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Areas of expertise

Rebecca is an experienced chartered town planner, who has experience in providing planning advice to a range of clients including housebuilders, investment funds and small-scale developers. She is experienced in leading projects from the inception of a scheme all the way through to completion and has led multi-disciplinary teams in the delivery of major planning applications in London. Rebecca prides herself on having a strong understanding of client's commercial drivers, which enables her to provide advice that optimises the planning position, whilst also minimising risk and timescales.

Key experience

Southall Gas Works – provide planning advice to St James West London in relation to the extant outline consent secured in 2010 for the redevelopment of the gas works site now referred to as Southall Waterside. This involves working closely with the client and project team.

Aldgate Place – provide on-going planning advice to British Land in relation to the implementation of Phase 2 of the consented mixed-use development adjoining Aldgate East underground station (known as Aldgate Place). The extant permission is for 463 residential units, a hotel, commercial and retail floorspace. Phase 2 comprises of residential units and commercial floorspace. Advice included liaising with the local planning authority in order to secure amendments to the extant planning permission to deliver the remaining residential units as Build to Rent.

Hammersmith Triangle – leading on the preparation of a planning application for the comprehensive redevelopment of two existing office buildings and retail units in Hammersmith town centre. This involved working closely with both the local planning authority and also the project team to ensure that an application could be submitted within very tight timescales.

Key projects

Southall Gas Works
Aldgate Place
Bow Common Gas Works
Stratford International
Carpetright, Old Kent Road
Macbean Street
London Dock

Key clients

St George
Avanton Limited
Urban and Provincial
St William Homes
Telford Homes
British Land
St James West London
Legal and General



Bow Common Gas Works – provide on-going planning advice to St William Homes on the redevelopment of the existing Bow Common Gas Works site for a residential led mixed-use regeneration of the site including the provision of a new park and school. This involved extensive stakeholder engagement and consultation as well as working closely with planning and design officers to ensure the proposed masterplan responded to their comments and priorities.

Carpetright, Old Kent Road – provide planning advice to Avanton and Urban and Provincial on the redevelopment of an existing retail warehouse site on the Old Kent Road, which has been identified for significant mixed-use development and regeneration. This has involved working closely with the local planning authority to ensure the proposals address a number of specific planning policy requirements in order to secure a successful resolution to grant at planning committee.

Macbean Street, Woolwich – provide on-going planning advice to Legal and General in relation to the redevelopment of a strategic site in Woolwich town centre. This has involved working closely with the design team and local planning authority in advance of the submission of a planning application for a high density residential led (Build to Rent) mixed use development. It also involved securing Counsel opinion on the proposals ahead of proposing significant amendments to the scheme. It has also involved on-going review and preparation of representations to the Council's planning policy updates including the introduction of a new conservation area that includes part of the site and a new Urban Design Framework for the town centre.

London Dock – provide on-going planning advice to St George in relation to the implementation of their extant hybrid planning application for up to 1,800 new residential homes, a school, retail and commercial floorspace and new public realm. This has included preparing reserved matters applications for remaining consented phases, peer reviewing the reserved matters application for the proposed school and securing amendments to the extant planning permission. This involved working closely with the local planning authority to ensure a successful decision on all applications and to agree any changes to key development control documents including the Development Specification.