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James practices in planning, environmental law, and public law.

Expertise

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Practice Summary

James practices in planning, environmental law, and public law. His practice regularly encompasses retained/ assimilated EU law and international law. James was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1996, and the Bar of Northern Ireland in 2009.

Planning law

James's planning practice encompasses all aspects of planning including advisory, advocacy at inquiries and hearings and advocacy in the Higher Courts. He has considerable experience of Development Plan examination hearings. His practice also encompasses compulsory purchase and compensation, harbours, highways, rights of way, commons registration and village greens (both inquiries and in the Higher Courts).

Environmental law

James's environmental law practice is wide-ranging, covering matters such as habitats and species protection, contaminated land, air quality, waste, access to environmental information, statutory and common law nuisance and all aspects of environment impact assessment, strategic environmental assessment and environmental permitting. He has considerable expertise in climate change litigation. He has also been involved in cases concerning marine environmental issues. He regularly advises and engages in cases concerning access to environmental information. He has also appeared many times before the UNECE

Aarhus Compliance Committee in Geneva.

Public law

His public law practice is very wide ranging. He has appeared in a number of high-profile public law cases including:

- R (Sharon Shoesmith) v Ofsted and Others [2011] 1459
- R (Bradley and others) v Secretary of State for Work & Pensions [2009] 114
- Ken Livingstone v Adjudication Panel for England [2006] 45
- R v. Bow Street Magistrate, ex p. Pinochet Ugarte (No. 2) [2000] 1 119
- The Alconbury litigation [2003] 2 295.

Retained/ Assimilated EU law

James regularly advises and appears in cases concerning retained EU law. Before Brexit he regularly appeared in the Court of Justice of the European Union and the General Court of the European Union (formerly the European Court of First Instance) on environmental matters.

International

In addition to his extensive European Court practice (see above) James has made several appearances before the UNECE Aarhus Compliance Committee in Geneva. He has acted in cases going to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

Professional Memberships:

James was a member of the Attorney-General's London Panels of Junior Counsel to the Crown from 1999-2013. He also served on the Welsh Assembly Government's Junior Counsel Panel from 2009 to 2013.

James has in the past chaired the Steering Groups for Planning, Environmental and Public Law at Landmark Chambers.

In April 2021, James was appointed to the Council of NIPA. He is jointly leading and co-ordinating (with Ben Copithorne) the working group on Growing and Engaging a diverse membership.

James was previously a part-time College Lecturer in European Law at Hertford College, Oxford.

Planning

James's planning practice encompasses all aspects of planning both at inquiries and hearings and in the Higher Courts. His practice also encompasses compulsory purchase and compensation, harbours, highways, rights of way, commons registration and village greens (both inquiries and in the Higher Courts).

James won the award for 'Environment/Planning Silk of the Year' at the Chambers UK Bar Awards 2022.

Higher Courts planning work

His recent high-profile planning cases include appearing in:

- CPRE v Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government [2021] 1 W.L.R. 4168 (Supreme Court case on costs in judicial and statutory review)
- Clin v Walter Lilly [2021] 1 W.L.R. 2753 (meaning of demolition in conservation areas)
- R (Spurrier) v Secretary of State for Transport and others [2019] EWHC 1070 (Admin) and R (Plan B) v Secretary of State for Transport [2020] EWCA Civ 214 multiple judicial review challenges to the Airports NPS favouring Heathrow expansion and raising issues related to SEA, air quality, climate change, bias, reasons and habitats
- Compton Parish Council & Others v Guildford BC [2019] EWHC 3242 (Admin) (s. 113 challenge to the Guildford Local Plan)
- R (Shirley) v Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government [2019] 2 C.M.L.R. 14 on the interpretation of the air quality directive
- R (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) v Secretary of State for Justice [2017] 5 Costs L.O. 691 on the challenge to the revised Aarhus costs rules
- Hillingdon LBC v Secretary of State for Transport [2017] EWHC 121(Admin) (Airports expansion policy strike out case)
- Redhill v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government [2015] P.T.S.R. 274 (on the meaning of "any other harm" in Green Belt policy in the NPPF).

He also acted for the Government on challenges to:

- High Speed 2 (Buckinghamshire & Others v Secretary of State for Transport [2014] 1 W.L.R. 324)
- the revocation of Regional Strategies (R (Cala Homes) v Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government) 1
 and 2 [2011] B.L.G.R. 204 and [2011] 2 E.G.L.R. 75)
- the proposed previous scheme for a Heathrow Runway 3 R (Hillingdon) v Secretary of State for Transport [2010] J.P.L.
 976).

James has huge experience of dealing with EIA, SEA and habitats cases in the Higher Courts. See by way of example only:

- Wealden DC v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government [2017] J.P.L. 625
- R (Birchall Gardens LLP) v Hertfordshire CC [2017] Env. L.R. 17
- Bloor Homes East Midlands Ltd v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government [2017] P.T.S.R. 1283
- R (Smech Properties Ltd) v Runnymede BC [2016] EWCA Civ 42
- Stoke Poges Parish Council v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government [2016] EWHC 1772 (Admin) (noise and permitted development challenge in relation to free school)
- R (Skelmersdale Ltd Partnership) v West Lancashire BC [2016] EWCA Civ 1260 (retail permission and conditions)
- R (Nicholson) v Allerdale BC [2015] EWHC 2510 (Admin)
- Smyth v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government [2015] P.T.S.R. 141

- R (Midcounties Co-operative Ltd) v Forest of Dean DC [2015] B.L.G.R. 829
- R. (FCC Environment (UK) Ltd) v Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change [2015] Env. L.R
- R. (Frack Free Balcombe Residents Association) v West Sussex [2014] EWHC 4108 (Admin)
- Stratford on Avon DC v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government [2014] J.P.L. 104
- William Davis Ltd v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government [2013] EWHC 3058 (Admin)
- Jaytee (Rainton) LLP v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government [2013] EWHC 2835 (Admin)
- R (Prideaux) v Buckinghamshire CC [2013] Env. L.R. 32
- Tewkesbury BC v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government [2013] B.L.G.R. 399.

James has appeared at a number of village green inquiries for both applicants and objectors.

His Higher Court cases in this area include

- R. (Laing Homes Ltd) v Buckinghamshire CC [2004] 1 P. & C.R. 36
- Oxfordshire CC v Oxford City Council [2006] 2 A.C. 674
- R. (SDR) v Bristol City Council [2012] EWHC 859 (Admin).

He also regularly acts in commons related work advising on commons consent and related issues.

Environment

James's environmental law practice is wide ranging, covering matters such as habitats and species protection, contaminated land, air quality, waste, access to environmental information, statutory and common law nuisance and all aspects of environment impact assessment, strategic environmental assessment and environmental permitting.

He has particular expertise on climate change issues, and especially emissions trading. He has also been involved in a number of cases concerning marine environmental issues. He regularly advises and is involved in cases concerning access to environmental information. James co-chaired (with David Elvin KC) the Environmental Steering Group at Landmark Chambers for a number of years.

He regularly appears in the Court of Justice of the European Union, and the General Court of the European Union (formerly the European Court of First Instance) on environmental matters.

He has been involved in litigation and advisory work involving fracking: see *R. (Frack Free Balcombe Residents Association) v West Sussex CC* [2014] EWHC 4108 (Admin) and *R. (Dean) v Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy* [2017] 4 W.L.R. 158.

He is on the LexisPSL Environment Consulting Editorial Board and on the editorial board of Garner's Environmental Law.

Between June 2008 and June 2016 we was on the Council of UKELA and was also on the Executive Committee of UKELA for much of that time.

James won the award for 'Environment/Planning Silk of the Year' at the Chambers UK Bar Awards 2022.

Public and Administrative

James has appeared in a number of high profile public law cases including:

- *R (Sharon Shoesmith) v Ofsted and Others* [2011] P.T.S.R. 1459 (judicial review by former Director of Childrens Services at Haringey following her removal from office by the Secretary of State following the death of Baby P)
- R (Bradley and others) v Secretary of State for Work & Pensions [2009] Q.B. 114 (leading case on the role of the Parliamentary Ombudsman)
- Ken Livingstone v Adjudication Panel for England [2006] H.R.L.R. 45; R v. Bow Street Magistrate, ex p. Pinochet
 Ugarte (No. 2) [2000] 1 A.C. 119 (overturning of the Mayor of London's suspension from office)
- The Alconbury litigation [2003] 2 A.C. 295 (leading case on human rights, Article 6 and planning).

His public law practice is very wide ranging and includes:

- Housing (see eg Yemshaw v Hounslow LBC [2011] 1 W.L.R. 433; James has advised on and acted in judicial reviews on housing issues in local government and accounting issues, eg Housing Revenue Account issues, in respect of the same)
- Social security including national insurance and tax (see eg Zalewska v Department for Social Development [2008] UKHL
 67 and Penfolds v The Treasury (264/09/N/006), on cross-border national insurance collection
- Education (James was a governor at two state primary schools for 13 years in total and a Chair of Governors for 5 years)
- Regulatory
- EU law
- All aspects of human rights law.

James has particular experience in cases involving the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman the Local Government Ombudsman and the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales. He has been involved in a number of cases concerning public law challenges in the health context: see eg

- Miller v Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman [2018] P.T.S.R. 801
- Heesom v Public Services Ombudsman for Wales 2014] 4 All E.R. 269
- R (Jeremiah) v Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman [2013] EWHC 1085 (Admin)
- R (Mencap) v Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman [2012] P.T.S.R. D17
- Flasz v Havering Primary Care Trust [2011] EWHC 1487 (Admin)
- R (Primary Health Investment Properties Ltd) v Secretary of State for Health [2009] P.T.S.R. 1563

- R (Bradley and others) v Secretary of State for Work & Pensions [2009] Q.B. 114
- (Attwood) v Health Service Commissioner [2008] EWHC 2315 (Admin).

He is regularly involved in advising in cases involving freedom of information and in particular the Environmental Information Regulations.. He has acted in a number of cases in the tribunals on these issues. He is the co-author of the chapters on "Access under the Environmental Information Regulations" in P. Coppell *Information Rights Law and Practice* 5th edition (2020).

He appeared for the UK in Case C-279/12 *Fish Legal and another v Information Commissioner* [2014] 2 W.L.R. 568 (recent decision of the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Justice on the meaning of "public authority" under Directive 2003/4/EC) and also in Case C-71/14 *East Sussex CC v Information Commissioner* [2016] P.T.S.R. 179. He also acted for a number of Government departments in group litigation in respect of property search charges fees said to have been levied contrary to Directive 2003/4/EC.

He was previously the chair of the public law steering group at Landmark Chambers.

James was a founder of *Judicial Review* (Taylor & Francis) with Michael Fordham KC in 1996 and acted as assistant editor and then co-editor for over 20 years. He is now a consultant editor.

Qualifications

Read Jurisprudence at Hertford College, Oxford (BA First Class Honours in 1994 and BCL First Class in 1995)

Recommendations

"James Maurici knows more about environment law than anyone else, and is a fantastic advocate to boot." "He's brilliant." Environment, Chambers and Partners, 2024

"James has a strong reputation and a very good style. He's very approachable and very clever."

Local Government, Chambers and Partners, 2024

"James is exceptional. A joy to work with and my first choice should I require expert input on a complicated case."

Planning, Chambers and Partners, 2024

"James is creative in the way he thinks and it has proven to be useful." "James is an excellent all-round public lawyer, equally capable in public inquiries and all levels of the courts."

Administrative and Public Law, Chambers and Partners, 2024

"James is easy to work with and responsive. His depth and breadth of experience means he has a good instinct and is adept at thinking strategically."

Agriculture, Legal 500, 2024

"James is easy to work with, responsive, and sensible. His good instinct and opinion is valuable to clients and instructing solicitors."

Environment, Legal 500, 2024

'A pragmatic and approachable silk.'

Administrative and Human Rights, Legal 500, 2024

"The go-to for diligent, thoughtful comprehensive advice on all planning matters. James is the Yoda of planning. He is able to communicate with everyone in the room which means his advice is delivered in a user friendly manner."

Planning, Legal 500, 2024

"He's very smart and personable, and his advice is to-the-point and user-friendly." "He is a top-drawer advocate; a solid and safe pair of hands."

Administrative and Public Law, Chambers and Partners, 2023

"His expertise is excellent. He is a very safe pair of hands and very responsive." "James provides an excellent all-round service." Local Government, Chambers and Partners, 2023

"He's a star in environmental law." "James Maurici is just a wonderful lawyer who I'm in awe of."

Environment, Chambers and Partners, 2023

"He is an excellent advocate, is well prepared and hard-working. He is a great team player and very user-friendly." "Incredibly talented; James is very user-friendly, great to work with, and I would never hesitate to instruct or recommend him." "He is a very strong advocate, prepares exceptionally well and provides clear, concise written advice."

Planning, Chambers and Partners, 2023

"James is able to combine his exemplary, specialist knowledge in order to provide a first-class service. Furthermore, his calm but confident method of delivery reassures clients."

Planning, Legal 500, 2023

"Combines his exemplary knowledge of the planning decision-making process with a calm but confident method of delivery that reassures clients ... and James Maurici KC, who is currently handling a group litigation case concerning claims for a terrorist-caused oil spill in Colombia, is also a standout silk."

Environment, Legal 500, 2023

"James is able to combine his exemplary, specialist knowledge in order to provide a first-class service. Furthermore, his calm but confident method of delivery reassures clients."

Local Government, Legal 500, 2023

"A quiet and considered silk, James wins the trust of clients by virtue of his depth of knowledge of the law; this combined with a particular eye for detail makes him a particularly talented strategic thinker."

Agriculture, Legal 500, 2023

"James was very easy to work with and responsive."

Administrative Law and Human Rights, Legal 500, 2023

"James is really analytical. He is a deep thinker and works unbelievably hard." "He is encyclopaedic in terms of his knowledge of all aspects of planning."

Planning, Chambers and Partners, 2022

Listed as a star individual. "He's excellent – very calm, cool and his opinion carries weight." "He is very capable and knowledgeable; his governance is the go-to for strategic difficult issues."

Environment, Chambers and Partners, 2022

"A very efficient advocate." "He is refreshingly easy to deal with, and his expertise in public law is excellent." "The way he conducts himself in meetings really instils confidence in his clients."

Local Government, Chambers and Partners, 2022

"His ability to know when to fight is really impressive." "He's a pleasure to work with and also very creative."

Administrative and Public Law, Chambers and Partners, 2022

"James Maurici is an extremely bright and powerful advocate with a great depth of legal knowledge and experience." "He has a fantastic eye for detail and is a pleasure to work with."

Civil Liberties, Chambers and Partners, 2022

"James is a first-rate advocate. He is extremely sharp and is quick to drive down into the key issues and form a clear view on strategy with the client's objectives in mind. His advocacy style is flexible and can move effortlessly from being combative to conciliatory. He has a real way with words and manages to straddle the complex line between entertaining advocacy and maintaining gravitas."

Planning, Legal 500, 2022

"A quiet, thoughtful and incredibly hardworking silk who is able to analyse difficult tactical issues."

Environment, Legal 500, 2022

"A silk noted for his encyclopaedic knowledge and sound judgement."

Civil Liberties, Legal 500, 2022

"A respected advocate well equipped to act in a broad range of planning cases for property owners and public entities. The long list of areas in which he is experienced includes advising on environmental matters and state aid issues related to planning or compulsory purchase. His recent planning inquiry experience features a particular focus on large housing schemes."

Planning, Chambers and Partners, 2021

"He is a very good cross-examiner whose knowledge of the law and style of presentation are unsurpassed." "James is incredibly thorough and smart enough that he can think on his feet."

Planning, Chambers and Partners, 2021

"A leading figure for matters involving climate change, fracking and marine environmental issues. He also advises clients on air quality, habitat and species protection, contaminated land and common law nuisance complaints." "He works unbelievably hard and is a real details person, not a hands-off silk." "He is utterly brilliant for complex judicial reviews."

Environment, Chambers and Partners, 2021

"Often seen in complex judicial reviews in the planning, environment and regulatory spheres. He is experienced in local government, EU and human rights law. He advises public bodies and private clients in non-contentious public law matters, and also has experience advocating before domestic and European courts."

Administrative and Public Law, Chambers and Partners, 2021

"One of best public lawyers in the country - he is phenomenally knowledgeable on the law and very sensible."

Administrative and Public Law, Chambers and Partners, 2021

"Experienced public law silk with a fine track record of advising public authorities on complex matters arising within the context of housing and education. He is regularly instructed in high-stakes local government disputes and has a solid understanding of EU law, human rights and funding issues."

Local Government, Chambers and Partners, 2021

"James is very down to earth and his negotiating skills are incredibly valuable when dealing with difficult objectors. He puts inexperienced witnesses at ease with his essential and pragmatic guidance." "He is good at identifying the best points in a case and is able to explain complex areas of law in a straightforward and practical way."

Local Government, Chambers and Partners, 2021

"A highly experienced civil liberties and human rights silk who is regularly called on to appear in ground-breaking, high-profile cases. His very busy practice sees him regularly appearing before domestic, European and international courts." "A longstanding name in the field."

Civil Liberties and Human Rights, Chambers and Partners, 2021

"A very thorough and innovative lawyer with an encyclopedic knowledge of local government law." "A brilliant legal mind who is able to communicate complex advice in a straightforward manner, both in writing and orally. He really understands the political

sensitivities of local government work."

Local Government, Chambers and Partners, 2020

"He is highly intelligent, commercially astute and relentlessly strategic. James's advocacy style is of the highest quality – delicate at times, combative when necessary and always underpinned by a razor-sharp wit."

Planning, Chambers and Partners, 2020

"First choice for the overlap between public and environmental law." "He has a wonderful, persuasive, engaging style."

"Combines intelligence, insight and ease of use. First choice for our clients' most difficult cases."

Administrative and Public Law, Chambers and Partners, 2020

"James's excellent technical skills are a given, but what sets him apart is his very fine judgement, whether deployed in relation to shrewd case management or superb advocacy." "One of the best advocates at the Environment Bar."

Environment, Chambers and Partners, 2020

"A very safe pair of hands." "Fantastically knowledgeable."

Civil Liberties and Human Rights, Chambers and Partners, 2020

Cases and inquiries

26 09 23	Inquiry opens into the proposed Wisley New Settlement
01 12 22	R (Doncaster MBC) v Peel L & P Investments [2022] EWHC 3060 (Admin)
11 02 21	Legal Challenge to Cherwell Plan granted permission to proceed
28 01 21	R (CPRE Kent) v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government [2021] UKSC 36
16 01 20	Citroen Site called-in inquiry begins
05 12 19	Guildford Local Plan challenges rejected
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15 10 19	Heathrow expansion judicial review hearings to begin in the Court of Appeal
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Upper Tribunal gives decision in environmental civil sanctions stop notice case
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Airports NPS challenge to be heard by the Court of Appeal
Secretary of State confirms Walsall road orders
Chiswick Curve tall building appeal dismissed
Upper Tribunal hearing on environmental civil sanction stop notice regime to begin
Successful appeal for a scheme for up to 61,400m2 of light and general industrial uses together with storage and distribution at Plot 5, Andover Business Park, Pioneer Road, Andover
Appeal relating to scheme for 170 new homes on land east of New Road, East Hagbourne
Successful appeal for a conversion of offices to academy Pioneer House, Hollbush Hill, Stoke Poges, South Buckinghamshire
Successful appeal (recovered) for 53 homes on a former depot at Wain Close, Newport Road, Woburn Sands, Milton Keynes
Enforcement notice appeal - land known as land lying to the east of Old Hertsfield Farm, Staplehurst Road, Marden, Tonbridge, Kent (formerly part of Riverfield Fish Farm)
Land at Thornhill Road, Keypoint Industrial Estate, South Marston, Swindon
Airports NPS Judicial Reviews Rejected
Forager Ltd refused permission to appeal in stop notice litigation
R (Berry & Marshall (Bolton Wood) Ltd) v Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [2011] EWCA Civ 636
Mid Bedfordshire DC v Brown [2004] EWCA Civ 1709
Chiswick Curve tall building inquiry closes
Landmark Chambers at forefront of United Kingdom Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading appeals

26 06 18	Inspector dismisses re-determined appeals in West Lancashire
26 06 18	Wisley Airfield inquiry opens
26 06 18	Inspector allows appeal for outline permission for up to 150 houses at Moulsham Lane, Yately despite Hart DC showing a 5YLS
26 06 18	Inspector finds West Lancashire to be a 5% authority
26 06 18	Planning Inspectorate APP/V2825/W/15/3140695: Bective Works / Jebez House, NN2 7TD
26 06 18	Recovered Part IIA contaminated land appeal opens
26 06 18	Sustainable Urban Extension, Northampton
26 06 18	Housing Scheme, Crowborough
26 06 18	Planning enforcement appeal
26 06 18	Secretary of State grants permission for called-in Swindon solar park
26 06 18	Called-in Swindon solar park inquiry closes
26 06 18	Tottenham Hotspur CPO confirmed
26 06 18	Barrow housing scheme
26 06 18	Ribble Valley Borough Council Core Strategy Examination Hearings to begin
26 06 18	Wightlink Public Inquiry
26 06 18	Hambleton Allocations DPD Examination for the promoter of a site (Mr Carl Les) for a Motorway Service Area on the A1(M) at Leeming Bar
26 06 18	Appearing for Galliard Homes in an inquiry into a mixed use scheme consisting of 209 flats together with live/work units offices
26 06 18	Pitshill Estate footpath orders
26 06 18	Residential scheme at Draper's Yard in Thurrock

26 06 18	Bedfont Road, East Bedfont, Middlesex
26 06 18	The Welsh Minister for the Environment, Planning and Countryside makes decision on first ever Greenhouse Gas Emissions civil penalty appeal
26 06 18	Bedfont Trading Estate Green Belt call-in for the London Borough of Hounslow
26 06 18	London Concrete Batching Plant, Cranfield Way Industrial Estate for London Borough of Haringey
26 06 18	Victoria Way for Galliard Homes
26 06 18	Symes Avenue, Bristol. CPO for Bristol City Council
26 06 18	Twickenham Riverside call-in for London Borough of Richmond
26 06 18	Newton Home Office Asylum Accommodation Centre for Rushcliffe Borough Council
26 06 18	Bicester Home Office Asylum Accommodation Centre for Cherwell District Council
26 06 18	Banbury Lane, Northampton call in for English Partnerships
26 06 18	Didcot Town Centre CPO for South Oxfordshire District Council
08 06 18	The Alconbury Litigation
08 06 18	Berkeley v Secretary of State [2000] 3 W.L.R. 430
08 06 18	R v. Bow Street Magistrate, ex p. Pinochet Ugarte (No. 2)
07 06 18	R (Delena Wells) v. the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions Case C-201/02
06 06 18	R (McCabe) v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government R (McCabe) v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government
06 06 18	R. (on the application of Barker) v Bromley
06 06 18	R. (on the application of Lewis) v Redcar and Cleveland
06 06 18	R. (on the application of Midcounties Co-operative Ltd) v Forest of Dean DC Queen's Bench Division
06 06 18	Barker v. Bromley LBC (House of Lords)

Ken Livingstone (Mayor of London) v Kingston (Ethical Standards Officer)
Pascoe v Secretary of State [2006] EWHC 2356 (Admin)
High Court rules in London Aquarium licensing inspection judicial review
Tribunal of Commissioners rule on polygamous marriages
Balioniene and Bytautiene
Millgate Developments Ltd v Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government
R (Kay) v Health Service Commissioner
Case C-255/05 Commission v Italy
High Court rejects further challenge to Olympic Compulsory Purchase Order
High Court to hear first UK Kobler damages claim
R (Lewis) v Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council and Persimmon Homes Teesside Limited [2008] EWCA Civ 746
R (Queen Mary University of London) v Higher Education Funding Council for England
Cour de Cassation (France) Commune de Mesquer v Total France, SA, Total International Ltd
R (Thames Water Utilities Ltd) v Bromley Magistrates Court and the Environment Agency
Case C-252/05 R (Thames Water Utilities Ltd) v Bromley MC & Environment Agency (ECJ)
High Court rejects challenges to Olympic Compulsory Purchase Order
High Court rejects challenge to grant of planning permission relating to Thames Basin Heaths SPA
High Court allows legal challenge to quarrying restriction in the Peak District National Park
European Parliament v the Commission and (ii) Case C-295/06 Denmark v the Commission

05 06 18	Advocate-General gives opinion on reference from French Courts on the sinking of the m.v. Erika - Case C-188/07
05 06 18	R (Bradley and others) v Secretary of State for Work & Pensions
05 06 18	McCabe v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government
05 06 18	R (on the application of Anti-Waste Ltd) v Environment Agency
05 06 18	Case C-176/05 KVZ retec GmbH v Austria (ECJ)
05 06 18	Court of Appeal uphold the partial quashing of the New Forest National Park Designation
05 06 18	ECJ dismisses EIA infraction against UK in Case C-199/04
05 06 18	Oxfordshire County Council v Oxford City Council
05 06 18	Advised DEFRA in the matter of R. (on the application of West London Waste Authority) v Mayor of London [2007] EWHC 757 (Admin); [2007] Env. L.R. 27
05 06 18	Important ECJ judgments on EIA and outline planning permission
05 06 18	Commission of the European Communities v United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
05 06 18	Advised Westminster City Council and all the London Authorities on the proposed 10th London Local Authorities Bill
05 06 18	Bradley v Secretary of State for Pensions
05 06 18	Wealden DC v Martin Grant Homes Ltd
04 06 18	European Court of First Instance gives rulings on EU Emissions Trading Phase II National Allocation Plan rejections
04 06 18	English Heritage, Westminster CC and Ashton v Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government
04 06 18	Court of Appeal refers to the ECJ the issue of whether reasons are required for negative screening decisions under the EIA Directive
04 06 18	Livingstone v Adjudication Panel for England [2006] EWHC 2533 (Admin); [2006] H.R.L.R. 45

04 06 18	Court of Appeal gives judgment in important waste case
01 06 18	Supreme Court rule on application of the Aarhus Convention at the costs detailed assessment stage
31 05 18	Advocate-General gives opinion in case on the scope of SEA
31 05 18	Avonmouth Energy from Waste
31 05 18	Landmark involved in two Ombudsmen judicial reviews
31 05 18	R (Mencap) v The Health Service Commissioner CO/6118/2009
31 05 18	R (Adams) v Commission for Administration and a number of Local Commissioners for England [2011] EWHC 2972 (Admin)
31 05 18	Supreme Court rules on meaning of "domestic violence" in the Housing Act 1996
31 05 18	R (Edwards & Pallikaropoulos) v. Environment Agency & DEFRA [2011] 1 W.L.R. 79 (SC)
31 05 18	Court of Justice of the European Communities gives judgment in the Seaport case
31 05 18	Seaport (NI) Ltd, Magherafelt District Council and Others v Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland
31 05 18	R (on the application of Shoesmith) v OFSTED and others
31 05 18	Ashton v Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government
31 05 18	R (SAVE) v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government Others [2010] EWHC 979 (Admin)
31 05 18	R (Shoesmith) v Ofsted & others [2010] EWHC 852 (Admin)
31 05 18	ECJ rule that negative screening decisions need not contain reasons
31 05 18	NHS rent dispute procedure tainted by appearance of bias
31 05 18	High Court dismisses challenge to Edge Lane West, Liverpool Compulsory Purchase Order
31 05 18	High Court Rejects Challenge to Grant of Permission for the Stansted G1 Proposals
31 05 18	The Court of Appeal Gives Important Ruling on High Court Planning Procedure

31 05 18	High Court Begins to Hear Challenge to the Grant of Permission for the Stansted G1 Proposals
31 05 18	High Court dismisses contaminated land remediation notice judicial review
31 05 18	R (Baker) v Bath and North East Somerset Council and Hinton Organics (Wessex) Limited
31 05 18	European Court of First Instance to Hear Important Emissions Trading Cases
31 05 18	High Court Dismisses Ecotown Judicial Review
31 05 18	R (on the application of Hidden Hearing Ltd) v The Hearing Aid Council
31 05 18	ECJ Gives Judgment in Case Concerning Environmental Impact Assessment and Waste Recovery
31 05 18	Attwood v Health Service Commissioner
31 05 18	Cooper v Attorney-General [2008] EWHC 2178
31 05 18	Bovale v SSCLG [2008] EWHC 2143 (Admin)
30 05 18	Divisional Court gives views on form of new inquiries into ill-treatment and killings in Iraq
30 05 18	Advocate-General gives opinion on lawfulness of charging for CON29 property information
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