

Job Title: Solicitor (Planning) – 2 to 5 years PQE

Group: Real Estate Group

Status: Permanent / Full time

**The team:** The planning team sits within our wider Real Estate Group, which also includes Real Estate Development, Investment and Finance; Construction; Residential Property and Property Litigation. The planning team comprises two partners, and we are now looking to recruit an experienced planning solicitor to join the team.

**Overview of role:**

The work will involve a mixture of stand-alone planning work and supporting real estate development and transactional work. The Planning team advises on both contentious and non-contentious matters, working with a fantastic client base including well-known house builders, investors and developers.

**Duties:**

* Negotiating section 106 agreements;
* Juridical review and legal challenges;
* Advising on highways law issues, including negotiating highways (section38/278) agreements, highways licences and diversion/stopping up of highways;
* Negotiating other infrastructure agreements, e.g. section 104 agreements;
* Planning appeals;
* Applications for certificates of lawfulness
* Legal audit of planning applications, particularly larger applications involving environmental impact assessment;
* Due diligence and planning support in relation to development projects and site acquisitions;
* Providing strategic and regulatory advice, for example in relation to community infrastructure levy, phasing of developments and use of permitted development rights;

**Experience required:**

The candidate should have 2-5 years post qualification experience working within a well-established planning practice or local authority, with first-hand experience of providing advice to clients and colleagues on the above areas of work.

We are looking for someone who is independently motivated, a self-starter but who enjoys working in a small and friendly team of like-minded individuals.

**Key skills:**

* Common sense, commercial approach to giving legal advice.
* Able to win client confidence and provide high levels of service.
* Team player
* Accuracy and attention to detail
* Excellent organisational and time management skills
* Excellent communication skills. Aside from with colleagues, must be able to communicate effectively with clients via telephone, email, and face to face meetings
* Contribution to Team know how and marketing