

## STEPHANIE HALL

Year of call: 2008

Clerked by: Gary Smith Mark Ronson

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Administrative & Public Law Local Government and Compulsory  
Purchase Planning



## Planning

### Planning Appeals

Stephanie has successfully represented appellants, local authorities and local residents' groups as sole counsel and as junior both at planning inquiries and hearings including:

- successfully representing a local authority with no five year supply in defending a s.78 housing appeal at a week-long inquiry
- successfully defending a refusal of permission for 325 homes
- successfully representing a local authority at a s.78 appeal hearing where permission had been refused for a residential conversion on the basis of the loss of a single parking space
- successfully representing a Council at a two week wind farm inquiry
- representing local residents who successfully objected to the erection of a wind turbine at two separate hearings

Stephanie has established a busy enforcement practice appears at a substantial number of enforcement inquiries concerning matters including sub-division of residential accommodation, change of use to A5 and change of use to a nightclub. Throughout all of Stephanie's enforcement appeals in 2016, 2017 and so far in 2018, where acting for the Council, all of the Notices were upheld by the Inspector.

She has experience of providing effective written submissions and has recently acted for the Royal Mail in this capacity both in persuading the LPA to grant permission for a scheme with substantial local objection and in initiating JR proceedings on behalf of Royal Mail Ltd.

Stephanie has also provided written advice and advice in conference in relation to a wide range of planning matters including CIL charging schedules, neighbourhood plans including advising clients and drafting objections, local plans including the lawful adoption of DPDs and SPDs and various aspects of the GPDO and 1990 Act.

Stephanie also has experience of advertising consent and has recently successfully represented a landowner after they were served with a removal notice by the local authority. After Stephanie's involvement, the Council agreed to withdraw the notice.

Stephanie's ongoing work includes representing a housebuilder at a large multi-disciplinary inquiry and representing a London LPA on a high profile enforcement case against a well known corporation.

### Infrastructure

Stephanie has experience and accepts instructions in relation to a variety of major infrastructure projects including those proceeding via all main consenting regimes i.e through Parliament, under the 2008 Act and TWAOs. She therefore has experience of a wide variety of infrastructure projects and the resulting compulsory purchase of land:

- HS2: Stephanie was instructed as sole counsel on two petitions at the Commons committee stage of the HS2 Bill; both clients obtained a successful outcome and for a client in the Lords where she successfully overcame the Government's challenge to the locus of the client and assisted in obtaining the desired outcome for the client overall.
- Silvertown Tunnel: Stephanie has ongoing instructions as sole counsel representing the London Borough of Southwark at DCO hearings and advising the Council on their written submissions throughout the Examination.
- Acting as sole counsel for two major commercial clients in relation to the Bank Station Capacity Upgrade TWAO, both of whom reached successful negotiated settlements.
- As junior to Robin Purchas QC, acted for Battersea Dogs and Cats Home in relation to the Northern Line Extension Transport and Works Act Order

### Trees

Stephanie has a busy specialist tree practice after initially working closely with Charles Mynors prior to his appointment to the Law Commission. Stephanie has been successful in challenging a number of TPOs on behalf of developer clients via s.288 challenges where the TPOs were preventing the development of important sites. Stephanie has also successfully represented a number of defendants being prosecuted by LPAs in the Magistrates' and Crown Courts for carrying out works to trees on their land and regularly advises on all areas where trees interact with the development of land.

She has previously spoken at the Arboricultural Association annual conference on this niche area and has been invited to do so again in 2018. She is also a member and contributor to the UKTC online forum and regularly provides training to tree officers and arboricultural consultants.

Stephanie has advised both individuals and planning authorities on compensation, the extent of historic tree preservation orders, the removal of protected trees and the recovery of compensation for damage to trees on behalf of local authorities using the CAVAT system.

## **Stephanie Hall (2008) (Middle Temple)**

Stephanie has a busy practice in planning and local government which includes all areas of planning work from court challenges and inquiries to prosecutions. She acts for a variety of public and private sector clients and is qualified to accept instructions via public access.

Stephanie is ranked as one of the top planning barristers under 35. Chambers and Partners describes her as "a rising star of the Planning Bar" and Legal 500 states that she is "extremely knowledgeable".

## **Areas of Expertise**

Administrative & Public Law

Local Government and Compulsory Purchase

Planning

### **Recommendations**

#### **Chambers UK 2021**

"Client-friendly and understands the need to be commercial." "She is practical and knowledgeable and is a strong advocate." "She is very user-friendly and reassuring in her advice, particularly in relation to tree matters."

#### **Legal 500 2021**

"Stephanie is a superb barrister, highly intelligent and quick to grasp the issues, an excellent advocate, tenacious and thorough. She works hard to deliver the desired outcomes and understands the pressures that local authorities work under. She is also approachable and responsive and was as highly regarded by our instructing officers as by us lawyers."

### **Education and Qualifications**

Bar Vocational Course (Very Competent), BPP Law School 2008

MA (Cantab) Law (II.I), Selwyn College, Cambridge University, 2007

### **Memberships**

Planning and Environment Bar Association

National Infrastructure Planning Association

Compulsory Purchase Association

Parliamentary Bar Mess

Women in Planning

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