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Planning for Success





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Change has been the only constant in the planning system for many years, and obtaining up to date and commercially focused consultancy advice is key to making the most out of your property assets.

In 2016, Rapleys' Town Planning team advised a wide range of clients, to this end, including:

- Housebuilders
- Strategic Land Companies
- Investments Funds
- Institutions
- Landowners
- Local Authorities
- Commercial and Mixed Use Developers
- Construction Contractors
- Retailers
- Roadside Operators
- Leisure Providers

Our instructions from these clients involved cases throughout England, Scotland and Wales.

The services we provided included:

- Preparation and submission of planning related applications and appeals
- Planning feasibility and audits
- Assessments of residential and employment land availability/supply
- Retail and leisure capacity and impact assessments
- Development Plan monitoring and representations
- Expert evidence/witness
- Masterplanning

A year of success

We have substantial expertise and ability in providing clients with robust advice to deliver

positive outcomes across the UK wide planning system.

To use the example of permissions, our team pursued over 300 planning applications, to decision, for development proposals, advertisements and other matters. Of these submissions, 93% (285) were negotiated at application stage. In other words, they were granted consent without recourse to appeal. However, where appeals did prove necessary, the majority of the cases were allowed (won).

Robert Clarke, Senior Partner and Head of Town Planning, comments 'These results underscore our proven track record in the delivery of results through the planning system. We pride ourselves on offering commercially driven and cost effective advice to the benefit of our clients' balance sheets and development timelines'.

If you could benefit from such advice we would be pleased to hear from you, and bring our experience to the table in order to realise your aspirations and add value to your business.

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