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Practice Profile



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Year of call 1983

Craig Howell Williams QC specialises in planning, environment and related areas of public law. He is acknowledged as one of the leading practitioners in the field and has acted in some of the most high profile cases.

He represents developers and operators, local authorities, third parties and others at public inquiries and in a range of other tribunals. He is regularly involved in large planning/major infrastructure schemes such as proposals for urban extensions, new settlements, airport expansions, new road and rail schemes, and also in employment, leisure, retail and other commercial development projects.

His experience is extensive with versatility across many different kinds of legislative regime, including planning and infrastructure, DCOs and TWA orders, highways, heritage and listed buildings, compulsory purchase and compensation, Wildlife and Countryside legislation and outdoor advertising.

Craig is consistently rated as a leading planning silk in Chambers and Partners Directory and in Legal 500, as well as a top rated planning silk in the Planning Magazine Survey 2017. In Chambers and Partners 2018 he was described as "a fantastic advocate and adviser. A go-to on planning and CPO matters" and in Legal 500 2018 as "intellectually smart and astute".

Craig was appointed and served as Junior Counsel to the Crown (B Panel) and has since

then appeared in a number of significant court cases.

Craig was appointed by the Secretary of State to serve as Lead Assistant Commissioner for the West Midlands region to hold hearings and report into proposals to modify Parliamentary constituency boundaries.

He was appointed by the National Procurement Service for Wales to its first panel of approved counsel to advise and appear for Welsh public sector organisations.

Craig is also a CEDR Accredited Mediator and a RICS Accredited Evaluative Mediator, a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a member of the RICS President's Mediation Panel. He was also appointed to serve on the first DCLG's Planning Mediation Services Panel. (See his separate [mediation profile](#)).

Testimonials

"A superb barrister"

"He pulls a team together and gives a very clear steer. He is polite and engaging, yet steely in cross-examination."

"You are stabbed to death in the witness box and lie there bleeding but you don't know how or why it happened."

"He has acute attention to detail"

'A "conscientious, extremeley hard-working" individual who "leaves no stone unturned" and his presentation skills are acknowledged as "really quite superb"'

A "controlled and balanced high-quality performer at large planning inquiries and appeals"

A "reputation as a silk with an enviable courtroom panache".

"A team player who comes over well with inspectors and clients. He has an eye for detail and can look at cases from different perspectives."

"Both thorough and at the same time practical."

A "popular choice amongst solicitors and is commended for the clear-minded approach he takes to complex matters."

"Precise and timely advice in a friendly, approachable manner."

"Thorough with a capital 'T', and his cross-examination is courteous and polite but ruthlessly effective."

"An incredibly diligent operator who is very calm under pressure and controls the proceedings to the advantage of his clients." "Incredibly thorough and also incredibly well liked by clients."

"A good strategic thinker who is very approachable and easy to work with." "He is an expert at controlling a team and getting them to produce their best for a case. He commands the attention and respect of clients."

"He is incredibly hardworking and a modern silk."

"intellectually smart and astute."

"He is very approachable, very friendly, incredibly responsive and dedicated to the task in hand. He is fantastic in cross-examination and impressed everyone who saw him in action."

"He is a fantastic advocate and adviser. A go-to on planning and CPO matters."

Experience

Craig has considerable experience in planning, environment and related areas of public law, as follows.

Planning

DCO/Major Infrastructure, Transport and Works Act Orders and Parliamentary Bills

Environment

Compulsory Purchase, Compensation and Land Valuation

The Courts, Administrative Law and Judicial Review

Mediation

PLANNING

Craig has extensive experience and a wide ranging practice in the field of planning law. He is acknowledged as one of the leading practitioners in the field and has acted in some of the most high profile cases. He represents developers and operators, local authorities, third parties and others at public inquiries and in a range of other tribunals. He is regularly involved in large planning/major infrastructure schemes such as proposals for urban extensions, new settlements, airport expansions, new roads and rail infrastructure, DCOs and TWA Order Parliamentary Bills and also in employment, leisure, retail and other commercial development projects. He is often instructed at an early stage of a case to give advice on strategy and also for guidance on early negotiations, s106 obligations and the preparation of formal documents eg EIA. His court work in relation to planning cases is separately noted under the heading of The Courts, Administrative Law and Judicial Review.

Craig is consistently rated as one of the leading planning silks in Chambers and Partners and Legal 500, and was voted a top-rated silk in the Planning Magazine Survey 2017.

Craig is also a CEDR Accredited Mediator and a RICS Accredited Evaluative Mediator, a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a member of the RICS President's Mediation Panel. He was also appointed to serve on the first DCLG's Planning Mediation Services Panel. (See his separate [mediation profile](#)).

Strategic Land, New Settlements and Urban Extensions:

Craig has considerable experience of strategic development schemes, including representation at appeal and local plan inquiries. He has acted for national house builders and others and has represented them at appeals and local plan inquiries in the promotion of strategic development schemes. He advises at all stages of a proposed scheme from application to the appeal stage. He is often instructed at an early stage of a

case to give advice on strategy, consultation, early negotiations as well as on the preparation of formal documents such as EIA documentation. He is well versed in the issues that commonly arise in relation to such schemes, such as housing and employment land supply, transport and other infrastructure, landscape and Green Belt, ecology and archaeology. He also advises on matters relating to s106 agreements and financial and other contributions, in particular affordable housing, as well as planning conditions.

His previous work includes:

- Church Crookham, a large urban extension at Fleet in Hampshire on behalf of Taylor Wimpey;
- Mereham, an inquiry into a proposal for a new settlement near Cambridge on behalf of Multiplex Stannifer;
- an appeal into urban extension at Theale for British Land/Countryside Properties;
- Pye (Oxford) Ltd, a new settlement proposal in Oxfordshire on behalf of Pye (Oxford);
- Robert Hitchins Ltd, various landholdings and development schemes in Gloucestershire and the Forest of Dean;
- Ashford, acting on behalf of the Church Commissioners in relation to land proposed for the expansion of Ashford;
- Aylesbury, acting on behalf of a landowners' consortium in relation to the town's expansion;
- Teignbridge, an inquiry into proposals for the expansion of the town on behalf of the developers;
- Elsenham, an urban extension following on from an eco-town proposal in Essex on behalf of the developers;
- Connolly Homes, in relation to equalisation, s106 obligations and an urban extension to Milton Keynes;
- the promotion of housing land allocations in local plans on behalf of developers or landowners eg the Monmouth Local Plan, the Horley Local Plan, the Surrey Heath Local Plan, the Aylesbury Local Plan;
- strategic land proposals in the context of local plans on behalf of local planning authorities eg for Cherwell DC and Vale of White Horse Council;
- a new village in the Green Belt on behalf of Elmbridge BC.
- South West Milton Keynes, a large urban extension proposal adjoining Milton Keynes on behalf of the consortium developers.

Residential, Mixed Use and Employment Development Schemes:

Craig has considerable experience in this sector. He has acted for national house builders and others and has represented them at appeals and local plan inquiries in the promotion of residential and mixed use development proposals of all sizes. He is well versed in the issues that commonly arise in relation to such schemes, such as housing and employment land supply, transport and other infrastructure, traffic generation, heritage, amenity and noise. He also advises on matters relating to s106 agreements and financial and other contributions, in particular affordable housing. He has also acted for or advised a number of local authorities and Registered Social Landlords.

His previous work includes:

- Appeals and local plan appearances relating to a variety of residential schemes in the south west for Robert Hitchins Ltd;
- an appeal into an urban extension in Church Crookham for Taylor Woodrow/Wimpey;
- an appeal into urban extension at Theale for British Land/Countryside Properties;
- appeals and local plan appearances relating to a variety of residential schemes in the south east for Laing Homes and Charles Church;
- an appeal relating to the proposed change of use of employment land to residential use in Fleet for Helical Bar;
- the promotion of housing land allocations in the Monmouth Local Plan for Harrington Properties;
- the promotion of housing land in the Horley Local Plan for Martin Grant Homes;
- the promotion of housing land in the Surrey Heath Local Plan for Bryant Homes;
- the promotion of housing land in the Aylesbury Local Plan on behalf of a consortium of developers;
- an appeal relating to the proposed change of use of employment land to residential use in High Wycombe for Wycombe BC;
- an appeal relating to housing development in the Green Belt for Surrey Heath BC;
- An appeal relating to a large logistics development adjoining the AONB for Gallagher Properties Ltd.
- Strategic land proposals in the context of local plans on behalf of local planning authorities eg for Cherwell DC and Vale of White Horse Council;
- a new village in the Green Belt on behalf of Elmbridge BC;
- Connolly Homes, in relation to equalisation, s106 obligations and an urban extension to Milton Keynes;
- South West Milton Keynes, a large urban extension proposal adjoining Milton Keynes on behalf of the consortium developers.

His experience in this sector has also included residential or mixed use schemes of special interest, such as:

- the Power House proposal, an inquiry into a major residential scheme adjoining two conservation areas in Chelsea designed by Piers Gough;
- the Hurstbourne Priors proposal, an inquiry into a PPS7 exceptions house designed by Robert Adam;
- an "eco-retreat" in Leicestershire;
- an inquiry into a green eco-infrastructure mews development in Portobello Road;
- basement developments in West London;
- an appeal relating to a retirement village in Cumbria;
- an appeal relating to a retirement homes development in Seaford;
- advising Brunel University in relation to development on Green Belt land.

Development Plans:

Craig has considerable experience in this area, having been involved in many development plan cases, including representation for developers and local authorities at

inquiries and examinations.

His previous work includes:

- promoting the Surrey Heath Borough Local Plan;
- objections to local plans (eg Aylesbury Vale, Horley, Monmouth);
- objections to Core Strategies and other Development Plan Documents (eg Vale of Aylesbury Plan, Uttlesford Core Strategy);
- a high court challenge to the South East Plan (on behalf of Pye (Oxford));
- promoting the Cherwell Local Plan;
- promoting the Vale of White Horse Local Plan;
- promoting the Bromley Local Plan;
- advising Northumberland Council on its local plan scheme.

Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas:

Craig has wide experience in this field, including advice and representation at inquiries and hearings, and is well versed in the issues that commonly arise.

His previous work has often involved issues relating to heritage. Cases in which those issues have been of particular importance include:

- the Power House proposal, an inquiry into a major residential scheme adjoining two conservation areas in Chelsea designed by Piers Gough;
- the Hurstbourne Priors proposal, an inquiry into a PPS7 exceptions house designed by Robert Adam;
- the North Foreland Lighthouse scheme, an inquiry into a proposal for a radar tower near to a listed lighthouse on the Kent coast on behalf of the HM Coastguard/Maritime Agency;
- Hampden Court House, a hearing into an enforcement notice and planning appeals relating to proposals for a change of use of a listed building within grounds listed grade 2* in the Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Interest, near to grade 2* structures, all situated in a Conservation Area;
- advice in relation to development implications for the Chichester Walls;
- the Camberley Mosque proposal, an inquiry into a large mosque proposal in a Conservation Area on behalf of Surrey Heath Borough Council;
- an inquiry relating to proposed alterations to a grade II* building in Savile Row on behalf of Abercrombie and Fitch;
- an inquiry relating to a rail freight interchange development proposal in Kent, one important issue being the effect on a conservation area and the setting of Thurnham Castle;
- an inquiry relating to a large B8 development proposal near Maidstone, one important issue being the effect of the proposal on heritage assets including Leeds Castle and its Registered Garden;
- advice in relation to a housing scheme in the setting of a Grade 1 18 Century Country House in educational use and associated design and viability issues.

Retail:

Craig has wide experience in this sector, having represented been involved in numerous

development proposals at appeal or local planning inquiry, including:

- for Tesco Stores Ltd (Ashford, Sevenoaks, Greenwich, Leicester, Thames Ditton, Chepstow, Daventry, Pinner, Lincoln, Walsall, Burnage and Stretford);
- for J Sainsbury (Kingston upon Thames);
- for Safeway (Peterborough, Fylde and Cromer);
- for Carter Commercial Developments Ltd (Clacton and Frinton on Sea);
- for Somerfield Stores (St Helens);
- for Ashfield Land Ltd (Bideford);
- for Northampton BC (Sixfields Retail Park);
- a high court appeal relating to the sequential test on behalf of Hillingdon BC (R (on application Sainsbury Ltd) v Hillingdon BC, Arla Foods Ltd [2015] EWHC (Admin) 2571;
- for others in relation to retail aspects of mixed use and strategic developments;

Appearances at Local Plan or Unitary Development Plan inquiries include: for Tesco Stores Ltd (Tooting, Merton, Hammersmith and Fulham, Thame, Hounslow, Newnham and Derbyshire Dales).

Leisure and entertainment:

Craig has wide experience in this sector of planning law and has been involved in numerous leisure development proposals.

Representation at inquiries into appeal proposals for leisure developments include:

- the Woburn Forest Centre Parcs, for Centre Parcs;
- the Caprice Restaurant in Grosvenor Square, for Westminster City Council;
- polo facilities in the Green Belt in Berkshire;
- an inquiry into development of Metropolitan Open Land;
- a golf course adjoining Rutland Water;
- a shooting range in the Green Belt near St Albans.

Advice on leisure proposals and other matters include:

- golf course development in Essex and in Crawley;
- an "eco-retreat" in Leicestershire;
- leisure aspects of mixed use and strategic developments;
- changes of use for public houses;
- restaurants in West London.

Highways:

Craig has wide experience of highways projects, including advice on and/or representation at appeal/TWA Order/CPO inquiries.

His previous work includes:

- motorway and road infrastructure related to the Heathrow Terminal 5 proposal for the local authorities;

- the East London River Crossing (for the London Docklands Development Corporation);
- CPO inquiries into roads in London docklands (eg the Lower Lea Crossing, the Poplar Link) (for the LDDC);
- the Chieveley junction, a CPO inquiry in relation to proposals for widening the A34/M4 Junction (for Chieveley Parish Council);
- Moto Hospitality Ltd v. The Highways Agency, a claim under Section 10 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1995 in the Lands Tribunal and the Court of Appeal (for Moto).

Waste, Mines, Quarrying and aggregates levy:

Craig has wide experience in this sector.

Previous work has included:

- an inquiry into Fullers Earth extraction near Redhill, Surrey;
- for Grundons in relation to waste disposal;
- Longstone Edge, enforcement proceedings and litigation relating to open cast fluorspar mining activities in the Derbyshire National Park, on behalf of the mineral operator;
- an enforcement inquiry into alleged breaches of ROMP conditions relating to the restoration of a Fullers Earth Quarry in Bedfordshire on behalf of Laporte Industries.

Craig has advised or represented clients in cases relating to aggregates levy:

- Customs and Excise Commissioners v. East Midlands Aggregates Ltd, a claim under the provisions of the Finance Act legislation for exemption from levy in the VAT and Duties Tribunal and the Chancery Division of the High Court [2005] 1 P&CR 11, on behalf of East Midlands Aggregates Ltd instructed by Hewitsons;
- advice in relation to liability created by the construction of the Channel Tunnel Link, instructed by Union Railways (North) Limited;
- appeals in relation to liability to levy arising from mining activities in the National Park in Derbyshire, in the VAT and Duties Tribunal and the High Court [2009] STC 1969 on behalf of MMC Minerals Processing Ltd instructed by Eversheds;
- advice in relation to liability to levy arising from the construction of an underground hydro-electric power station in Scotland.

Energy and Utilities:

Craig's planning experience has often included issues relating to energy and utilities infrastructure (eg in the context of large planning/infrastructure schemes).

His previous also work includes:

- an inquiry under the Electricity legislation relating to the retention of pylons (via wayleave renewals) across London docklands on behalf of the London Docklands Development Corporation;
- litigation advice in relation to a proposal for the extraction of Coal Bed Methane gas for Composite Energy Ltd;

- the Abberton Scheme, an inquiry into a large scale water transfer and storage scheme on behalf of the water company;
- the proposed E.ON Rampion Offshore Windfarm DCO on behalf of a Southern Water Services as the water and waste statutory undertaker.
- As Mediator, a claim concerning a blight notice served in relation to rights to be acquired as part of an energy related DCO proposal in the South West of England.

Outdoor Advertising:

Craig has considerable experience in this area, having given advice to and appeared at inquiries and hearings for a number of outdoor advertisement companies including: JC Decaux, Van Wagner UK Ltd, Ad-Air and Ocean Outdoor.

Religious and Faith Buildings, Cemeteries and burial space:

Craig acted for Surrey Heath Borough Council in the appeal relating to a large Mosque proposal in Camberley. He also successfully promoted at appeal a proposal for a cemetery of c10,000 Muslim graves in the Green Belt on behalf of the registered charity landowner.

DCO/MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE, TWA ORDERS AND PARLIAMENTARY BILLS

Craig's experience in this area is extensive. He is regularly involved in large planning/major infrastructure schemes such as proposals for airport expansions and roads or rail infrastructure. He advises at all stages of a proposed scheme from application to any necessary appeal or hearing stages. He is often instructed at an early stage of a case to give advice on strategy, consultation, early negotiations as well as on the preparation of formal documents such as EIA documentation. His court work in relation to this area of law is separately noted under the heading of The Courts, Administrative Law and Judicial Review.

His previous work includes:

- the East London River Crossing proposal on behalf of the London Docklands Development Corporation;
- CPO inquiries into road proposals in London Docklands on behalf of the London Docklands Development Corporation;
- the Terminal 5 inquiry, an inquiry into proposed airport expansion at Heathrow, on behalf of 10 local authorities, including rail and road connections;
- Alconbury Airfield, an inquiry into a large rail connected logistics proposal, on behalf of the developer;
- the Abberton Scheme, an inquiry into a large scale water transfer and storage scheme on behalf of the water company;
- the Kent International Gateway, an inquiry into a large rail connected logistics proposal on behalf of Kent County Council;
- new settlements and urban extensions with associated transport infrastructure proposals on behalf of developers;
- an inquiry under the Electricity legislation relating to the retention of pylons (via

wayleave renewals) across London docklands on behalf of the London Docklands Development Corporation;

- the Cranford Inquiry at Heathrow, an inquiry into proposed runway alterations, involving noise and air quality effects following the Government's decision to end the Cranford Agreement;
- the Stansted Airport expansion proposal, advising Legal and General in relation to landholdings and objections to the proposed expansion of the airport;
- bills in Parliament, including the London Docklands Light Railway Bill on behalf of Rosehaugh Stanhope, rail infrastructure on behalf of British Rail, the proposed Crossrail (Kensal Green) Order on behalf of a major landowner objector, the proposed London Underground (Northern Line Extension) Order on behalf of a major developer objector, and HS2 on behalf of petitioners (including the Grafton Group and Slough BC);
- DCOs including: the proposed E.ON Rampion Offshore Windfarm DCO on behalf of a Southern Water Services, the M4 J3-5 "smart" Motorway Proposals on behalf of Hillingdon BC and the promotion of a road/rail intermodal distribution development in the East Midlands for Goodman Logistics.

ENVIRONMENT

Craig has extensive experience in this area, including issues relating to the Habitats and Wild Bird Directives. In particular, he advises clients on the approach to and contents of appropriate assessments and environmental impact assessments. His court work in relation to this area of law is also noted under the heading of The Courts, Administrative Law and Judicial Review.

His previous work includes:

- Longstone Edge, enforcement proceedings relating to open cast fluorspar mining activities in the Peak District National Park, on behalf of the mineral operator;
- Church Crookham, an inquiry into a large urban extension to Fleet in Hampshire involving issues as to effects on nearby SPA/SSSIs, on behalf of the developer;
- the Abberton Reservoir Scheme, an inquiry into a large scale water transfer and storage scheme involving RAMSAR/SPA issues on behalf of the water company;
- Mereham, an inquiry into a new settlement near Cambridge involving issues as to waterways, energy and utilities infrastructure, on behalf of the promoter;
- R v. Environment Agency ex parte Turnbull [2000] 8 Env LR 71, an application for judicial review, relating to waste management licensing and BSE, on behalf of the Government's Intervention Board, in the High Court;
- Customs and Excise Commissioners v East Midlands Aggregates Ltd, relating to Aggregates Levy and the Finance Act 2001, on behalf of the aggregates company, in the VAT and Duties Tribunal and the Chancery Division of the High Court [2004] STC 1582;
- R (on the application of Bleaklow Industries Ltd) v SoS CLG [2008] EWHC 606, an appeal under Section 289 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 relating to mining activities in the Peak District National Park, in the High Court and the Court of Appeal [2009] 2 P&CR 21;

- R (on the application of Hart District Council) v SoS CLG and others [2008] EWHC 1204 (Admin), relating to the interpretation of the Habitats Regulations, on behalf of an interested party, in the High Court;
- an inquiry under the Electricity legislation relating to the retention of pylons (via wayleave renewals) across London docklands on behalf of the London Docklands Development Corporation;
- a High Court challenge to a decision to refuse planning permission for licensed drilling of boreholes for Coal Bed Methane;
- Salmsbury Airfield, advice relating to the designation of a Biological Heritage Site;
- Eaton v Natural England [2012] EWHC 2401 (Admin) and [2013] EWCA Civ 628 on the scope of enforcement and licensing obligations in the context of the Habitats and Birds Directives, representing the wind farm operator in the High Court and the Court of Appeal;
- Warton Airfield BAE Systems, public inquiry and litigation relating to proposals under the Habitats and Wild Bird Directives and the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 for the culling of birds on an SPA/SSSI/RAMSAR site, on behalf of BAE Systems ([2014] EWHC 1645 (Admin) and [2015] EWCA Civ 227);
- the Cranford Inquiry at Heathrow, an inquiry into proposed runway alterations, involving noise and air quality effects following the Government's decision to end the Cranford Agreement;
- the M4 J3-5 "smart" Motorway Proposals on behalf of Hillingdon BC involving issues of air quality.

COMPULSORY PURCHASE, COMPENSATION AND LAND VALUATION

Craig's experience in this area is wide ranging. His court work in relation to this area of law is also noted under the heading of The Courts, Administrative Law and Judicial Review.

His experience as advocate in appeals and High Court litigation includes:

- CPO inquiries in London Docklands relating to the acquisition of land and rights (in particular for new highways infrastructure) on behalf of the London Docklands Development Agency;
- the Abberton Reservoir Scheme, a compulsory purchase case under S155 of the Water Industries Act 1991 and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981, relating to a large scale water transfer and storage scheme, on behalf of the acquiring water company;
- the Stansted Airport expansion proposal, advising Legal and General in relation to landholdings and objections to the proposed expansion of the airport;
- Chieveley junction, a compulsory purchase inquiry in relation to proposals for widening the A34/M4 Junction;
- Moto Hospitality Ltd v. The Highways Agency, a claim under Section 10 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1995 in the Lands Tribunal and the Court of Appeal, on behalf of Moto.

He has also advised numerous clients in relation to compensation and land valuation matters eg the acquisition of rights associated with the infrastructure required for the

Olympics and compensation in relation to the HS2 proposal.

He has also acted as appointed Mediator in compensation disputes and has written a number of articles on the role of ADR in compensation cases ([mediation profile](#)).

THE COURTS, ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AND JUDICIAL REVIEW

Craig's experience in this area is wide ranging. Reference can be made elsewhere in his profile for examples of his work in the particular areas of Planning, Major Infrastructure, Environment and Compulsory Purchase etc.

His statutory appeal and judicial review court cases have included:

- R v Bristol City Council ex parte Anderson [2000] 79 P&CR 358, relating to planning conditions, on behalf of the developer, in the Court of Appeal;
- R v Environment Agency ex parte Turnbull [2000] 8 Env.LR 715 relating to waste management licensing and BSE, on behalf of the Government's Intervention Board, in the High Court;
- R (Alconbury Developments Ltd) v SSE [2001] 2 WLR 1389, relating to the planning process and Article 6 of the Convention on Human Rights, on behalf of the developers, in the Divisional Court and the House of Lords;
- R (Adlard) v SSE and Fulham Stadium Limited [2002] EWHC Admin 7, relating to a challenge to a call-in decision, on behalf of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, in the High Court;
- Customs and Excise Commissioners v East Midlands Aggregates Ltd [2004] STC 1582, relating to Aggregates Levy, building works and the Finance Act 2001, on behalf of the aggregates company, in the Chancery Division;
- Moto Hospitality Ltd v. The Highways Agency, relating to a claim under s10 CPA 1965, in the Lands Tribunal [2006] RVR 280 (LT) and in the Court of Appeal [2007] EWCA Civ 764 (CA);
- R (on the application of Hart District Council v SSCLG [2008] EWHC 1204 (Admin) relating to the interpretation of the Habitats Regulations, on behalf of an interested party, in the High Court;
- R (on the application of Bleaklow Industries Ltd) v SoS CLG [2008] EWHC 606, an appeal under Section 289 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 relating to mining activities in the Peak District National Park, in the High Court and the Court of Appeal [2009] 2 P&CR 21;
- JA Pye (Oxford) Homes Ltd v SSCLG (2010) relating to the quashing of parts of the South East Plan in the High Court;
- Eaton v Natural England [2012] EWHC 2401 (Admin) and [2013] EWCA Civ 628 on the scope of enforcement and licensing obligations in the context of the Habitats and Birds Directives, representing the wind farm operator in the High Court and the Court of Appeal
- Warton Airfield BAE Systems, litigation relating to proposals under the Habitats and Wild Bird Directives the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 for the culling of birds on an SPA/SSSI/RAMSAR site, on behalf of BAE Systems in the High Court and Court of Appeal ([2014] EWHC 1645 (Admin) and [2015] EWCA Civ 227);

- Lyndon Top Farm, an appeal under s288 TCPA 1990 relating to the commencement of development and the interpretation of reserved matters conditions, on behalf of the landowner.

MEDIATION

Craig is also a CEDR Accredited Mediator and a RICS Accredited Evaluative Mediator, a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a member of the RICS President's Mediation Panel. He was also appointed to serve on the first DCLG's Planning Mediation Services Panel. (See his separate [mediation profile](#)).

Qualifications & Appointments

Qualifications and Appointments:

- BA (Hons), Leeds University
- Diploma in Law (University of Westminster)
- Band Award from Grays Inn
- Called to the Bar (1983 Grays Inn)
- Junior Counsel to the Crown B Panel (1993-1999)
- Appointed Queen's Counsel (2009)
- Chairman of the London Luton Airport Consultative Committee (S35 CAA 1982) (1999-2002)
- CEDR Accredited Mediator (2005)
- Trustee of Planning Aid for London (Registered Charity) (2007-2012)
- Lead Assistant Commissioner to the Boundary Commission for England (2012-2013)
- The DCLG's Planning Mediation Services Panel (2012-2015)
- RICS President's Mediation Panel (2010-)
- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2012-)
- RICS Accredited Evaluative Mediator (2017)
- Panel of approved counsel for the National Procurement Service for Wales (2017)

Professional Affiliations:

- Planning and Environment Bar Association (1990-) (Secretary 1994-1996)
- Parliamentary Bar Mess (1990-)
- United Kingdom Environmental Law Association (2009-)
- National Planning Infrastructure Association (2012-)
- Compulsory Purchase Association (2012-)
- Civil Mediation Council (2009-14)
- RICS General Mediation Panel (2010-)

- Steering Group assisting Leonora Rozee in her report Planning in Mediation (2010) and in the Delivery of Recommendations Group (2011-12)
 - Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2012-)
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Publications

- Expert Evidence and How to be a Good Witness (Journal of Planning Law 2010)
 - Planning Ahead (Solicitor's Journal 2010)
 - Mediation - the Flexible Alternative (RICS Land Journal 2011)
 - Mediation in Planning Related Disputes (Local Government Lawyer 2011)
 - Mediation and Early Neutral Evaluation in the Lands Tribunal (JPEL 2013)
 - There is another way (Solicitor's Journal 2013)
 - The Duty to Co-operate is Not to be Taken Lightly (June 2016)
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