



Timothy Comyn

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Practice areas:

Planning, Environment, Major Infrastructure Projects, Highways, Commons and Open Spaces, Public Law, Local Government



Practice Profile

The principal areas of Timothy Comyn's practice include town and country planning, highways, environmental, local government, transport and works, compulsory purchase and compensation, parliamentary law, and judicial review in these fields. He appears regularly at public inquiries and in the Administrative Division of the High Court acting for appellants, local authorities and third parties.

He appears regularly at public inquiries, hearings and examinations and in the High Court / Planning Court acting for applicants, appellants, local authorities, statutory undertakers and third parties.

Planning

Environment

Major Infrastructure Projects

Highways, Commons and Open Spaces

Public Law

Local Government

Recent Cases of Note

Infrastructure

- Able Marine Development Consent Order (Able)
- Silvertown Tunnel (DCO) (TFL)
- Thames Gateway Bridge (TFL)
- Markham Employment Growth Zone (Derbyshire CC)
- Howbury Park International Freight Exchange (Kent CC)
- Stansted Airport (BAA)
- Bathside Bay TWA (Network Rail)

Railways

- Northern Line Extension to Battersea (LB Southwark)
- Paddington Crossrail TWO/CPO (Royal Mail)
- Hitchin Chord (NR)
- Streatham Hill Sidings Enforcement (Southern Railway)
- Evergreen 3 – Bicester / Oxford Railway TWO / CPO (Chiltern Railways)
- Blackthorn and Piddington Embankments TWO / CPO (NR)
- Thameslink 2000 (Network Rail)
- West Coast Mainline (Railtrack)

Highways

- Torbay Relief Road
- Lamberhurst By-pass (Kent CC)
- Edenbridge By-pass (Kent CC)
- A229 Relief Road (Kent CC)
- Ramsgate Harbour Relief Road

Minerals / Waste

- New Forest National Park (Quarry Products Association)
- Javelin Park (Gloucestershire CC)
- West Sussex Minerals Plan (RMC)

Housing

- St George's Wharf Vauxhall Tower, (Greater London Authority)

- Bankside Tower (Tate Modern) (LB Southwark)
- Metro Heights Tower, Elephant and Castle (LB Southwark)

Listed Buildings / Conservation Areas

- Clipstone Colliery Headstocks (Grade II)
- Regent Hotel (Grade II) (Sullivan v Warwick DC)
- Caythorpe Hall (Grade II*) (potential enforcement action / prosecution)
- Crystal Palace Park (LB Bromley)

Water

- Thames Water: Water Resources Management Plan (2019)

Parliamentary

- HS2 (Petitions)
- DLR Extension to Lewisham
- Second Severn Bridge
- Heathrow Express Railway
- Fosdyke Bill
- Harwich Harbour Bill
- Portishead Harbour Bill
- Brighton Pier Bill
- Tenby Bill
- Crossrail (Cross London Rail Links Ltd)
- London Local Authorities Bill

Other

- Mayor's Transport Strategy (2017)
- Ashford Local Plan Examination
- Swindon Local Plan Examination
- Cherwell Local Plan Examination
- Vale of the White Horse Local plan Examination
- Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Local Plan Examination (basement development)
- GLA Mayor's Transport / Air Quality / Climate Change / Waste Management Strategies (TFL)
- Ashford BC Core Strategy (Counsel for Ashford BC)
- Wembley Park CPO (Junior counsel advising Network Rail)
- Anglia Water Drought Order
- Wembley High Road (Compensation claim for Network Rail)

Experience

Since being called to the bar in 1980 Timothy Comyn has enjoyed a wide experience of public inquiries involving major infrastructure projects including railways and highways, quarrying and waste developments, housing and retail schemes. In particular, he has been involved in a number of lengthy inquiries (9 months +) (Thames Gateway Bridge, Thameslink 2000, West Coast Mainline, Exeter retail inquiry, A299 Whitstable By-pass,). He has been instructed on a number of housing schemes including

the Vauxhall Tower at St Georges Wharf on behalf of the GLA. At any one time he is engaged in appearing at public inquiries as Counsel representing for both lay clients and public authorities and in a wide variety of advisory work including preparation for and appearances at LPD examinations, Section 78 appeals and Enforcement Notice public inquiries and in the High Court (judicial review) and the Upper Tribunal, He also advises on planning applications, appeals and applications to the High Court, certificates of lawful use, highways and public rights of way, section 106 agreements , land compensation and restrictive covenants.

Qualifications & Appointments

- Academic Qualifications: LLB
- Professional Affiliations: Planning and Environmental Law Bar Association, ALBA, Parliamentary Bar Mess (Treasurer)