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## KEY SERVICES

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## EXPERIENCE

Matthew helps clients on all aspects of contentious and non-contentious planning and development law, including the preparation and negotiation of planning applications and planning agreements, strategic advice on large scale regeneration, energy and infrastructure projects, environmental impact assessment, compulsory purchase, community infrastructure levy, judicial review and planning inquiries. Matthew acts on many high-profiles and politically sensitive projects and has extensive experience of regeneration schemes.

His expertise in planning and development is highlighted by listings in Chambers UK and Legal 500 with clients stating he is *'one of the biggest names in planning'* and provides *'a consistently high level of service and sector-leading planning knowledge.'* Matthew also regularly contributes to Herbert Smith Freehills' UK real estate development blog.

Matthew is a member of the Law Society's Planning Law Accreditation Scheme and the City of London Law Society Planning and Environmental Law Committee, a Trustee of the Architecture Foundation, a member of the British Property Federation's Planning Committee and a Legal Associate of the Royal Town Planning Institute.

We run the Herbert Smith Freehills [real estate development blog here](#), providing updates, articles and useful summaries on the legal aspects of UK real estate development topics including planning, general real estate, environment, construction, tax and real estate dispute resolution.

**Matthew's experience includes advising:**

- London & Continental Railways on the Stratford City and King's Cross metropolitan regeneration projects in London, including securing consent for the Westfield Stratford City shopping centre and the Olympic Village
- Greater London Authority and The Silvertown Partnership jointly on the planning application for Silvertown Quays, a docklands regeneration scheme in London
- Madison Square Garden on their new London Sphere project, including site acquisition and planning
- Wisley Property Investment Limited in relation to its proposals to redevelop the former Wisley Airfield within the Surrey Green Belt
- British Land on their ongoing estate redevelopment of the Broadgate Estate in the City of London