

ANTHONY GILL

Year of call: 2008

Clerked by: Gary Smith Mark Ronson

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Administrative & Public Law Environment Licensing Local
Government Planning



Planning

Residential Housing Inquiry work includes:

Promoting at inquiry a proposal for a 350 bed Purpose Built Student Housing Development in Chester City Conservation Area.

Promoting a proposal for 345 dwellings on the edge of settlement at Clitheroe, Lancashire. (Junior Counsel to David Manley QC)

Promoting an 'extra care' facility in Portishead, North Somerset in a case engaging the meaning of Classes C3 and C2 of the Use Classes Order. (Junior Counsel to Paul Tucker QC)

Representing Kirklees Council in a called in inquiry for a retirement village in the Green Belt.

Representing a local action group in a called-in inquiry into the appropriateness in the Green Belt of the Forestry Commission's holiday lodge product.

Representing Sheffield City Council in an inquiry into an application for planning permission for 387 dwellings in the Parsons Cross area of the city.

Significant Reported Cases

Fox Strategic Land and Property Ltd v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government [2012] EWHC 444 (Admin) (Junior Counsel to Paul Tucker QC)

Fox Strategic Land & Property Ltd v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government [2012] EWCA Civ 1198 (Junior Counsel to Paul Tucker QC)

Retail:

Representing Morrisons supermarkets as a rule 6 party in a four party inquiry into a proposal for a new Tesco supermarket in Holmfirth, West Yorkshire.

Representing a national developer in an inquiry into extending the terms of an existing permission for a retail park in Leamington Spa.

Representing West Lancashire District Council in an inquiry into a proposal for an edge of centre Asda store in Ormskirk, Lancashire.

Significant Reported Cases

R. (on the application of Zurich Assurance Ltd (t/a Threadneedle Property Investments)) v North Lincolnshire Council [2012] EWHC 3708 (Admin) (Junior Counsel to Paul Tucker QC)

Scottish Widows Plc, and Aegon UK Property Fund Ltd v Cherwell DC [2013] EWHC 3968 (Admin) (Junior Counsel to Paul Tucker QC)

Renewable Energy:

Opposing at inquiry a wind farm development of 6no. 125m turbines for East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

Promoting at inquiry a proposal for 3no. turbines in North Devon (Junior Counsel to Anthony Crean QC).

Opposing a wind farm for Northumberland County Council, Kirkharle, Northumberland (Junior Counsel to Paul Tucker QC).

Representing Snowdonia National Park Authority in its objection to two windfarm proposals as part of the Powys Mid-Wales conjoined windfarm inquiry.

Highways:

Representing Cheshire West and Chester Council in a disputed map modification inquiry at Allostock, Cheshire.

Representing Kirklees MBC in a disputed map modification inquiry at Honley, Holme Valley.

Representing Kirklees MBC in a disputed map modification inquiry at Jilley Royd, Huddersfield.

Representing Nottinghamshire County Council in a disputed map modification inquiry at Widmerpool.

Representing Bury Council in a disputed map modification inquiry at Cockey Moor.

Representing Sunderland Council in an inquiry under s.257 of the TCPA.

Enforcement:

Representing High Peak Council in an enforcement and certificate inquiry into an extended motorsport facility on the edge of the Peak National Park.

Acting for Preston City Council in the Crown Court in a waste and site remediation enforcement prosecution.

Representing a private developer in extended litigation under the Planning Enforcement Order provisions of the TCPA resulting in a week long hearing in the Magistrates Court.

Representing West Lancashire District Council in an enforcement inquiry in a Moto-X cross track in the Green Belt.

Representing Kirklees Council in extended litigation under s.215 of the TCPA.

Representing Fylde Borough Council in extended litigation under s.215 of the TCPA.

Other inquiry work and specialist areas:

Representing Wigan Council in a major inquiry into the extension of peat extraction permissions in Chat Moss, Lancashire. The inquiry engaged the direction and meaning of extant UK government policy on peat extraction and carbon reduction.

Representing and advising a major national construction company in an inquiry relating to the Government's strategic school modernisation programme.

Representing Shropshire Council in an inquiry relating to the noise, highways and conservation effects of a large broiler chicken shed proposal.

Acting for a private housing landlord in prosecutions under the HMO provisions of the Housing Act.

Defending and pursuing references for compensation to the Lands Tribunal

Significant reported cases:

Walker v Blackburn with Darwen BC [2014] UKUT 421 (LC)

Wong v Manchester City Council [2013] UKUT 431 (LC)

Parbakhher v Manchester City Council [2011] UKUT 214 (LC)

Kenneth Charles Lanceley v Wirral Borough Council [2011] UKUT 175 (LC)

Profile

Anthony Gill practises in all areas of Town and Country Planning. He has particular experience in specialist housing forms such as Extra Care, Self-Build and Purpose Built Student Accommodation. In recent years he has developed a speciality in the law surrounding Assets of Community Value advising both the owners of nominated assets and listing authorities.

Anthony is regularly instructed to assist in preparing planning application documentation and representations to examinations in public. He has acted as counsel to four different local plan examinations helping his local planning authority clients to navigate the examination process.

He accepts instructions in the field of Highways Law, including advisory work and appearances at diversion and definitive map modification order inquiries. Anthony also advises on Town and Village Green applications.

Anthony is regularly instructed to draft papers in statutory challenges and Judicial Review proceedings in the High Court. Anthony has experience appearing in the High Court on planning matters.

He has experience appearing in the Upper Tribunal Lands Chamber and advising on references to the Tribunal. He recently represented multiple claimants for compensation along the length of a strategic road project in Lancashire.

Anthony practises in licensing, and has particular experience in appeals relating to premises licences. Anthony appears before the Traffic Commissioner representing both licence holders and objecting parties.

Away from chambers Anthony and his wife are kept busy by their five young children. He is a school governor of a local primary school in Manchester. He is a trustee of an orchestra and of the nationally recognised Z-Arts venue in Hulme, South Manchester.

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Memberships

Compulsory Purchase Association

Lincoln's Inn

The Northern Circuit

The North Eastern Circuit

Planning and Environmental Bar Association

Publications

Anthony is a contributor to both the first and second editions of 'Judicial Review: Law & Practice' (Jordans: 2011 and 2015) and the third edition renamed 'Patterson & Karim on Judicial Review' (2019).

Qualifications

University of Oxford, Jesus College:

BA Hons. Ancient and Modern History (2:1)

University of London, Kings College

MA War Studies (with Merit)

College of Law:

Postgraduate Diploma in Law (with Distinction)

Inns of Court School of Law:

Bar Vocational Course (Very Competent)

Jesus College Open Scholarship (2002-2004)

Viscount Sankey Scholar (2007-2009)

Recommendations

Chambers UK 2021

"He's meticulous and very approachable."

Legal 500 2021

"Tony got to grips with the key issues very quickly, and was adept at highlighting the matters that the witnesses needed to focus on. He was also a very good sounding board when our client was considering its commercial strategy."

Chambers UK 2020

"Approachable and very easy to work with." "He will really fight your corner." "He is very technical with an excellent grasp on the commercial reality of matters."

Chambers UK 2018

"He has all the intellectual fire power you could want and is also very decent to deal with." "Absolutely excellent and has a very nice manner. He is all over the detail, very bright, down to earth and well grounded. He is also very hard-working and responsive."

Chambers UK 2017

"He is a hard-working, incisive and commercial operator." "He is a friendly character and makes sure you cover everything. He picks up on things you might not have thought of."



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