



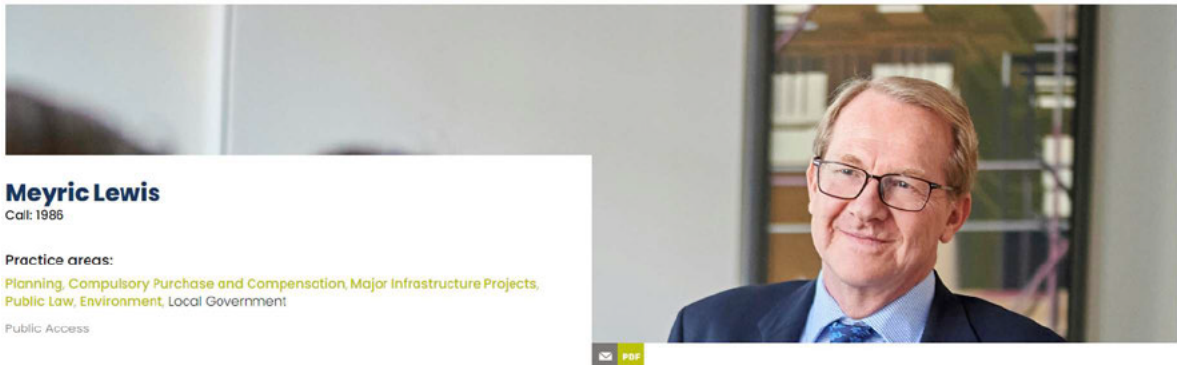
APPENDIX 5

Credentials of Meyrick Lewis

Objection to development at
Maggotts End, Manuden
(Pelham Spring Solar Farm)

PINS Reference: S62A/22/0011

Meyric Lewis Profile



Meyric Lewis

Call: 1986

Practice areas:

Planning, Compulsory Purchase and Compensation, Major Infrastructure Projects, Public Law, Environment, Local Government

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Practice Profile

Meyric was described by The Lawyer as "standing out" for his expertise in planning and judicial review. He specialises in all aspects of planning (including environmental assessment) and compulsory purchase both at inquiries and in the courts at all appellate levels. Clients range from substantial developers to public authorities and individual developers or objectors.

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Planning



"He has an incredible attention to detail and his knowledge is impressive",
Chambers and Partners, 2018

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He is frequently reported in the specialist law reports in notable cases. His court practice ranges from judicial and statutory review in the higher courts to prosecutions and other regulatory proceedings in the Crown Court and Magistrates' Court. He has particular experience in proceedings relating to planning enforcement, statutory nuisance and land contamination.

He has widespread expertise in compulsory purchase and compensation law acting for and advising clients on CPO and major infrastructure proposals and the compensation issues arising from them.

He is Chambers' Pro Bono Champion.

Meyric served as B Panel Treasury Counsel 1995-2001 defending Secretary of State's planning decisions in the High Court

He was the elected Chair of the Compulsory Purchase Association 2014 - 20156.

He is regularly invited to speak at specialist seminars including RTPI Planning Law Updates and at the Planning Inspectorate's Enforcement Conference.

He has published many articles including Expediency in Enforcement [2003] JPL 1106, **The New Procedures for Planning Challenges in the High Court** [2008] JPL 1720, **Enforcing Planning Obligations** [2012] **Local Government Lawyer and Planning and Proceeds of Crime Act** [2014] JPL 972; **The Sanctity of Contract - Enforcing Section 106 Obligations** [2019] JPL 748.

He is the author with Bob McGeady of Law Brief Publishing's Certificates of Lawfulness - A Guide (2018) and Planning Obligations Demystified (2019).

He is an Editor of the Sweet & Maxwell Compulsory Purchase Encyclopaedia.

Meyric has in-depth expertise in a wide range of specialist areas in planning. He is equally at home promoting and resisting housing, retail and general commercial developments both in urban and countryside locations. He also frequently appears for plan-making authorities and objectors in development plan examinations.

He has particular experience of development schemes in conservation areas or affecting listed buildings.

He regularly acts for appellants and planning authorities in complex enforcement cases.

Latest from Meyric



Meyric Lewis Awarded Silk

Francis Taylor Building is delighted that the King has accepted the recommendation of the Lord Chancellor that Meyric Lewis be appointed King's Counsel.

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Ranking tables

UK Bar London (Bar) Planning

This section covers the area of law relating to the processes of planning applications for the development, construction or change of use of a building or buildings; compulsory purchase orders (CPO); and s106 agreements. The work in this section can be contentious – for example, judicial reviews, inquiries and appeals; and non-contentious – for example, planning and CPO strategies relating to development projects and urban regeneration schemes.

Rankings overview for Sets

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1 Band 1



Landmark Chambers
19 Years Ranked

2 Band 2



Francis Taylor Building
19 Years Ranked

3 Band 3



39 Essex Chambers
16 Years Ranked



Cornerstone Barristers

Chambers AND PARTNERS



Six Pump Court
10 Years Ranked

All Sets profiles

1 Band 1



Landmark Chambers

Planning

UK Bar 2023 | Band 1 | 19 Years Ranked

Landmark Chambers is widely recognised as the leading set for high-profile and nationally significant infrastructure planning inquiries and similar cases. These barristers take on complex disputes involving Green Belt and environmental considerations, matters of government policy, and both rail and air infrastructure. The set's diverse client base runs the gamut of developers, property owners, central government and local authorities throughout the UK. Members of chambers have continued to act in the long-running litigation regarding the Airports National Policy Statement which supports the expansion of Heathrow Airport. One instructing solicitor remarks: "Landmark are the standout set for planning and infrastructure matters; they have a broad range of very good lawyers from juniors up to the most experienced KCs."

2 Band 2

Chambers AND PARTNERS



Francis Taylor Building

Planning

UK Bar 2023 | Band 2 | 19 Years Ranked

Francis Taylor Building is renowned for its dedication to planning work. The set has the capacity to take on the full range of planning matters, from compulsory purchase and compensation issues to environment, highways, and town and village green law. The set cultivates a similarly diverse client base, taking instructions from both local and central government, amenities, promoters, developers and interested parties. Members of FTB have recently acted in a significant number of cases relating to high-value residential developments, as well as high-profile infrastructure and policy-related matters, most notably permission for Norman Foster's new tall building 'the Tulip'. One solicitor remarks: "They are the doyens of the Planning Bar. On top of their game."

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3 Band 3



39 Essex Chambers

Planning

UK Bar 2023 | Band 3 | 16 Years Ranked

39 Essex Chambers is notable for its broad geographical reach and its substantial base of both national and international clients, including individual residents, developers, private firms and government departments. The planning team's recent work has included several local plan examinations, DCO and infrastructure matters, residential development proposals and environmental concerns. Several members of chambers have been involved in the high-profile cases relating to HS2, the new high-speed railway, and proposed new nuclear power station Sizewell C. Solicitors interviewed unanimously agree that 39 Essex Chambers is "a genuine specialist and expert planning set."