



Alex Higgin

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Areas of expertise

Alex is a Planner with almost four years of full time experience and two years of part-time experience in the private sector. Alex's background is largely in residential-led, mixed-use and healthcare development with experience across multiple stages of the planning process, focused on the successful delivery of major applications in inner-city locations. Alex also has experience in strategic land promotion through the Local Plan process including support at consultation stages, Examination in Public and at inquiry. Alex has also been involved in the preparation of socio-economic research for Local Plan evidence base documents and for commercial publications.

Since joining Quod, in addition to the above Alex has also provided support in both planning and project management roles for the submission and examination of Development Consent applications for energy infrastructure projects. Alex has also been elected as a Chartered Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute.

Key experience

Axis Square, Birmingham – Alex has been involved in the development of revised proposals for the Axis Square site, including attendance at pre-application meetings and through providing planning input into strategy documents. Alex has taken on the day-to-day role of managing the submission and determination of a full office-led application onsite, including coordination of input from the supporting consultant team and liaison with the Case Officer.

Hillingdon Gateway, London – Alex was involved in the preparation and submission of an application for over 500 residential units to regenerate the former Master Brewer hotel site in Hillingdon. Key application considerations included height constraints, public realm improvements and development viability.

Key projects

Sizewell C
AQUIND Interconnector
Axis Square, Birmingham
Cambridge South
Lewisham Gateway

Key clients

London and Continental Railways
Ltd
Balfour Beatty
Pigeon Investment Management
Lands Improvement Holdings
EDF
AQUIND



Whittington Hospital, Archway, London – Alex took on a key planning role in the redevelopment of the Whittington Hospital Campus, with a focus on application management and co-ordination around other planning applications and existing residential uses. Alex’s role also included preparing applications for Prior Notification for Demolition and for temporary uses, and development of a bespoke pre-application strategy to build Outline and Strategic Business Cases and enable the sale of part of the hospital site.

Aylesbury Estate, Southwark, London – Alex submitted various applications including S96as to amend previously permitted phases of this community regeneration-led scheme for 830 residential units in buildings up to 20 stories in height. Alex also coordinated the submission of conditions and planning obligations discharges, and input into planning strategy work to enable phased site disposal and construction commencement.

New London Architecture Tall Buildings Survey – Alex coordinated the research preparation for the 2019 publication of the NLA Tall Buildings Survey. Alex presented the findings of the report both internally and externally to clients and other consultants, focusing on the key design considerations of tall buildings, and their sustainability and development viability challenges.