Sue Willcox Senior Director

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Areas of expertise

Sue is a Chartered Town Planner with over thirty years of experience in the public and private sectors, on client side and as a consultant. She is a member of the National Infrastructure Planning Association (NIPA) and the British Property Federation (BPF). She chaired the Planning Committee at the BPF for over 8 years. Sue is also on the Board of Trustees of Design South East.

Since joining Quod in 2013 Sue has built up a track record of successes, securing consent by negotiation for a number of high profile residential and commercial schemes across the UK. She works across all sectors and has experience in a full range of consenting regimes including DCOs.

She has given evidence to Select Committee Inquiries on planning policy matters and has contributed at industry level to various Government reviews of planning policy and to the Competition Commission inquiry into supermarkets in 2007.

Key experience

TFL - Sue has provided strategic planning advice to Connected Living London (CLL), the JV between TFL and Grainger plc. CLL is working on a portfolio of 7 sites to deliver c3,000 new affordable Build to Rent homes in highly accessible locations across London.

West Midlands Interchange (WMI) - Sue led a large project team on the DCO application for a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange, a new link road and up to 743,200sqm (8 million sqft) of rail served warehousing in the green belt in South Staffordshire. Consent was granted in May 2020

North Kensington Gate, Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation - Sue led the consultant team to deliver consent for a residential development of 211 units across two sites on the eastern side of Scrubs Lane.

Key projects

TFL Build to Rent portfolio of sites-Connected Living London

WMI Strategic Rail Freight Interchange DCO application in South Staffordshire

North Kensington Gate residential scheme at Old Oak Common

Mitre Yard residential scheme at Old Oak Common

Axis Square regeneration project in Birmingham City Centre

Hammersmith Triangle office scheme

Westerfield Suffolk residential scheme

Gulfstream on Farnborough Airport

Key clients

Aurora Developments Ltd CBRE City & Docklands Cubitt Gazeley Grosvenor Gulfstream Kilbride Holdings Ltd London and Continental Railways Romulus Construction Ltd



Mitre Yard, Old Oak and Park Royal Development

Corporation - Advised City and Docklands on a build-to-rent urban regeneration scheme for c200 units and commercial uses at ground level across two sites on the western side of Scrubs Lane. Sue led the project team and worked closely with the OPDC, the GLA and key stakeholders to secure consent. This application was approved in 2017 and was one of the first to be approved in the OPDC area.

Axis Square – Advised LCR on the redevelopment of the 1970's Axis office building and secured consent in 2017 for four buildings around a new public square in in a key location in Birmingham city centre.

Hammersmith Triangle – On behalf of Romulus Construction led the team and discussions with officers at Hammersmith & Fulham to secure consent for the Hammersmith Triangle redevelopment. The scheme is for an office-led development with A1/A3 and a gallery use at ground floor. We worked against very tight time scales in order to prepare a full application and obtain consent at the local level, obviating the need to have the proposals heard at a public inquiry.

Westerfield – Secured consent on behalf of Cubitt Projects Ltd for a residential development on land at Westerfield in Suffolk Coastal District.

Gulfstream Hangar at Farnborough Airport – Sue led the planning team in delivering a new maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) hangar for Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation, at TAG Farnborough Airport. Consent was granted in December 2018. Quod continued to advise on discharging conditions and the new MRO hangar was completed in June 2020.