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Overview

Stephen advises in the field of planning, public and regulatory law.

His practice concentrates on regeneration, residential, urban extensions/ garden villages and settlements, and infrastructure projects working for both the private and public sectors. He has market leading experience on tariffs/infrastructure levies, affordable housing, CPOs and viability issues.

Experience

- **North Essex Garden Communities:** Acting for a group of North Essex authorities: Colchester Borough Council, Braintree District Council and Tendring District Council supported by Essex County Council, working jointly to create a number of garden communities ranging in size from 3,000 homes up to a possible 26,000 across the North Essex region. Dentons is advising on planning policy, property and local development vehicle issues.
- **Great Western Developments Limited:** Following on from its success with the Shard, advising Sellar Paddington Limited on the evolution of the planning proposals and strategy, the application and Section 106 agreement for the redevelopment of the former Royal Mail sorting office at Paddington.
- **UKAEA, Prorsus and Development Securities (joint venture):** Advising on the masterplanning and redevelopment of the science facilities at Harwell Oxford, which will see the growth of the science business and research base area, and the creation of a community to support the growth of the area. Dentons is advising on all strategic planning and development issues, and on the approach to development in the Enterprise Zone.
- **Places for People:** Advising on the planning strategy for securing planning permission for a 8,500 home residential-led development at Harlow and Gilston Garden Town and associated facilities and infrastructure.
- **Forewind:** Advising in relation to the Dogger Bank Creyke Beck and Teesside offshore wind farms. Dogger Bank is a Round 3 offshore wind farm, the first of which is Creyke Beck. Working as part of a team to develop and pursue the compulsory purchase aspects of the Development Consent Order application.

Recognition

- Stephen is recognized as a "Notable Practitioner" (Band 1) by *Chambers UK 2020* and ranked a "Leading Individual" by *The Legal 500 2020*.
- Stephen Ashworth is an "excellent lawyer" who is "extremely clever, imaginative and strategically insightful", according to sources. He continues to serve as head of the firm's planning team, routinely advising on large-scale housing and retail projects as well as promoting the Community Infrastructure Levy. *Chambers UK 2020*

Areas of focus

Practices

- Commercial Development
- Development Zoning and Planning
- Environment and Natural Resources
- EU Law and Policy
- Project Development
- Public Law
- Public Policy and Regulation
- Real Estate
- Real Estate Joint Ventures, Partnerships and Other Co-Ownerships
- Real Estate Public Private Partnerships and PF1/PF2/PF3 Projects
- Real Estate Site Selection and Development Incentives
- State Aid

Industry sectors

- Government
- Government Agencies
- Infrastructure and PPP
- Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
- Procurement
- Retail
- Transport Authorities
- Transport Infrastructure: Airports, Bridges, Ports, Rail, Roads
- Transportation

Education

- University of Cambridge, 1985, BA, (Hons) Law

Admissions and qualifications

- Solicitor, England and Wales, 1988