for carbon pricing and emissions trading in the UK/Europe changed in 2020, and will continue to change.

