

**PLANNING CONSULTANCY : Appeals and Expert Witness Evidence**

Alder King's planning team has a wide range of experience in relation to appeals and the provision of expert witness evidence both to the public and private sector. We are able to provide this service across the three forms of Planning Appeal: Written Representations, Hearings and Public Inquiries, and in relation to the drafting of written statements and proofs of evidence for Development Plan examinations and other planning proceedings. We can provide professional planning advice, organisation support and expert witnesses across a wide spectrum of Planning issues and procedures, including Listed Buildings, Lawful Development Certificates, Enforcement and Compulsory Purchase.

Our planning appeal and expert witness work encompasses:

- ▶ Pre and post planning application refusal advice on the likelihood of success at appeal and advice in respect of appeal strategy;
- ▶ Similar advice in respect of threatened or actual enforcement action;
- ▶ The preparation and submission of appeals and the management of professional teams, including the co-ordination of proofs of evidence and advice in respect of Unilateral Planning Obligations and / or planning conditions;
- ▶ Drafting expert witness proofs of evidence and written statements both for private clients and for local authorities;
- ▶ Drafting or co-ordinating comment on Statements of Common Ground;
- ▶ The due-diligence assessment of the proofs of evidence or written statements of other professionals;
- ▶ Preparing, submitting and managing Hearings and the provision of expert witness testimony at Planning Inquiries;
- ▶ Advising on issues surrounding the Costs regime, including whether a claim should be made or whether a claim may need to be defended;
- ▶ The drafting of planning witness statements in relation to prosecution or other court proceedings and appearing in court as necessary;
- ▶ Direct instructing Barristers as appropriate and providing written instructions.