

Energy and infrastructure



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Recently we've seen unprecedented challenges in the E&I sector, both domestically and across the globe. All three pillars of the energy trilemma – affordability, security and sustainability – are now simultaneously critical. Despite these conditions, Browne Jacobson has continued to work on some of the most important recent transactions in the market, supporting a broad range of energy and infrastructure clients.

“Paul is an experienced and strong projects and infrastructure finance lawyer who is also enjoyable to work with. He has deep sector knowledge and provides top-quality, insightful and practical advice, often on tight deadlines.”

Igneo Infrastructure Partners

The pace of change in the E&I sector has been somewhat dizzying. Global issues such as decarbonisation, innovation, protectionism and resource scarcity have led to the introduction of many UK law and policy initiatives, and this continues to rapidly evolve. The effects of these global pressures are very much being felt at national and regional levels.

Despite the ongoing challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, supply chain disruptions, rising energy costs, inflation, geopolitical tensions and the effects of climate change, the significant momentum surrounding the energy transition presents a real need for rapid development and innovation – and thus opportunity.

The urgent need for investment into clean technology, renewable energy and associated infrastructure is continuing to grow. Whilst liquidity in the infrastructure market continues to be strong, challenges remain in the sphere of lesser-matured clean and infra technology and these must be addressed in order to further the net zero agenda.

Societal and environmental impact are at the top of our business agenda and we're proud to support the delivery of transactions in this sphere. As a firm, we're underpinned by a firm-wide sustainable energy and net zero commitment, and view our work in this sector as an extension of our values.

Our sector-aligned teams take a pragmatic approach, making the complex simple and forging connections between clients to find creative solutions. We draw on our experience working with a broad range of clients including sponsors, equity investors, financiers, corporates, public sector clients, contractors, construction companies, developers, landowners and energy purchasers. This unique combination of a leading-edge public sector practice (backed by a commitment to and understanding of Government), a strong private sector base and a wide breadth of clients, means we're familiar with the concerns and objectives of all participants in this sector.



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Browne Jacobson, at a glance

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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

Partner led

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

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 focussed 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.

Strategic partner

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

Explore our practices and services

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“Flourishing practice noted for its representation of clients such as contractors and employers. Experienced in both national and international projects, in both contentious and non-contentious contexts.”

Chambers

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)	Technology
Banking and Finance	Environment and Climate Change
Corporate M&A	Insurance
Commercial Contracts	Procurement
EPC/Construction	Tax
Real Estate	Energy
Regulatory / Planning / Subsidy Control	Health and Safety
IT and IP	Digital and Outsourcing
Litigation and Disputes	

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	Rail
Waste	Aviation
Water	Maritime
Heating	Digital and Smart Infrastructure
Electricity and Electric Vehicles	Mining and Metals
Wind	Logistics
Solar	Fibre
Hydrogen	Regeneration
Oil and Gas	Nuclear
Road	

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.



“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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worldwide



Recent highlights



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



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

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 licencing 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 AI platform.



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



Advising the management sellers of CARE Fertility (CARE), a market leader in the UK's fertility and IVF health sector on the sale of the entire issued share capital of CARE by PE firm Silverfleet to Nordic Capital.



Advising TAC Healthcare on its merger with InHealth and the national roll out of Private GP.



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.



Advising Folkestone & Hythe District Council in relation to Otterpool Park a flagship Garden Town project with an estimated gross development value of £2.8bn, the potential to deliver up to 10,000 new homes and employment space supporting up to 8,000 jobs.



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



Advising Manchester City Council on an innovative decarbonisation heat network project for the City.



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.



Advised on the UK aspects of the successful listing of CNOOC Limited, one of China's three oil giants, on the Main Board of Shanghai Stock Exchange on 21 April 2022, raising \$4 billion.



Advising multinational tunnelling and mining corporate PBE Group on its multi-jurisdictional corporate financing arrangements.



Advising recycling corporate Recresco upon legislative requirements for carbon credits under the UK EU Emissions Trading Scheme.

Key contacts

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