



How a secondment helped Nabarro and the City of London exchange expertise

Summary and implications

Christopher Stanwell, a Senior Associate in Nabarro's Planning department, has recently completed a six month secondment to the City of London's legal department. Christopher advised on a wide range of highway and public law matters, working with a number of City of London's departments as well as with developers and their consultants.

Based on the foundation of many years experience we offer practical and cost-effective advice to

- developers,
- landowners and
- occupiers in the City.

Christopher Stanwell's secondment

Christopher was seconded to the Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department at the City of London. He worked closely with members of the City of London's Department of Planning and Transportation as well as the City Surveyor's Department and Department of Environmental Services.

Given the unique way in which the City of London operates, Christopher gained invaluable experience of its approach to the planning process and the issues which commonly arise including:

- the importance of pre-application discussions to identify potential issues. These primarily relate to design and highways matters as well as issues arising from the City of London's extensive land ownership and unique administrative functions;
- compliance with the City of London's and GLA's planning policies particularly in relation to non-office uses in the City;
- advising on planning conditions and reports to the Planning and Transportation Committee;

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Planning news

A cheap way to extend planning permissions for major developments (26/06/09)

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- drafting and negotiating Section 106/278 Agreements including:
 - the calculation, payment and allocation of financial planning obligations;
 - on-going planning obligations during the construction process relating to highways and employment;
 - scoping the extent of highway works to be included in a Section 278 Agreement;
 - on-going planning obligations that may affect development such as those relating to access delivery and energy;
 - renewable and decentralised energy in light of GLA policies and the City of London’s existing decentralised energy network; and
 - ways of mitigating risks or legal challenge to development proposals.

Currently working on several major development projects in the City

Nabarro’s track record

We act for six of the top ten largest property companies in the UK. We advise on all aspects of real estate deals and the planning process in all development sectors. Christopher’s secondment builds upon Nabarro’s track record of advising on major developments in the City. Recent projects we have provided planning advice on include:

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- 120 Fenchurch Street – a 60,000 sq m office development including a public roof garden and retail boulevard.
- 12-14 New Fetter Lane/43 Fetter Lane – a 15 storey office and retail development in the heart of Midtown.
- Bishops Square, Spitalfields – a 76,500 sq m office and mixed use scheme.
- 125 Old Broad Street – major refurbishment of the 26 storey former Stock Exchange building for office and retail use.
- 60 Threadneedle Street – flexible office floorspace on 9 storeys adjacent to the Bank of England and the Royal Exchange.

Current major projects in the City

We are also working on several major projects in the City which are currently confidential. Our expertise allows us to focus on:

- the delivery of development proposals and in particular on potential issues that may arise in the planning application process;
- the drafting and negotiating of Section 106/278 Agreements including Crossrail contributions;

- the viability and impact of existing planning consents and Section 106/278 Agreements identifying ways of potentially adding value and/or minimizing risks;
- the acquisition and disposal of property in the City;
- planning and transportation issues which may affect a building or any lease of it; and
- rights of light issues.

Advising on the largest developments in the country

In 2008/9 we gave planning advice on

- the largest private sector development in London at Brent Cross/Cricklewood,
- the largest leisure scheme approved by the Government in 2008 at Great Blakenham and
- the UK's largest proposed offshore wind farm at Thanet.

Planning advice on the largest developments in the country

We are also advising leading developers in the regeneration, energy, education, office, industrial, transport and housing sectors.

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