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The main areas of Brian Ash QC's practice are in the fields of Planning, Compulsory Purchase and Highway law, together with the broad range of Environmental, Public Law and Judicial Review cases, and appearing in the Lands Tribunal, the High Court, Court of Appeal and House of Lords.

Appearances at a substantial number and variety of planning inquiries, including Stansted T4, Heathrow T5, London Heliport, numerous regional or local airport aviation and other proposals; Manchester sub-regional shopping and many superstore, retail warehousing and other retail schemes (including proposals in Northern Ireland); Cambridge new settlements, London Bridge major office development on Thames frontage near Tower Bridge, and a new opera house at Tower Bridge. Numerous structure plan, local plan and UDP inquiries representing the plan-making authority or objectors or supporters.

Appearances at several of the major highways inquiries, including M25 line and compulsory purchase orders, and M25, M20, M3 and M40 MSAS.

Appearances at numerous CPO inquiries, such as Royal Docks, Bristol Temple Meads, Trafford Park Village CPO. Numerous town centre redevelopment CPOs, including Dorchester, Tunbridge Wells, Staines, Derby, Lichfield, Chester and Gloucester Quays.

Advising Sunderland ARC Regeneration Company on large scale proposals for the redevelopment of strategic sites in Sunderland City Centre, including the promotion at a public inquiry of a mixed-use scheme on the 'Vaux' site.

Advising Greenwich Council as host borough for the 2012 Olympics Games at the O2 site at Greenwich Peninsula, the Royal Artillery Barracks, Woolwich Common and Greenwich Royal Park on the progress of planning applications and associated legal matters.

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## PRACTICE AREAS

- Planning, Environment & Property

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- **Chas Storer Ltd v Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government & Anor** – May 2009, Planning appeals – High Court.
- **R (on the application of Umo) v Commissioner for Local Administration in England** – Nov 2003, Education law, Judicial Review.
- **Railtrack v Guinness PLC** – Feb 2003, compulsory Purchase.
- **Peel Investments, RAF Finningley** – Jan 2003, Planning Inquiries.
- **Christchurch Borough Council v Berkeley Homes Ltd** – Nov 2002, Planning appeals – High Court.
- **R (on the application of Medway Council and others) v Secretary of State for Transport** – Nov 2002, Planning appeals – High Court, Judicial review, Aviation.
- **Maxhuni (R on the application of) v Commissioner for Local Administration in England** – Jul 2002, Judicial Review.
- **R (on the application of Doy) v Commissioner for Local Administration** – Apr 2001, Judicial Review.
- **R v Rochdale MBC ex p Milne** – Jul 2000, Environmental impact assessment, Planning Appeals – High Court.
- **Tesco Stores Ltd v Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions** – May 2000, Planning Appeals – High Court.
- **R v Local Government Commissioner ex p. Liverpool CC** – Feb 1999, Local government bodies.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

*"Highly recommended for judicial reviews."* – Legal 500 (2018)

*"His ability to grasp quite difficult technical issues, such as those relating to noise, daylight and air quality concerns, is impressive. He has a great way of undermining the other side's witnesses."* – Chambers & Partners (2018)

*"An excellent advocate, particularly for CPO matters; his cross-examination is very effective."* – Legal 500 (2015)

*"He spots the issues and delivers cases calmly and strongly – he is also very approachable."* – Chambers & Partners, (2014)

*"He delivers crisp and effective advice."* – Chambers & Partners (2014)

*"Recommended leader in Planning Law"* – Legal 500 (2013)

*"Leading expert in Planning Law"* – Legal Experts (2012)

*"A loyal following amongst major developers"* – (2011)

*"[He] goes down well with clients as they know he turns it on when necessary and achieves results with his subtle approach. Incredibly experienced at planning inquiries, he is known for getting on well with inspectors" – (2007)*

*"[He] boasts a very good track record of success, (he) was recommended for his intellectual ability and excellent work" – (2008)*

*"Exceptional advocate... he possesses fantastic people skills and attracts instructions as a consequence of his bright and inspector-friendly disposition" – (2009)*

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## APPOINTMENTS

Chairman of Panel, Examination in Public of First Alteration to Devon Structure Plan (1986)

Secretary, Local Government and Planning Bar Association (1990-1993)

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## MEMBERSHIPS

- PEBA

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## QUALIFICATIONS

1951 – 1958 Mercers' School

1958 – 1960 City of London School

1960 – 1964 New College, Oxford

1964 – BA Modern Languages

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