

# ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING AND COMMUNITIES

WINNING AND PROTECTING YOUR LEGAL AND SOCIAL LICENCE TO OPERATE

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We work closely with our clients on large and complex matters that demand a creative, strategic and commercial approach to environment and planning issues.

As project stakeholders face increasing public and regulatory scrutiny as they navigate environment and planning matters, it's important to anticipate issues and proactively manage them to avoid negative public perception and regulatory risk. We will work closely with you to understand where weaknesses may lie, to ensure that proactive steps are taken to minimise these risks.

Early involvement in projects means we can help to develop robust and best practice land acquisition and environmental approval strategies, to identify key issues and mitigate risk of disputes as the project progresses. We understand that environment and planning challenges can impact the commercial viability of your project, and will help you to keep your project on track and on budget.

Our global team acts on high profile, high risk projects and schemes within energy, infrastructure, mining, urban development and urban regeneration sectors. We work closely with our corporate, disputes and projects teams, and engage external technical consultants, to offer an end-to-end service on such projects.

We bring together experts in land access and acquisition, environment and planning, regulatory approvals, [native title and indigenous cultural heritage](#) to provide you with seamless and integrated project advice. We can also assist with environmental crisis prevention and management by sharing our real and practical experience in responding to major incidents and crises which often involve multi-jurisdictional issues and coordination across speciality teams.

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# RECENT EXPERIENCE

## **CARLYLE GROUP**

Advising on the application of the environmental planning permission for the "Tour Arago", a high-rise office tower located in La Défense (Paris' leading business district), and on the negotiation to withdraw the appeal against the planning permission and on the defence of the client before the administrative courts

## **EL CAÑAVERAL**

Advising a compensation board formed by a number of financial entities on the planning and environment issues linked with one of the largest developments in the south of Madrid, Spain

## **CUADRILLA**

Advising on its planning and environmental consenting strategy to carry out hydraulic fracturing in the UK

## **BRITISH LAND**

Advising on their development proposals for the Canada Water Masterplan in the London Borough of Southwark. The site comprises 21 hectares of land with a total development floorspace area of circa 7.8 million sq ft. The masterplan will create a new urban town centre for London, delivering up to 3,500 homes, 350,000 sq m of office, workspace and higher education space, 90,000 sq m of retail and food and drink space and 50,000 sq m of leisure, culture and community space

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## **GLA AND THE SILVERTOWN PARTNERSHIP**

Advising on the planning application for Silvertown Quays, a redevelopment scheme of 62 acres of former docklands to create a new destination for London

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## **EDF ENERGY**

Advising on the Hinkley Point C nuclear power project in the UK and on its application for a new nuclear power station at Sizewell in Suffolk (Sizewell C)

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## **OUR PEOPLE**



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