



Andrew Thornton

Associate

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Areas of expertise

Andrew is an established urban planner with experience in the planning and delivery of projects across housing, commercial, industrial and infrastructure sectors. Andrew supports clients with guidance throughout the project lifecycle, spanning strategic planning advice, crafting of site responsive and policy-aligned development outcomes, risk management and effective stakeholder engagement.

Since relocating to London, Andrew has developed specialised experience in the planning of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, working with clients across the energy sector to obtain development consents for projects that support the UK's net-zero energy transition. Prior to joining Quod, Andrew was based in Australia and worked with clients across development sectors, as well as consulting to the Victorian State Government on significant planning reforms.

Key experience

Solar Farm Development Consent Orders - Andrew has experience working with clients across the solar energy industry on the planning and delivery of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects. His experience includes the provision of strategic advice to inform site selection, effective project management for Development Consent Orders and the provision of project support to throughout the pre-application process across several NSIP projects.

Hinkley Point C Nuclear Power Station, EDF Energy - Andrew forms part of Quod's team advising EDF Energy on its material change application to the existing Development Consent Order for Hinkley Point C Nuclear Power Station. He has supported Quod and EDF with strategic and technical analysis which has informed planning statements and reports, as well as undertaking targeted workshops to support engagement with national and regional environmental authorities.

Key projects

Leoda Solar Farm
Hinkley Point C Nuclear Power Station

Key clients

EDF Energy
Telis Energy
Voltis Energy



Data Centre Development - Andrew is currently working with a leading global data centre developer and operator, supporting an application for a planning permit for a campus-scale development. The project offers significant socio-economic benefits to the region and as part of the Quod team Andrew works closely with all stakeholders in pursuit of an optimised development outcome.

International Experience - Prior to relocating to London, Andrew worked as a planning consultant in Melbourne, Australia with experience spanning major housing and commercial projects, mixed use precinct development and planning services to support Australia's largest waste and resource and recovery company's state-wide operations.