

IAN PONTER

Year of call: 1993

Clerked by: William Brown Gary Smith Mark Ronson

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Administrative & Public Law Environment Planning Local Government



Local Government

Profile

Ian enjoys an extensive national planning and public law practice. He is highly rated, consistently featuring in Planning's list of top-rated junior barristers. He appears for both developers and local planning authorities at inquiries for housing, employment, retail, energy and waste schemes. He also appears at development plan examinations (both promoting and objecting to draft plans), and at CPO inquiries (as well as proceedings in the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber) dealing with compensation issues arising out of compulsory purchase). On top of his busy inquiry practice, he appears in the High Court on judicial reviews, statutory planning challenges, and injunctive proceedings.

A few examples of recent inquiry experience include;

- securing residential consent for Story Homes on a greenfield site on the edge of a Lancashire village;
- securing residential consent for Hollins Strategic Land on a greenfield site in Nottinghamshire;
- successfully resisting appeals on behalf of Stratford-on-Avon District Council for the residential development of a site on the edge of a Warwickshire village.

A few examples of recent development plan examination appearances include;

- representing significant landowners promoting major residential and employment development in Cheshire East;
- representing a significant landowner promoting a major strategic urban extension in North Northamptonshire.

A few examples of recent High Court appearances include;

- successfully quashing an Inspector's decision granting planning permission in section 288 proceedings on behalf of Manchester City Council;
- successfully resisting judicial review of a decision by Birmingham City Council to grant planning permission for significant residential development.

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Memberships

"PEBA, of which he is a member of the Committee".

Qualifications

BA(Hons), LLM (distinction)

Recommendations

Legal 500 2020

"His practice includes planning inquiries and judicial reviews of planning decisions."

Chambers UK 2020

"He is a clear and pragmatic adviser." "He can turn his hand to anything. He's really good to deal with and is QC quality." "He is first rate - user-friendly and very practical."

Chambers UK 2019

"An excellent advocate. He is quick-thinking on his feet, very switched-on, very personable and enthusiastic. He gives you his time and focus."

Legal 500 2019

"A very quick thinker on his feet."

Chambers UK 2018

"Approachable, proactive and friendly in his approach. He always delivers in a timely manner." "A clear and pragmatic adviser. He is hands on and a great team player."

Legal 500 2018

"A very polished and accomplished advocate."

Chambers UK 2017

"He is quite formidable in his intellectual capacity and approach to jobs. The insight he brings reduces complex cases to quite simple points. Intellectually he is very good and he has an easy charm about him." "He is an excellent advocate who is quick-thinking on his feet."

Legal 500 2017

"Excellent at managing difficult issues and a strong team leader."

Chambers UK 2016

"A clear and pragmatic adviser who is a great team player." "An excellent advocate who thinks quickly on his feet."

