

GARY GRANT

Year of call: 1985

Clerked by: Gary Smith Mark Ronson

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Administrative & Public Law Environment Planning



Environment

Advising upon and dealing with development proposals within a wide range of environmentally sensitive designations including AONB, SACs, Ramsar sites and conservation areas, including cases involving issues of sensitive design.

Enforcement appeals and environmental prosecutions, including in 2015 a prosecution of a noise abatement notice in respect of a clay pigeon shoot.

Cases

2017: Resisting proposals at a planning appeal into proposals for a new Care Village on the site of a disused Poultry Farm in Wychavon, opposed on grounds which included the impact of major development in the AONB.

2016: Planning appeal at Public Inquiry in Stratford for housing in rural village raising impact on county level grassland habitat and the evaluation of mitigation proposals.

2015: Great Heck: advising local planning authorities on nationally publicised environmental concerns and enforcement issues arising from storage and management of waste at site in Yorkshire.

2015: Prosecuting a noise abatement notice breach in respect of clay pigeon shooting before the Lay Bench.

2014: Appeal inquiry for Magna Business Park (Poole) raising issues of nightjar habitat within SPA SAC and Ramsar and employment policy (for LPA).

2013: Enforcement appeal inquiry concerned with conversion works of barge hull to large houseboat on the foreshore of SSSI ,SAC and Ramsar at Hayling Island (Havant) (for LPA).

R (on the application of Gazelle Properties Ltd) v BANES [2010] EWHC 3127 (Admin).

Profile

Gary Grant of Kings Chambers is a specialist practitioner in Planning and Environmental Law. Gary is experienced in bringing and defending challenges to planning and environmental decisions in the Planning Court. Recent instructions in the High Court include retail, residential, sporting facilities, listed buildings, loss of employment use, green belt and plan making. Gary provides legal support to Plan Making Authorities including at EiP.

Gary acts for local authorities and developers at Planning Appeals and related Public Inquiries dealing with the full range of planning and environmental issues. Gary is recommended in the Legal 500 including in 2018 as *"a highly effective advocate"*.

Gary has presented papers to specialist training events held by RTPI, NAPE, ACSeS, LLG and others and is a qualified Civil and Commercial Mediator.

Gary has a wide level of experience of central government work from working on the AG's Regional Panel and has experience of highways, compulsory purchase, land, environmental, enforcement, contractual and regulatory matters associated with planning and environmental law.

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Memberships

Member of PEBA

Western Circuit.

Appointments

Attorney General's Regional Panel 2002-2015

Qualifications

MA (Oxon) Jurisprudence

Accredited Civil and Commercial Mediator.

Recommendations

Chambers UK 2021

"He provides detailed and forensic advice and builds good rapport with clients."

Legal 500 2021

"He combines a calm but effective advocacy style at planning inquiries with excellent written advice and a a good rapport with clients."

Legal 500 2020

"A calm, considered and skilled advocate. "

Chambers UK 2020

"He focuses on the main issues and is popular with clients." "Really skilled, very calm and considered, really responsive and flexible."

Chambers UK 2019

'A sound and sensible operator.'

Legal 500 2018

'A highly effective advocate.'

Legal 500 2016

" An excellent advocate with good interpersonal skills"

Legal 500 2015

"His advice is always concise, practical and solution-orientated"

