

The construction market

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Our energy and infrastructure group includes a team of engineering and construction experts. We provide advice, support, and guidance on a wide variety of issues in major or complex projects. Our projects can be large or small and span from energy and power projects, social and civil infrastructure to manufacturing plants and industry. We support a wide range of public and private clients, and tap into our significant national and international reach. We offer engineering, procurement, and construction advice at all levels of supply chain throughout the whole project lifecycle, including contracts and dispute avoidance.

Our approach is to work as part of your project team, with an in-depth understanding of your business needs and priorities to build strong, longstanding client relationships. Our sector knowledge is extensive, covering renewables and green energy, clean energy (including nuclear), waste, water, transport/logistics. Our widespread experience across the energy and infrastructure sector means that we know the market and provide well-balanced, rounded advice. This also serves as a firm foundation for innovative projects using new technology and implementing key strategies such as sustainability, ESG, data management and digital transformation.

Our projects expertise includes a broad range of commercial construction services covering engineering, procurement, construction as well as operation and maintenance. Our experience acting for a range of government bodies, quasigovernment bodies and local authorities, as well as private sector commercial clients, plant owners, manufacturers, developers, contractors, suppliers and the like, means we are well placed to draft and negotiate contracts as well as advising on operational issues and dispute avoidance. We also act for funders and provide due diligence on corporate investment deals.



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Browne Jacobson, at a glance

"They deliver real added value and they don't just think about the legal problem before them, but also the overall strategic issues."

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Full-service offering

We cover the full asset life cycle from the underlying technological concept, through the regulatory, procurement, planning and authorisation phase to the raising of equity and debt capital, development and everyday operational aspects (including negotiating the ongoing commercial contracts, advising on agreements with governments, license agreements and securing/protecting the related IP) and the sale or acquisition of such assets and businesses, including the provision of sector-focused advice around asset-level legal due diligence.

Expert teams

Our industry experts provide constructive, innovative and pragmatic advice which addresses and anticipates the wide variety of issues which can arise during transactions. We believe that connection gets results, makes all parties stronger and is central to the Browne Jacobson approach. We're excited to be growing our relationships with clients, working collaboratively and forging connections in what is likely to be a period of rapid innovation and development for the sector.

Working together

Members of the Energy and Utilities Alliance (EUA) a not-for-profit trade association that provides a leading industry voice helping to shape the future policy direction within the energy sector.

We're a founding member of Pangea Net and its specialised energy and renewables group. Pangea Net is a non-exclusive network of full-service law firms across the globe, giving our clients to access high-quality, specialist advice, efficiently and cost effectively.

We work very closely with the Midlands Engine on sustainability policy and strategy, helping to develop its Green Growth Action Plan, chairing its Green Growth Board, and engaging with industry, academic and public partners.

The first law firm to become an official partner to O-Shaped, an innovative movement with a mission to drive positive change within the legal sector and promote greater collaboration between law firms and their clients.











Our value proposition

Strategic Partner

We strive to build long-term relationships with our clients, recognising this will require investment and energy.

Sector Expertise

Our advice is underpinned by sector and asset specific knowledge and experience.

Solution-Oriented

We believe that legal and commercial issues should be met with solutions.

Commercial

We add commercial value through providing innovative, practical and thoughtful advice.

Collaborative

We understand the intricacies of transactions in this sector and as such we approach transactions in a collaborative and open minded manner.

Timely Completion

We are focused on achieving your deadlines and transaction milestones.

Commitment

We are committed to helping you achieve your transactional aims and ensuring you only pay for value.

Partner Led

We believe in smaller, partner led teams – but we can field significant resources when required.

Explore our practices and services

"The firm demonstrated real depth across its energy and infrastructure practice in assisting the delivery of a string of high profile and complicated transactions for us."

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Practices

The diversity of the E&I sector and the nature of the transactions in such a space requires a full-service offering. We offer a full-service practice including:

Projects (inc PFI/PPP) Banking and finance Corporate mergers and acquisitions Commercial contracts EPC/Construction Real estate Regulatory / planning / subsidy control Environment and climate change

IT and IP
Litigation and disputes
Technology
Insurance
Procurement
Tax
Energy
Health and safety
Digital and outsourcing

Sectors

We recognise that our clients will need sector-driven advice and our team is highly experienced across a wide range of sub-sectors including:

Social infrastructure	Smart infrastructure
Waste	Road
Water	Rail
Heating	Aviation
Electricity and electric vehicles Wind	Maritime
	Mining and metals
	Logistics
Solar	Fibre Regeneration Nuclear
Hydrogen	
Oil and gas	
Digital	

Our international reach

We maintain close working relationships with leading lawyers in other jurisdictions through the Pangea Net global network and with firms that we've identified as being the best in their markets. This enables our clients with overseas interests and international clients to access high-quality, specialist legal advice efficiently and cost-effectively.



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Recent highlights



Advising Suez SA and its shareholders on its £2bn acquisition of its former UK waste business – Suez Recycling and Recovery UK – from Veolia.



Advising the Welsh European Funding Office on a significant tidal infrastructure project to facilitate the further development of tidal power generation technologies through providing 'plug and play' infrastructure.



Advising Covanta Energy on the commercial elements of the construction of an IBA treatment facility at Wellingborough, providing an efficient IBA solution for its Energy-from-Waste plant.



Advising CPH2, a green hydrogen technology and manufacturing group, on a variety of projects including its AIM admission and global licensing arrangements.



Advising leading mid-market private equity firm LDC on its investment in Stonbury – the leading UK water and environmental sustainability specialist.



Advising award-winning H2GO Power on investment rounds and R&D collaborations to develop its proprietary hydrogen storage technology and Al platform.



Advising Rcapital in connection with its rescue acquisition and financing of Avonside Energy, a renewables, solar pv and insulation business.



Advising Oxford City Council on a high-profile infrastructure project which will support the City of Oxford in its sustainable goals strategy through the launch of an electrical vehicle (EV) charging hub.



Negotiating and completing a Power Purchase Agreement to purchase landlord generated solar power.



Advising Cheshire East Council on a new solar farm adjacent to an organic waste site.



We have advised Mace Group on IP protection and commercialisation of new innovative building techniques, and managing and enforcing its global trade mark portfolio.



Advising Tier 1 contractor (manufacturer) on supply contracts for the Hinkley Point C nuclear new build project including in respect of price inflation, Brexit, and FIDIC contracts.



Advising a multitude of clients in connection with Solar PV installation projects and associated power purchase / offtake agreements in connection with their decarbonisation / sustainability agenda.

Key contacts

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