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Areas of expertise

Alex is a chartered Senior Planner with over five years of experience across the Planning Act and TCPA regimes.

Alex has experience in the promotion of energy and business and commercial infrastructure Development Consent Order projects in both planning and project management roles.

Key experience

Springwell Solar Farm DCO – Alex acts as part of the EDF Renewables client team to advise on planning and EIA matters for the upcoming Springwell Solar Farm DCO application. She coordinates the production and undertakes review of planning and EIA advice from the consultant team. She will also represent EDF at upcoming statutory consultation events and continue to advise on planning and environmental strategy as the application progresses towards submission.

Longfield Solar Farm DCO – Alex provided planning and project management support for the Examination of Longfield Solar Farm, where she oversaw submissions for Examination deadlines. Following the closure of Examination, Alex is currently advising EDF's construction and engineering teams regarding the flexibility of the DCO and has been preparing a strategy for the discharge of Requirements and obligations.

Stonestreet Green Solar Farm DCO – Alex is currently involved in the preparation of the DCO application for Stonestreet Green Solar Farm, Kent. She is currently producing the Design Principles and advising on the preparation of the Works Plans and drafting of the DCO. She recently worked as part of a cross-consultancy team to produce materials for statutory consultation.

Sizewell C DCO – Alex provided support in the preparation of the Planning Statement and Planning Statements for Associated Development for the DCO for Sizewell nuclear power station. Alex also took on a project management role for the preparation

Key projects

Springwell Solar Farm, Lincs

Longfield Solar Farm, Essex

Stonestreet Green Solar Farm, Kent

Sizewell C, Suffolk

AQUIND Interconnector, Hants

London Resort, Kent

Cambridge Biomedical Campus, Cambridge

Lewisham Gateway, Lewisham

Key clients

EDF Energy

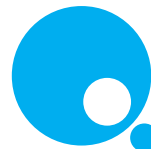
Evolution Power

AQUIND

Kent County Council

Dartford Borough Council

Ebbsfleet Development Corporation



and submission of the DCO application and its Additional Submission, where she oversaw quality control, production of plans and drawings and application collation prior to submission. Alex adopted a flexible role throughout the Examination period for Sizewell C, where she continued to manage plans and drawings but also provided supporting planning input and quality review. Following determination, Alex has been liaising directly with the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to coordinate the certification process.

AQUIND Interconnector DCO - Alex provided support on the preparation of the DCO application for an interconnector cable between Lovedean in Hampshire and Barnabos in Normandy, France to facilitate the trade of electricity between the UK and France. During Examination Alex took on the role of the coordination of the Statements of Common Ground and the production of the Statement of Commonality for each Examination deadline. Alex also drafted several Statements of Common Ground and had involvement in the negotiation of Heads of Terms and Protective Provisions with statutory undertakers and other interested parties. Following the closure of Examination, Alex has advised on delivery, potential risks to commencement and discharge of Requirements. Alex has also helped prepare responses to requests for further information from the Secretary of State.

London Resort DCO - Alex advised and represented the three host authorities for the London Resort Development Consent Order application for a new theme park in Swanscombe, Kent. Alex oversaw the drafting of the Local Impact Report for the DCO, where she co-ordinated the technical review of the submitted Environmental Statement and supporting documents. She also advised on application parameters, drafted Requirements and liaised directly with the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the local authorities.