

Richard Barlow

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With over 30 years’ experience Richard is a partner in our planning, environmental and public law team. Richard and his team provide strategic and development control planning advice. He advises on environmental law and helps clients devise practical solutions and outcomes. Richard advises many organisations on governance, judicial review and vires issues. He regularly advises upon public law risk and how to minimise the risk of challenge when discharging key functions. He acts for a wide range of public and commercial clients.

Richard’s team have advised Natural England and Natural Resources Wales (and their respective predecessors) on over 1,000 matters over the last 25 years.

Richard has provided advice in relation to the following:

- Newark South – a development of 2,650 houses
- Chiltern Beechwoods Special Area of Conservation
- Crystal Palace FC – Selhurst Park redevelopment
- Biodiversity Net Gain
- Environmental Compliance for Jigsaw Systems

He is a Legal Associate of the Royal Town Planning Institute. Richard is the Chair of the Nottingham Green Partnership and an independent member of the Disciplinary Panel of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Managers. Richard is also Chair of the UK Environmental Law Association Nature Conservation Working Group.

Expertise

Sectors

Arm's length bodies	Emergency services	Local government
Central government	Energy and infrastructure	
Devolved administration	Government	

Featured experience

First Sentier Investors - Deal Advice

We advised First Sentier Investors, in collaboration with Latham & Watkins, on their recent energy from waste acquisitions for over £995m.

Our team led on the due diligence of the operational and planned energy from waste facilities nationwide and covered Development Consent Orders and also more traditional planning consents.

Bassetlaw District Council

Advising Bassetlaw District Council in relation to the contravention of conditions of the environmental permit by a mushroom composting facility - the council have prosecuted the company and the court imposed a fine of £32,000 plus legal costs.

Kettering East - restructuring planning obligations

Restructuring the planning obligations for the delivery of infrastructure of Kettering East, a major sustainable urban extension to the east of Kettering intended to deliver 5,000 dwellings, so that contributions are delivered as dwellings are built rather than from upfront payments.

National Resources body for Wales

Advising Natural Resources body for Wales in the defence of judicial review proceedings concerning the Rhosydd Bryn Maen site of special scientific interest.

Testimonials

Directories

"Richard Barlow is extremely personable, giving straightforward advice that understands the requirements of our organisation."

Chambers and Partners 2023,

"He provides clear advice on a range of complex matters, and ensures an excellent level of client service."

Chambers and Partners 2023,

"He is very flexible and accommodating in terms of speaking to and arranging appointments with him. He is also very quick to understand the main points of what we're trying to do."

Chambers 2022 ,

"Richard Barlow – hugely knowledgeable and client friendly."

Legal 500 2022 ,

