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Expertise

Planning, Environment

Overview

Neil King QC was called to the Bar in 1980 and took silk in 2000. He joined 2 Mitre Court Buildings in 1982 and moved to Landmark Chambers in December 2003. He specialises in all aspects of Town and Country Planning, Environmental and Compulsory Purchase and Compensation law.

Neil has appeared at numerous public inquiries, in the Lands Tribunal, the High Court and Court of Appeal. Planning cases include airport and other infrastructure projects; proposals for waste incineration, landfill and quarrying; tall building proposals in London, including London Bridge Tower (the 'Shards of Glass'), Doon Street tower and at Old Street/City Road; and many retail, warehouse club, hotel and housing schemes. Recent compulsory purchase cases include 10 major retail-led city and town centre redevelopment schemes. He has also advised on a wide range of compensation issues arising from the acquisition of land for regeneration, rail, road and flood relief schemes.

High Court and Court of Appeal cases include R (Al Fayed) v Tandridge DC (telecoms mast development), LB Hillingdon v ARC (limitation/estoppel on compensation claim), R (Lowther) v Durham CC (use of waste as a fuel), R (Hautot) v LB Wandsworth (validity of Battersea Power Station planning permissions), UKRA v Secretary of State (lawfulness of guidance on EPA conditions), and R (Friends of Lake District) v Secretary of State (power to withdraw call-in).

Qualifications

Neil studied Modern History and Economics at New College, Oxford. He is a member of the Planning and Environmental Bar Association.

Recommendations

Neil is ranked as a leading silk in both planning and environmental law in the 2012 edition of *Chambers & Partners* Guide, where he is described as “unflappable” and “a class act who masters complex and demanding situations very quickly.”

He is also listed in the *Legal 500* 2011 and in *Legal Experts*, and has been consistently ranked amongst the top five planning barristers by the annual Planning Magazine Law Survey.

Excellent at presenting the most complex cases

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Cases

19 Sep 2012	Challenge to new Tesco store rejected
12 May 2010	R (Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd) v Wolverhampton City Council [2011] 1 A.C. 437
17 Sep 2009	English Heritage, Westminster CC and Ashton v Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government
11 Aug 2009	Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd v Wolverhampton City Council and Tesco Stores Limited [2009] EWCA Civ 734
08 Apr 2009	Ardagh Glass v Chester City Council and Quinn Glass [2009] EWHC 745 (Admin)
01 Jan 2002	UK Renderers Association v Secretary of State
24 May 2001	R v Durham County Council ex parte Lowther
01 Jan 1999	Hillingdon LBC v ARC

Inquiries

14 Jun 2019	Agri-tech inquiry opens
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08 Sep 2015	Brentford Community Football Stadium CPO Inquiry
04 Jan 2012	The Curve Slough CPO Inquiry
01 Jun 2009	Inquiry into proposed new neighborhood in Crawley
01 Apr 2009	Proposals for redevelopment on London's South Bank
01 Mar 2009	Inquiry into 12,540m2 Costco warehouse club on employment land in Coventry
01 Nov 2008	Hartland Park
03 Sep 2008	Regent's Canal Conservation Area
27 Mar 2008	Compulsory Purchase Orders for city/town centre redevelopment schemes
12 Feb 2008	Doon Street, adjacent to the National Theatre on Upper Ground, London SE1
07 Dec 2007	Queen Elizabeth II Barracks, Fleet, Hampshire
12 Mar 2007	Bristol Street, Birmingham
21 Nov 2006	South Crofty tin mine, Pool, Cornwall
15 Apr 2003	Renzo Piano's Shard of Glass Tower at London Bridge

Publications

07 May 2020	Finney v Welsh Ministers – Webinar
25 Sep 2017	Remaining Leaseholders – The affordability gap after Aylesbury Estate
