



Daisy Noble

Call: 2015

Practice areas:

Planning, Major Infrastructure Projects, Compulsory Purchase and Compensation, Local Government, Rating, Highways, Commons and Open Spaces, Environment, Public Law



Practice Profile

Daisy Noble was called to the Bar in 2015 and has been a member of Chambers since October 2018. She is consistently ranked as one of Planning Magazine's top-rated junior planning barristers (2021 – 2024) and has been ranked in the top three in the under 35 category for the last two years.

Daisy is currently ranked in Legal 500 (2023 and 2024), gaining particular recognition for her work in major infrastructure planning and compulsory purchase and compensation. Daisy was nominated as Planning and Land Use Junior of the Year, Legal 500 Bar Awards 2023.

Daisy has a First Class law degree from Cambridge, and a Masters' degree from Oxford. Her practice spans Chambers' core areas, but has a particular interest in planning, compulsory purchase and compensation and infrastructure planning.

She frequently acts for and advises utilities companies, developers, landowners, private companies, individuals and local government. Notable clients include National Grid (transmission and distribution arms), Electricity North West, the Department for Transport, Network Rail, Thames Water, Bristol Airport, London City Airport, the Environment Agency and the Greater London Authority.

Daisy's experience covers the appellate courts at all levels, as well as the Upper Tribunal and planning inquiries, and she welcomes instructions to act individually or as a junior across all of Chambers' practice areas.

Daisy has been a board member of the Compulsory Purchase Association since 2023 and is also a committee member of the National Infrastructure Planning Association EYP Steering Group.

Planning

Daisy has already gained experience in a wide variety of planning issues. She has appeared at planning inquiries, enforcement inquiries and hearings. She has represented clients in the High Court in statutory and judicial review hearings, both in her own right and as a junior. She regularly advises developers, landowners, local authorities and local interest groups in relation to matters of planning and environmental law.

Recent and notable work includes:

- Acting for Tower Hamlets in relation to an inquiry into proposals for tall buildings comprising a data centre, residential and purpose built student accommodation.
- Acting as junior counsel to Hereward Phillpot KC for the GLA in relation to the planning inquiry into the proposed tall building known as 'the Tulip' in the City of London.
- Acting as junior counsel to Michael Humphries KC for Bristol Airport in relation to the three month planning inquiry into the expansion of the Airport. Daisy was also instructed in relation to the High Court challenge to the grant of permission in 2022.
- Acting as junior counsel to Michael Humphries KC for London City Airport in relation to the planning inquiry into the expansion of the Airport and changes in its operating hours.
- Acting as junior to Isabella Tafur for Worthing Borough Council in relation to an inquiry into proposals for residential development on a site within the setting of the South Downs National Park. Daisy was also instructed as junior in relation to the High Court and Court of Appeal cases that arose out of the Inspector's decision.
- Acting as junior counsel to Alex Booth KC on behalf of a developer in relation to a planning inquiry in Manchester into proposals to deliver a major residential development adjacent to Old Trafford.
- Acting for a developer at a planning hearing into proposals to deliver residential development on a greenfield site on the Isle of Sheppey.
- Acting as junior counsel to Saira Kabir Sheikh KC by East Hertfordshire District Council in relation to a public inquiry relating to an appeal against the refusal of planning permission for a major mixed use site.
- Acting for Bristol Airport (as a Rule 6 party) in relation to a two-week inquiry into an appeal against the refusal of planning permission for an off-Airport park and ride facility;
- Acting for Buckinghamshire Council in relation to conjoined appeals against two enforcement notices and the non-determination of an application for a certificate of lawfulness, involving the change of use of a farm to parking of commercial vehicles;
- Acting for Bedford Borough Council in relation to a planning inquiry into the Council's refusal of planning permission for residential development in circumstances where it could demonstrate no five year housing land supply.
- Acting for an appellant in relation to an appeal against an enforcement notice requiring the conversion of five self-contained flats above a shop into a single dwelling.

Daisy has previously spent a year undertaking a part-time secondment to the legal services department of a London Borough, during which she gained experience advising in relation to a broad range of issues.

Daisy has experience in providing advice on a range of matters, including:

- Development in the Green Belt;
- Certificates of Lawful Use or Development;
- Material change of use;
- Permitted development;

- Section 106 obligations;
- CIL;
- Planning conditions and conditions precedent;
- Appeals against enforcement notices;
- Injunctions;
- Housing land supply matters;
- Heritage assets and listed buildings;
- Screening and assessments under the Habitats Regulations;
- EIA;
- Private and statutory nuisance;
- Tree protection orders;
- Other development related issues such as covenants, easements and proprietary estoppel.

Daisy is one of the editors of McCracken, Jones and Pereira on Statutory Nuisance (4th edition).

Major Infrastructure Projects

Daisy has already worked for a number of clients in relation to infrastructure projects and has gained recognition for her work in this field.

She frequently advises utilities companies such as National Grid (transmission and distribution), Thames Water, Electricity North West and Northern Powergrid in relation to compulsory purchase matters and in respect of projects requiring development consent.

Between 2020 and 2022, Daisy was instructed by EDF to advise in relation to the DCO application for the proposed nuclear power station at Sizewell C. This included providing advice at the pre-application stage in respect of the Environmental Statement and Habitats Regulation Assessment, as well as assistance with drafting the DCO. During the examination, Daisy was instructed to advise in relation to responding to the Examining Authority's written questions.

In 2023, Daisy was instructed by National Highways to assist in relation to the DCO application for the Lower Thames Crossing.

Daisy has particular experience in promoting airport development. In 2021, Daisy was instructed by Bristol Airport Ltd as junior to Michael Humphries KC in respect of the three month planning inquiry and related CPO inquiry into the expansion of the airport to 12 million passengers a year. More recently, Daisy acted (with Michael) for London City Airport in relation to the inquiry into the expansion of the airport to 9 million passengers per year and the amendment of its operating hours. Daisy has previously advised Heathrow Airport in relation to matters arising from proposals for a third runway.

Daisy frequently appears at DCO examination hearings for interested parties and is currently representing a landowner at the examination into Gatwick Airport's application for development consent for the Northern Runway.

Daisy is a committee member of the National Infrastructure Planning Association Early Years Practitioners' Steering Group.

Compulsory Purchase and Compensation

Daisy has already gained a great deal of experience in the field of compulsory purchase and compensation and has been recognised for her work in this area. She frequently advises in relation to both the promotion of CPOs and issues of compensation on behalf of both acquiring authorities and claimants. She has acted in Tribunal proceedings in relation to claims for compensation arising out of HS2, Crossrail, Thameslink and various road schemes.

Daisy is currently a board member of the Compulsory Purchase Association.

Recent and current work includes:

- Acting for major landowners in compensation claims arising from the compulsory purchase of land for HS2.
- Acting as junior to Michael Humphries KC for Bristol Airport Limited in respect of the compulsory purchase order promoted by the Airport to facilitate the expansion of passenger capacity.
- Acting for the acquiring authority in respect of the Upper Tribunal decision in *Golf Café Bars v West Yorkshire Combined Authority* [2021] UKUT 16 (LC).
- Acting as junior counsel to Andrew Tait KC in the promotion of a compulsory purchase order relating to the redevelopment of the Twickenham riverside area.
- Acting as junior counsel to James Pereira KC for the successful respondent, Northumberland County Council, in respect of a CAAD appeal (*Leech Homes v Northumberland County Council* [2020] UKUT 150 (LC) and the related appeal to the Court of Appeal).
- Acting as junior counsel to Rebecca Clutten for Network Rail in respect of the Tribunal case of *Welcocks Skips Ltd v Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd* [2019] UKUT 162 (LC).
- Advising a major landowner alongside Guy Roots KC, Alex Booth KC and Rebecca Clutten, in respect of the largest CPO compensation claim ever to have been subject to a reference to the Tribunal, arising out of HS2.
- Acting with Richard Turney KC for the Environment Agency to promote the Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme compulsory purchase order.
- Advising a London Borough in relation to a proposed CPO of land within an identified “opportunity area”.
- Acting with James Pereira KC to promote a CPO of the Nicholson’s Shopping Centre and surrounding area in Maidenhead.
- Advising Heathrow Airport Ltd in relation to compensation matters arising from proposals for development.
- Instructed by various utilities companies in respect of applications for necessary wayleaves.
- Advising Network Rail in respect of the application of the compulsory purchase code to rights under wayleaves.
- Advising a landowner in relation to a claim for compensation arising out of the interference with property rights by a local authority pursuant to s.203 of the HPA 2016.

Daisy has also gained experience advising clients in relation to a range of compulsory purchase and compensation issues, including:

- Complex development value claims;
- Claims for injurious affection;
- Claims relating to business extinguishment and loss of profits;
- Issues arising out of compensation for temporary possession;

- Rule 6 claims by non-occupiers;
 - Rights of mortgages to claim compensation under the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965;
 - Valuation of ransom strips;
 - Compulsory purchase of open space and the provision of exchange land; and
 - The application of the Crichel Down rules.
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Local Government

Daisy has gained experience across a range of local government issues, such as:

- The conduct of public meetings under the Local Government Act 1972 as junior counsel to Douglas Edwards KC in *Forbes v Wokingham Borough Council* [2018] EWHC 2530 (Admin);
- The acquisition of surplus public authority land;
- Advising a local authority as to the compliance of their procedures for handling representations from the public with the GDPR;
- Disposal of land at an under-value;
- Schemes of delegation.

Daisy spent a year undertaking a part-time secondment to the legal services department of a London Borough Council, through which she has gained experience of many aspects of local government administration.

Rating

Daisy has experience advising both ratepayers and the Valuation Office Agency in relation to issues concerning non-domestic rating, and welcomes instructions in this area.

Daisy's work in this area includes:

- Advising HMRC in relation to an appeal arising out of the reinstatement of a property in the List as a result of the completion of reconstruction work following a fire. This appeal raised questions relating to the scope of a proposal and MCCs.
- Advising HMRC in relation to the treatment of office fitouts as increasing the value of hereditaments;
- Advising a ratepayer in relation to entitlement to empty rates relief for a nightclub in Plymouth.

During pupillage, Daisy gained experience assisting Cain Ormondroyd to advise both ratepayers and the VOA in relation to non-domestic rates matters, including on issues such as identifying hereditaments, list alterations, assessing rateable value, the application of transitional provisions, and exemptions and rates relief. One such case was that of *Merlin Entertainments Group Ltd v Cox* [2018] UKUT 406.

Highways, Commons and Open Spaces

Village Greens and Commons

Daisy has experience advising in relation to village greens and commons and assisted with editing the most recent edition of Gadsden on Commons and Greens.

Daisy was instructed as junior counsel to Douglas Edwards KC and Jeremy Pike in relation to the Supreme Court appeal in *R (Lancashire County Council) v Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs* [2018] EWCA Civ. 721 arising out of an application for registration of a town or village green.

Daisy acted as junior to Douglas Edwards KC on behalf of the interested party in judicial review proceedings in respect of Wokingham Borough Council's refusal of an application to register land as a village green (*Forbes v Wokingham Borough Council*).

Daisy has also recently provided written advice to a County Council in relation to a proposed judicial review challenge to their decision to deregister common land.

Highways

During her secondment to the legal services department of a London Borough, Daisy gained a broad range of experience advising in relation to highways issues.

Daisy is currently advising a local authority in respect of a proposed judicial review challenge relating to the use of experimental temporary traffic orders.

Daisy has experience advising in respect of footpath diversion, extinguishment and creation orders. Daisy is regularly instructed by Kent County Council to appear at footpath inquiries.

Environment

Public Law

Rights to Light

aisy has assisted in advising a number of clients in relation to rights to light issues, such as whether such rights exist, the subsistence of such rights on demolition of a building and the merits of a claim in nuisance to protect such rights.

Advertising

Daisy has had experience in assisting with a judicial review claim relating to a Council's redetermination of an application for advertising consent.

Daisy is currently instructed to advise a client in relation to the scope of deemed advertising consent for a new development.

Qualifications

- Brasenose College, Oxford University, BCL (Distinction) (2015-2016)
 - City Law School, BPTC (Very Competent) (2014-2015)
 - Corpus Christi College, University of Cambridge, BA (Hons) Law (First Class) (2011-2014)
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Scholarships and Awards

- Arden Scholarship, Gray's Inn
 - Brasenose College Prize, Oxford University
 - Ralph Chiles Prize for highest mark in Comparative Human Rights on the BCL
 - Bedingfield Scholarship, Gray's Inn
 - Avory Studentship, Corpus Christi College, University of Cambridge
 - Lawton Prize for Law Tripos
 - Nicholas Bacon Trust Award for Law Tripos
 - Avory Scholarship for Law Tripos
 - William Squire Scholarship for Law Tripos
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Professional Memberships

- PEBA
 - CPA
 - NIPA
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Quotes

"Daisy is a very impressive barrister with a grasp of her practice area and confidence that is beyond her years."

Chambers and Partners, 2025

"Daisy is an excellent junior. She has developed a strong track record in relation to infrastructure projects under both the Town and Country Planning and Nationally Significant regimes."

Chambers and Partners, 2025

"Daisy Noble is an excellent junior on complex CPO cases, with an exceptional work ethic."

Chambers and Partners, 2025

"Daisy is a persuasive advocate, with a keen ability to distil complex concepts in accessible ways. Daisy's practice is also notably and critically accessible; clients are grateful for her straight shooting in all settings and situations. She is also very diligent, supremely organised, and has a comprehensive handle on her brief, making her a really effective and central contributor to our team."

Legal 500, 2025

"Daisy is forensic in her approach, innovative in her advice and a reliable, knowledgeable and trustworthy advocate. Daisy works hard on her client's behalf, her advice is thoroughly researched and communicated with ease. Daisy is strong and resilient during cross examination with the ability to be both personable yet assertive on her client's behalf. Her written opening and closing statements are prepared to an exceptional quality, even though the latter may need to be prepared at short notice."

Legal 500, 2024

"Daisy is an extremely bright and hardworking junior barrister. She has a really great written style in advice, pleadings and submissions and manages to get right to the heart of the problem with a precision that belies her junior years. Daisy is a clear and persuasive advocate who clients adore and opponents respect. Watch this space, she is a star in the making!"

The Legal 500, 2023

One of the top-rated planning barristers under the age of 35

Planning magazine, Planning Law Survey 2022