Harriet Townsend

called: 1992
clerk: Martin Hart
education: BSc (Hons) Maths & Economics (1st)

Harriet Townsend specialises in planning and environment law. She has enjoyed a varied practice within the field of local government law for nearly 20 years, and includes compulsory purchase and compensation, highways and rights of way, and town and village greens amongst her particular interests.

Harriet advises on all areas within this broad spectrum and represents her clients in courts and tribunals throughout England and Wales. Any enquiries as to her experience which are not answered by this CV should please be directed to her clerk.

In addition,

- Harriet is a fully qualified mediator, and has acted both as mediator and advocate in mediations.

- Harriet is a popular speaker and/or trainer at conferences and seminars.

- Harriet is able to accept instructions direct and sits on the Access to the Bar Committee of the Bar Council as the PEBA representative.

Harriet (then Harriet Murray) was called to the Bar in 1992 and is BSc (Hons) in Mathematics and Economics, 1st Class.

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Compulsory Purchase and Compensation

Harriet represents promoters of and objectors to CPO schemes, and will advise on the acquisition itself and all relevant issues eg valuation and implementation of the order.

Ecotricity headquarters building, Stroud: Harriet promoted the CPO of vacant and vandalised office premises in Stroud known as Tricorn House, proposing demolition and the construction of a highly sustainable landmark replacement. An indemnity agreement was in place between Ecotricity and the Council and there was direct and unqualified evidence of the company's intention to proceed. Although the objector landowner was willing to sell at the right value, the order was not confirmed. The Inspector was most concerned about the need to obtain planning permission and the lack of a development agreement.

The **Waveney Campus**, Lowestoft: Harriet promoted the CPO for Waveney District Council, the order making authority, at Inquiry. The project comprises new offices and laboratories for the Centre for the Environment, Fisheries & Aquaculture Science (Cefas), as well as office accommodation for Waveney District Council (WDC) and Suffolk County Council (SCC). The project is the first occasion on which an executive agency of central government and local government will have shared accommodation. Planning permission had not been obtained prior to confirmation of the CPO.

Other inquiries include: Highways CPOs, town centre regeneration schemes.

Publications

Westlaw Insight [2012]

Local Government Byelaws

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Jowitt's Dictionary of English Law

Specialist contributing editor on Local Government Law and Planning Law for *Jowitt's Dictionary of English Law* (3rd edition, 2010)

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The Climate Change Act 2008 — will it do the trick?

Article published in the Environmental Law Review, *The climate change act 2008 — will it do the trick?,* 2009 Enviro LR 11 2 (116)

The Climate Change Act 2008: Something to be Proud of After All?

Article published in the Journal of Planning and Environment Law, 2009, entitled *The Climate Change Act 2008: Something to be Proud of After All?* [2009] JPL 842. Click here for the full text article.

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The Climate Change Bill

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Climate Change Bill

Article published in Croner's Environment Magazine (November 2007) entitled *Climate Change Bill*. Click here for the article as published by Croner's Environment Magazine, November 2007.

Atkins Court Forms

Sole contributing editor to *Atkins Court Forms* on Licensing 2005.

Associations

Harriet Townsend

- Planning and Environment Bar Association, committee member and former secretary
- Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)
- United Kingdom Environmental Law Association (UKELA)
- Compulsory Purchase Association (CPA)