

ERIC OWEN

Year of call: 1969

Clerked by: Gary Smith Mark Ronson

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Administrative & Public Law & Local Government Environment
Local Government Planning



Planning

Eric has extensive experience advising on planning issues and conducting planning inquiries both for and against local planning authorities. In recent years he has appeared in a significant number of cases concerning listed buildings, gypsies and travellers, minerals, wind farms, and AD development.

Eric has appeared in many plan-making examinations including West Lancashire in 2014 (for United Utilities) and Bradford in 2016 (for the plan-making authority).

Significant reported cases

In 2015 Eric appeared for **Bury MBC** in the Fletcher Bank Public Inquiry which led to the first decision by the Secretary of State concerning an Anaerobic Digestion ("AD") plant (APP/T4210/A/14/2224754); in connection with this appeal Eric visited the Tamar Energy AD site at Halstead Essex.

Bryan v UK, ECHR (article 6 European Convention Human Rights)

Profile

Eric has considerable experience in a wide range of advisory and litigation work mainly in the sphere of Administrative and Public Law, Local Government Law and Finance, EU Procurement and State Aid, and Planning, Environmental, Water and Sewers. Eric has appeared before a variety of courts (including the European Court of Human Rights, and the Court of Appeal), as well as administrative tribunals (including Planning, Licensing, Education and Standards).

In 2011 and 2012 Eric held a public enquiry instructed by the Chief Executive of Warrington Borough Council and in 2012 he reported on governance issues and made key recommendations to the Council following an Ombudsman's report which had criticized the Council for destroying planning records.

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Memberships

Eric is a former member of the Bar European Group Committee, and of the PEBA committee.

Publications

Eric was the author of County Court Litigation (Sweet & Maxwell) and subsequently he was editor of Civil Court Practice. He has published various

articles, including a paper delivered to an Annual Meeting of the Planning Inspectorate.

Qualifications

University Liverpool

Degree Law LL.B

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Joined Chambers 1990