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Areas of expertise

James is an experienced planning consultant, having acted as strategic planning lead on major projects in England, Wales, Scotland and Jersey. He advises clients on a wide range of development proposals, leading on complex infrastructure, industrial, commercial and residential led planning schemes.

James has experience working successfully across various consenting regimes, including the Development Consent Order (DCO) process, having played a significant role in several schemes, including the West Midlands Interchange and Silvertown Tunnel. He is a Chartered Town Planner (MRTPI), a member of the National Infrastructure Planning Association (NIPA) and sits on the British Property Federation (BPF) Industrial Committee and Quod's Industrial and Commercial Board. James holds a master's degree from the University of Manchester in Planning and Real Estate (MPRE).

Key experience

Infrastructure

West Midlands Interchange (WMI), South Staffordshire – planning project manager for the successful DCO application for a new 8m sq ft SRFI in the Green Belt.

Silvertown Tunnel, London – integrated into the TfL project team during the successful DCO Examination for a new tunnel linking the Greenwich Peninsula and Silvertown in London.

FTP, Port Talbot, Wales – strategic planning lead for the delivery of Future Port Talbot (FTP), a proposed floating offshore wind centre of excellence in Wales for Associated British Ports.

EDF Nuclear Decommissioning, Heysham – planning site-lead in the decommissioning of Heysham 1, following leading on the development of planning strategies for the decommissioning of other nuclear sites.

Key clients

EDF
TfL DHL
Miller Developments
Grosvenor
BlackRock
Gulfstream
Valor Real Estate Partners
Heathrow
Associated British Ports
Columbia Threadneedle
Berwick Hill
Graftongate
London Green
City & Docklands

Key Projects

DHL Manton Wood
Omega West
West Midlands Interchange
Silvertown Tunnel
Future Port Talbot
EDF Nuclear Decommissioning
Mitre Wharf, London
North Kensington Gate, London
Valor Wandsworth
Gulfstream Farnborough
Botley Road, Oxford



Industrial / Commercial

Miller Developments Omega West, St Helens – leading the planning team on the delivery of 2.2m sq ft of B2/B8.

DHL Manton Wood, Worksop – strategic planning lead, successfully securing planning permission for all three phases of the Manton Wood development in Nottinghamshire. The 3 B8 units will provide over 1 million sq ft of floorspace.

DHL Towcester – strategic planning lead for the delivery of 1m sq ft of B8 floorspace.

Valor Thurrock, London – achieved planning permission for a new 30,000 sq ft flexible B2/B8 unit.

Valor Canning Town, London – achieved planning permission for a new 30,000 sq ft flexible B1/B2/B8 unit.

Valor Wandsworth, London – planning lead for a new 20,000 sq ft B8 unit.

Graftongate Southwater, Horsham – leading the planning team in the redevelopment of an existing office building to provide new industrial (B2/B8) units.

Gulfstream MRO Hangar, Farnborough Airport – planning lead, delivering consent for a new MRO aircraft hangar.

Botley Road, Oxford – strategic planning lead on the delivery of a new state-of-the-art research and development facility.

Kamkorp Park, Sunningdale – delivered hybrid consent for 100,000 sq ft of R&D floorspace, a monorail and a test track in the Green Belt with very special circumstances demonstrated.

Residential

North Kensington Gate South, London – led the planning team to deliver consent for a 24-storey tower with 208 homes.

Mitre Yard, London – led the planning team to deliver a 21-storey tower with 241 built-to-rent homes.

Mitre Wharf, London – strategic planning lead for 147 units fronting onto the Grand Union Canal.

Uplands Farm, Wealden – successfully achieved planning permission for 183 dwellings.