

# Landmark Chambers

## Barrister CV

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Christopher specialises in Town and Country Planning, Compulsory Purchase, Environmental and Infrastructure Law.



## Expertise

Planning, Environment

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## Planning

Christopher was called to the Bar (Lincoln's Inn) in November 1994 and he was appointed King's Counsel in March 2013. He joined Landmark Chambers in 2007.

Christopher is a qualified mediator.

For over 25 years, he has specialised in Town and Country Planning, Compulsory Purchase, Environmental and Infrastructure Law, acting principally for developers, landowners and scheme promoters.

For over 20 years, Christopher's practice been dominated by the promotion of major housing schemes across the country, at section 78, local plan and now neighbourhood plan levels. These include past and present promotion of 2,500-8,500 houses at Braintree, 4,500 in the Wirral and 400 at Newmarket Hatchfield farm and many schemes of around 100-500 units taking advantage of para 11 of the NPPF.

Christopher has a recognised expertise in the issues of housing, 5-year land supply and neighbourhood plan matters. At Dawlish he defeated the first ever neighbourhood plan to reach examination. His case **Woodcock Holdings v SSCLG** represents a milestone case in the approach to the then para. 14 of the NPPF.

His clients include many of the Country's largest house-builders: Berkeley Homes, Barratt/David Wilson, Crest Nicholson, Persimmon, Gleeson Developments, Croudace, Wates and Rydon Homes among others. He also regularly acts for landpromoters landed estate and landowners directly promoting their own sites. His work with the Prince's foundation and the Build Better Build Beautiful commission gives him an insight into the government's 'beauty agenda'.

Town centre regeneration CPOs and retail work has encompassed protecting and extending retail landownership for major investor/owners at Northleigh Park, Wigan, Telford Town Centre, Skelmersdale Town Centre, Eastbourne Town Centre and schemes for Lidl in East London as well as representing Tesco's at Wigan Town Centre CPO, Scarborough Building Society at Leeds Town Centre CPO, John Lewis Partnership at Sheffield Town Centre CPO, Victoria Palace Theatre at Victoria Station LUL CPO, the landowner's bank at Margate Dreamland CPO.

Christopher was a founder member of the Compulsory Purchase Association, wrote the PEBA Consultation response to the IPC/DCO process in the 2008 Act and has been involved throughout his practice in significant infrastructure promotion. This has included hybrid bill (Central Railways), TWA (eg the Second Tyne Tunnel; the £500m Mersey Gateway Bridge), and conventional planning and highways CPO.

## Environment

Christopher has a significant practice in energy, waste, minerals and commercial operations. Most recently, promoted a major new EFW at Horsham. Environmental infrastructure includes a mineral-water bottling plant at Buxton and a waste water treatment plant on the Severn.

He has particular expertise in matters concerning European protected sites, advising developer interests in respect of habitats, species, nutrients, neutrality and off-setting. He is currently advising the Home builders federation on the issue of water neutrality.

He is used to working with and leading large multi-disciplinary consultant teams. He has a particular aptitude for understanding and leading detailed and technical environmental evidence and takes obvious relish in the opportunities presented by cross-examination.

## Qualifications

- BA (Hons)(Oxon) - Jurisprudence (Merton College, Oxford)

## Recommendations

"He is an outstanding silk with excellent technical skills and is a very good advocate."

**Planning, Chambers and Partners, 2024**

"Christopher is an outstanding planning silk. His energetic, enthusiastic leadership skills make him a superb leader of multi-disciplinary teams. He has a distinct style which is measured, effective and highly persuasive, and is appreciated by judges and public inquiry inspectors."

**Planning, Legal 500, 2024**

"Christopher is a consummate professional, able to readily digest information quickly and deal with complex strategies and situations with a manner that is disarming and persuasive."

**Planning, Chambers and Partners, 2023**

"Christopher is an outstanding advocate with an unflappable style and a complete mastery of the details of a case, and has excellent penetrative cross-examination skills." "He fights very hard for his clients."

**Planning, Chambers and Partners, 2023**

"Christopher is outstanding. He has excellent technical skills, is extremely hardworking, is a clear thinker and adroit at focussing on the detail of a case. He is an excellent advocate and possesses an unflappable style, a total mastery of the details of a case, and meticulous cross-examination skills."

**Planning, Legal 500, 2023**

"An excellent advocate with a real specialty in housing and large schemes."

**Planning, Chambers and Partners, 2022**

"Christopher is an outstanding planning silk, an excellent public inquiry advocate and also very good in the High Court."

**Planning, Legal 500, 2022**

"He can master technical evidence with alacrity, his cross-examination is highly forensic and his energetic, enthusiastic approach gets the best out of everyone." "He's got very good judgement and he's committed to the subject."

**Planning, Chambers and Partners, 2021**

"He provides excellent strategic advice, combined with technical skills of the highest level." "He is Mr Housing." "He is well prepared, well informed and has a very analytical brain."

**Planning, Chambers and Partners, 2020**