

# 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.

For nearly 30 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 25 years, Christopher's practice been dominated by the promotion of major housing schemes across the country, at section 78 and local plan. These include past and present promotion of 2,000 houses at Sayer Common, 1000 in Cambridge, 4,500 in the Wirral 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 local plan 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. He regularly appears for landowner and developer interests in promoting strategic sites.

His clients include many of the Country's largest house-builders: Barratt/David Wilson, Berkeley Homes, Crest Nicholson, Persimmon, Croudace, Gleeson Developments, 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' and landowner legacy scheme and Design coding.

Town centre regeneration CPOs and retail work has encompassed protecting and extending retail landownership for major investor/owners across the country.

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.

He has particular expertise in matters concerning European protected sites, advising developer interests in respect of habitats, species, nutrients, neutrality and off-setting. He advises the Home Builders Federation on the issue of water neutrality, as well as advising major developers, landowners and local planning authorities on neutrality and water neutrality. He won the appeal which led to the 'CG Fry' litigation on HRA and condition 2024 promoted 1000 dwellings =, for Borrat in Cambridge and for crest

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.

## ADR

Qualified mediator.

## Qualifications

- BA (Hons)(Oxon) - Juriprudence (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**

## Cases and inquiries

09 03 23	Nutrient neutrality at condition discharge stage
21 02 23	Planning permission granted on appeal for Wiltshire Energy from Waste facility
25 11 22	Habitats Regulations apply at reserved matters stage post-Brexit
28 02 22	Prosbrook Lane, Fareham
01 02 22	225 dwellings in Fareham granted on appeal, with costs
10 01 22	Appeal allowed: 206 new dwellings in Strategic Gap and designated countryside in Fareham
13 12 21	High Court considers correct interpretation of a Planning Permission