

A Quod profile



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Areas of expertise

Philip is a chartered town planner with over 20 years of experience in the private sector and is a founding Director of Quod. Philip provides advice in all areas of planning including mixed-use development, residential, retail, employment/logistics regeneration and leisure. Philip has been instructed on a number of high profile, large scale, mixed use regeneration projects, particularly in London and the South East, which have involved the provision of strategic planning advice as well as co-ordinating large project teams. Philip combines his deep technical knowledge of the planning system, with innovative thinking to deliver solutions for his clients.

Key experience

Gilston Park Estate – Philip is appointed by Places for People to provide strategic planning advice on the delivery of 10,000 homes on a former Green Belt site in the East Hertfordshire countryside. Philip advised on the strategy to release the site from the Green Belt and secured a residential allocation in the East Herts District Plan, following appearance at the Examination in Public. Philip coordinated the preparation and submission of an outline planning application for the site which will create a new community across 6 individual villages, founded on Garden City principles. Philip assisted secure Homes England funding to support the early delivery of infrastructure and is retained to facilitate delivery of the project.

Frasers Group HQ Campus – Philip has been selected to advise the Frasers Group on a new global HQ campus in the Warwickshire Green Belt. The scheme consists of c3m sqft of logistics space, alongside the company's headquarter offices, training facilities, staff accommodation and R&D floorspace. Philip is advising on the planning strategy for the project including the Alternative Sites Assessment, Green Belt Assessment and the very special circumstances case.

Key clients

Aviva Investors
Abrdn
Brookfield
Knight Dragon
Berkeley Homes
Frasers Group
Landsec
CBRE Investors
Lend Lease
Heathrow Airport
Royal London
Places for People
Regal
Hammerson
URW (Westfield)
Hub Residential
Box Park
Lovell
Powerday
Legal & General



Heathrow Airport – Philip advised Heathrow Airport Limited on the preparation of a Development Consent Order application for the expansion of Heathrow Airport to deliver a 3rd runway. Philip led the planning strategy for the off-airport masterplan, which focused on the land use implications of the expansion proposals. Philip developed bespoke planning strategies for the relocation of various major commercial premises onto Green Belt sites including the Lakeside Energy from Waste facility, the Harmondsworth Immigration Removal Centre and Waterside, the 650,000sqft headquarter offices for British Airways and IAG.

Brent Cross Cricklewood Regeneration Area – On behalf of Hammerson and ABRDN, work included one of the largest outline applications in London for a new metropolitan town centre comprising 7,500 homes, c100,000sqm retail, c400,000sqm office and a new train station. Philip acted as expert planning witness at the successful CPO inquiry.

North Finchley Town Centre – Acting on behalf of Regal, Philip is advising on the regeneration of Town Centre which will include +1,500 homes, and buildings up to c20 storeys.

Greenwich Peninsula – Philip is advising Knight Dragon on the delivery of Meridian Quays in Greenwich Peninsula which comprises c.3,000 homes and buildings up to 36 storeys high.

Whitgift Shopping Centre, Croydon – On behalf of URW (formerly Westfield) and Hammerson, the submission and negotiation of proposals to redevelop Whitgift Shopping Centre in Croydon town centre. Philip assisted successfully defend a Judicial Review challenge and advised on the planning aspects of the compulsory purchase order.

Guys & St. Thomas Hospital – Philip advised on the redevelopment of the southern portion of the hospital campus for medical and education uses. The site contains listed buildings and structures, as well as being within a conservation area and adjacent to a World Heritage Site.

Go Ahead House, Croydon – Advised on the mixed use redevelopment of the site for residential and employment purposes reaching c.18 storeys in height.

Box Park – Philip is appointed to advise on various new and existing Box Park assets across the UK.

Broadway Triangle, Maidenhead - Philip secured planning permission for a mixed-use development comprising circa 430 residential units, up to 16 storeys in height.

Energy from Waste – Philip is appointed by Aviva to provide planning advice on the delivery of a EfW facilities in Barry and Newport, Wales.