

GARY GRANT

Year of call: 1985

Clerked by: Gary Smith Mark Ronson

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Administrative & Public Law Environment Planning



Planning

Gary has expertise in Section 78, Call In and other Inquiries dealing with the full range of planning and environmental issues and covering a wide range of land uses. Recent inquiries include urban extensions (housing and mixed use), retail proposals, waste recycling proposals, business park proposals and housing in a national park.

Gary provides legal support for development plan examinations and for CIL examinations both for the Plan Making Authority and for objectors.

Advising, drafting and appearing in planning related litigation including injunctions.

Cases

Housing and Mixed Use

2019: Appeal for proposals for 40 houses at Milford on Sea (New Forest District) raising issues of viability and tenure. (for Appellant).

2018: Appeal proposals for sheltered housing scheme at Shipston on Stour , townscape and highways (for LPA).

2017/2018: Call In Inquiry into proposals for up to 1000 houses at Arkhall Farm nr Tamworth going to Inquiry in January 2018 (for Lichfield DC).

2017: Residential proposals in Bath, raising issues of WHS, impact on landscape, ecology and scheme design. (for Appellant).

2016: Appeal inquiry for 137 houses at Foldgate Lane Ludlow, Shropshire (LPA).

2016: Western Road Leicester, appeal proposals for 279 student flats in 2 blocks (LPA).

2015: Call in Inquiry at Watery Lane, Curborough, nr Lichfield in respect of up to 750 houses and associated development (For LPA).

2014: Recovered appeal inquiry in respect of up to 360 houses in Warton for the LPA (Fylde BC).

2014: Promoted proposals for housing within the National Park at Petersfield at Inquiry (Appellant).

2013: Appeal Inquiry at Midsomer Norton, Somerset for the LPA

2013: Call in Inquiry at Salford, Bath in the Green Belt.For LPA

Development Plan

2019: Legal support for examination of the Wiltshire Site Allocations Plan heard in the Spring of 2019.

2018: Legal support for examination of the Wyre Local Plan heard over 3 weeks in the summer of 2018.

2017: Legal support for EiP of Hartlepool Local Plan which was examined in public over 3 weeks in September-October 2017.

2016: Legal Support for EIP of the Main Modifications to the Stratford Local Plan (Core Strategy) which proceeded to adoption in July 2016.

2016: Legal support for CIL Schedule examination for Stratford.

2015: Represented successful objector to CIL Schedule at CIL Examination in Bournemouth.

2015: Appointed to provide legal support with David Manley QC in respect of the Stratford Local Plan EiP.

2015: Appointed to provide discrete legal support in respect of part of the Gloucester, Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Joint Core Strategy

2013: Leading objections into Wiltshire Core Strategy on behalf of developer consortium Chippenham 2020, based on inadequacy of sustainability appraisal and compliance with SEA Regs.

Sport and recreation

2013: Appeal Inquiry at Barfold Farm, Surrey concerned with the intensification of elite polo use in Green Belt and AONB. For LPA

2011: Call in Inquiry on conjoined appeals for the proposals of London Irish RFC to develop a large training facility in the Green Belt and to redevelop the existing ground in Sunbury for mixed use. For LPA.

Heritage:

2018: Proposals for a sheltered housing scheme in the Branksome Park Conservation Area raising issue of heritage, design and land supply (for LPA).

2017: Residential proposals for a site opposed in terms of the impact on the World Heritage City of Bath and quality of design (for A).

2016: Appeal hearing for 90 dwellings within the setting of a registered battlefield at Kington.

2013: Appeal Inq promoting Planning and Listed Building consent for the Whiteladies former cinema (Bristol), change of use to gym together with residential.

2012: Appeal inquiry promoting demolition of house in conservation area in Branksome and its replacement with a high quality design by award winning architect.

Environment:

Minerals and Waste:

2015: Enforcement appeal in respect of waste recycling facility in the Hampshire Countryside (for MWPA)

2012: s78 Appeal for waste recycling facility in Hampshire Countryside.

2011: s78 Appeal for green waste processing in Surrey Green Belt.

Retail:

2018: Junior to Paul Tucker QC for Appellant: Call In Inquiry into retail proposals by Orbit Investments at Handforth Dean consolidated with proposals by CPG – 4 week inquiry.

2017: Public Inquiry: Junior to Paul Tucker QC in relation to proposals for a foodstore in Somerset (for A).

2016: Bicester Gateway, Public inquiry into retail proposals for 2 major retailers at Bicester.

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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Areas of Expertise

Administrative & Public Law

Environment

Planning

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"

