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Expertise

Planning, Public, Environment, Mediation

Overview

Rhodri Price Lewis QC has practised in planning and environmental law for over 30 years. He is a deputy High Court Judge sitting in the Administrative Court where he hears all types of public law cases. He has been appointed to sit in the newly created Planning Court. He is a Recorder of the Crown Court, an assistant Parliamentary Boundary Commissioner and he has sat as the Inspector in many village green cases.

In his practice he specialises in major infrastructure projects such as proposals for energy, waste and transport developments but his work covers the whole range of planning and environmental law including housing, business and retail development and compulsory purchase.

Rhodri has acted for many of the leading companies in the environmental field such as Veolia, Viridor, Sita, WRG, Southern

Water and Miller Argent.

He has advised and appeared for many major housebuilders such as Crest, Bovis Homes, Berkeley Homes, Miller Homes and Redrow. In the retail field he has been particularly instrumental in helping the development of deep discount shopping both in town and out of town having advised Lidl on many matters and appeared for them at a number of public inquiries.

He has acted for public authorities promoting major transport developments such as the Baldock bypass and the Hastings relief road. He promoted a new railway through the Snowdonia National Park.

He has advised in and appeared in energy cases including surface mining schemes and energy from waste schemes. He has acted in many cases relating to mineral extraction of all kinds both for mineral operators and for mineral planning authorities.

He has promoted business parks and other large-scale commercial developments all over the country.

He has guided development plans of all kinds including core strategies, area action plans, local plans, minerals plans and waste plans through the statutory processes on behalf of the promoting authorities. He has also advised and acted in objections to such plans.

He has advised registration authorities, applicants and objectors in village green matters and, as well as on many occasions acting as the Inspector conducting the inquiry and advising the registration authority, he has appeared frequently at such inquiries on behalf of objectors to registration.

Rhodri has extensive experience of appearing in the higher courts in planning and environmental matters both in judicial review and statutory challenges.

Qualifications

Rhodri read Jurisprudence at Pembroke College, Oxford and Criminology at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. He is a Recorder and was appointed an Assistant Parliamentary Boundary Commissioner in 2000. He is also a qualified ADR Group Accredited Mediator.

Recommendations

Rhodri is listed as a leading silk in planning and environmental law in recent Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners directories:

"He is excellent on his feet and gets straight to the key issues." Chambers & Partners 2014

"Gives sensible, pragmatic advice." The Legal 500 2014

"Lauded by peers for his 'punchy yet beautiful' advocacy style." [2013]

"A 'good planning lawyer who knows what he's doing. He's also quite fun.'" [2013]

Rhodri "has 'the ability to identify the important commercial issues' and 'will not pursue legal points for their own sake'." [2012]

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Cases

19 Feb 2016

Wealden District Council v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and Knight Developments Limited [2016] EWHC 247 (Admin)

Publications

02 Nov 2015	Plan-making under the Planning (Wales) Act 2015
12 Mar 2012	What is a Village Green?
31 Oct 2011	Planning & Environmental Law in Wales: 2011 Update - Waste Planning in Wales