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Sasha is a planning specialist with particular expertise in planning inquiries and High Court work.

Expertise

Planning



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NOMINATIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND NOTABLE MATTERS:

- Nominated for **Planning Silk of the Year** by Legal 500 for 2020.
- Identified as one of the top Planning Silks currently practicing in England and Wales in Legal 500, Chambers and Partners and Planning Magazine.
- He has been described as a “*Excellent in every way – expertise, experience, advocacy and diligence*” and “***Sasha is without parallel the best planning [K]C to work with***” [Legal 500 2022] and “*Sasha is absolutely the best, he is a pleasure to work with and always makes everyone at ease, even junior members of the client team*” [Legal 500 2023]
- And “*a true legend of the Planning Bar*” and who “***is the best silk I know for cross-examining***” [Chambers and Partners Guide to the Bar 2022]
- As a Junior he was stated to be “**the leading Planning junior in the UK**” by Legal 500 in 2003 and identified as the **number one** Planning Junior in the UK by Planning Magazine for **8 consecutive years from 1996-2004**.
- Hosted the RTPI National Annual Planning Awards of Excellence – 2021 and 2022.
- Has won 38 of his last 41 planning appeals and High Court cases. [As at 1/10/2023]

- Previously Head of the Planning Group at Landmark Chambers [2020-2023]
- Founder member of and Panelist for “*Have we got planning news for you*” which has produced over 80 episodes and been watched by over 100,000 since March 2020.
- Author of “*Planning Appeals*” – Central Law Publishing 1997.
- Took 4 years away from work to be the primary parent for his three children [2003-2007].

PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTIONS IN THE PAST 5 YEARS:

In the **past 8 years since 2015** Sasha has:

- Been instructed by **8 of the top 10 planning solicitor firms.**
- Been instructed by **9 of the top 10 UK housebuilders.**
- Been instructed by **8 of the top 10 UK retailers.**

NOTABLE INSTRUCTIONS IN THE PAST 5 YEARS:

- Won permission for 200 houses in Chichester in August 2023.
- Won permission for 150 units in Waverley in May 2023.
- Won permission at appeal for 215 units in Swindon in December 2022.
- Promoted 1000 units in London Borough of Barnet in March 2023 at Call in Inquiry.
- Won permission for 500 houses in the Green Belt in Little Chalfont in March 2023.
- Won planning permission at appeal for 1400 homes in Bury St Edmonds in 2022.
- Won planning permission for 150 houses in Tenterden in April 2022.
- Won 11 appeals for Churchill Homes in 2021-23.
- Won permission in St Helens for 1 million square feet of B8 in Green Belt in October 2021.
- Won permission in Bath for major mixed-use development of 400 units in 2021/22.
- Instructed to represent Tower Hamlets Council on the highest profile case of 2020/1 involving Westferry Printworks and the Secretary of State accepting “Apparent Bias”.
- Appeared as advocate in over 100 public inquiries under the Planning Acts.
- Successfully defended grant of permission for the largest permission in Southwark.
- Did the first housing planning appeal in 2020 to deal with the effect of Covid 19.
- Successfully promoted Newcastle and Gateshead Core Strategy involving 40,000 homes.
- Promoted over 75 Housing Appeal Schemes ranging in size from 50 to 5000 units.
- Been instructed by the Government through the Homes and Communities Agency in England and the Department for Social Development in Northern Ireland.
- Advised on 5 major settlements and garden villages all in excess of 5000 units.

- Been instructed by the leading members of the Land Promoters Development Forum.
- Appeared for LPA in a major inquiry [Sunderland] for an EFW proposal February 2020.
- Won Permission for a major redevelopment in the LLDC in November 2019.
- Won the Inspectors recommendation to refuse the Westferry Printworks proposals for a major redevelopment scheme of 1500 homes in January 2020.
- Won planning permission for the largest town centre redevelopment in 2019 in the UK.
- Advised a major London Authority [2019/2020] on the biggest scheme in their history.

PREVIOUS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Promoting the major expansion of Liverpool Airport in 1995 with Lionel Read KC.
- Appearing in the 12 party Peterborough Retail inquiry in 1996 led by Stephen Morgan.
- Advising Tesco Stores from 1997-2015 on over 200 retail schemes.
- Supporting at appeal the expansion of Brent Cross in 1999.
- Winning permission at call in inquiry for the new Newcastle Falcons Stadium in 2002.
- Winning permission for 450-unit housing on most investigated site in UK - 2008.
- Winning permission at appeal for new Tesco led by Russell Harris KC in Wiltshire in 2009.
- Winning in the Supreme Court with Neil Cameron Q.C. in Morge v HCC in 2010.
- Winning planning permission for 500 student units at appeal for UCL in 2010.
- Appearing for the North Yorkshire County Council in a gas-processing factory in 2011.
- Protecting the planning permission for stadium for FC United in the High Court in 2012.
- Protecting the planning permission for the redevelopment of Old Trafford Cricket Ground in the Court of Appeal in 2013 led by Christopher Katkowski KC.
- Winning permission on appeal for 1000 houses in North Tyneside for Persimmon and the Duke of Northumberland in 2013 and 2014.
- Promoted 6 development plans [1996-2019].

PERSONAL:

- Current Non-Executive Director of the **Professional Cricketers Association** [2020-].
- Current Non-Executive Director of **Kent County Cricket Club** [2023-]
- Previously Director of **Middlesex County Cricket Club** [2019-2022]
- **Run 4 marathons** [London (2016, 2019, 2021), NYC (2017),] and 15 half marathons.
- Cycled from **Land's End to John O'Groats** in August 2020 raising £17,000 for the Samaritans.
- Cycling from **Dover to Durness** in August 2023 across 14 days and 1500 kilometers.

- Playing member of **Aston Rowant Cricket Club** 4th XI. [2011-Present]
- Member of: **MCC, Middlesex CCC, Kent CCC, Warwickshire CCC, Surrey CCC, Western Province CC, Primrose Hill CC, Huntercombe GC, RAC, Alnmouth GC and Turnberry GC.**
- Chair of the **Home Counties Premier Cricket League** [2022-]
- Season Tickets -**Rangers FC, Arsenal FC, Murrayfield, Twickenham, Lords, Edgbaston, Oval.**
- Read Law at **Trinity College Cambridge** [Vice-President of the CU Law Society [1988-1989].

Qualifications

- Law - Trinity College, Cambridge

Recommendations

"He is a fantastic team player and always a delight to work with. Extremely hard-working and a true legend of the Planning Bar."

Planning, Chambers and Partners, 2023

"Sasha is absolutely the best, he is a pleasure to work with and always makes everyone at ease, even junior members of the client team. His advocacy is top notch and he brings a personal approach to matters, which is well regarded."

Planning, Legal 500, 2023

"He is a pleasure to work with and an excellent all-rounder." "Sasha is fabulous to deal with, and his attention to detail is excellent."

Planning, Chambers and Partners, 2022

"Excellent in every way – expertise, experience, advocacy and diligence. Sasha is without parallel the best planning Q[K]C to work with."

Planning, Legal 500, 2022

"Sasha has the ability to drill down on key issues relating to a case and articulate those issues in a persuasive manner to the Inspector." "He has an effective style of cross-examination and communicates well with the whole room."

Planning, Chambers and Partners, 2021

"He has a really engaging and likeable style based on a great, robust, common-sense understanding of the issues." "He has a strong analytical mind. He keeps clients' commercial needs and objectives uppermost in his mind."

Planning, Chambers and Partners, 2020

"A hugely impressive High Court and inquiry advocate."

Legal 500, 2020

"A great advocate."

Chambers and Partners, 2018

"Sasha White is skilled and practical."

Planning, Chambers and Partners, 2024

"Sasha is a delight to work with, hardworking and always on top of his game. His cross-examination is second-to-none and he always tries to put a personal spin on his advocacy, which is generally welcomed by the tribunal."

Planning, Legal 500, 2024

Cases and inquiries

26 05 20	Secretary of State's decision to approve tall tower scheme quashed for apparent bias
17 07 18	Apple Hill care home, Henley
26 06 18	Ryedale Gas Facility
26 06 18	University College London
26 06 18	Prudhoe Town Centre Redevelopment
26 06 18	Amesbury Retail Inquiry
26 06 18	Retirement Village, West Wales
31 05 18	R (Morge) v Hampshire County Council [2010] EWCA Civ 608
31 05 18	Gates Hydraulics v Secretary of State
30 05 18	Derwent Holdings Limited v Trafford Borough Council [2011] EWHC 491
29 05 18	R (on the application of Hampton Bishop Parish Council) v Herefordshire Council [2014] EWCA Civ 878
29 05 18	R (on the application of Hampton Bishop Parish Council) v Herefordshire Council [2013] EWHC 3947 (Admin)

24 05 18 Planning Court rejects North Yorkshire fracking challenge

31 03 17 Persimmon Homes (North East) Ltd v Newcastle City Council [2017] EWHC 688 (Admin)

Publications

Sasha is the author of Planning Appeals which is a textbook covering all matters concerning the law, practice and policy relating to planning appeals.

Sasha has contributed articles and legal comments to Planning Magazine.
