

## Planning & Development Lawyer

Holmes & Hills are a large regional law firm that has grown significantly in recent years and who are continuing to grow.

The firm's large team of solicitors and legal professionals have earned a reputation for offering a wide range of specialist legal services to individuals, businesses and local authorities across the South East and East Anglia.

Holmes & Hills has several departments specialising in a wide range of private client and commercial work. The firm prides itself on providing expert legal services whilst keeping control of costs. For more information on who we are please see our website [www.holmes-hills.co.uk](http://www.holmes-hills.co.uk)

### THE ROLE

We are looking for a planning lawyer to join our highly regarded specialist planning team. The team deal with a broad spectrum of planning and development related matters from providing strategic advice, S106 Agreement and dealing with contentious planning matters.

In this role you will advise and assist private and professional clients, landowners and developers in pursuit of their best interests in the conduct of Planning and Development matters and provide advice and representation to Local Planning Authorities in dealing with Planning matters. You will also be expected to build strong relationships with Local Planning Authorities and Developers, and to promote and market the work the team do.

### RECENT WORK

Our current clients include nine local planning authorities, national developers, land owners as well as private individuals. We have:

- Assisted with a High Court claim for Judicial Review for a large development in London consisting of mix of residential and retail premises.
- Acted for a Local Planning Authority on a complex S106 Agreement, securing phased development of circa 1,000 new homes and providing for community facilities including finance and land for a primary school, affordable housing and substantial open space.
- Represented a developer providing advocacy at a Public Inquiry in respect of an appeal against an Enforcement Notice.
- Issued a Statutory Challenge in the High Court against a Planning Inspector's appeal decision to dismiss an appeal against a Local Planning Authority's decision to refuse planning permission for development.

### WHAT EXPERIENCE DO I NEED?

This role will suit someone who has some experience in Planning and Local Government and who wants to continue to specialise in this area surrounded by an experienced well-regarded team.

### WHAT SKILLS SHOULD I HAVE?

- Strong communication skills
- Pro-active thinker
- Self-motivated
- Commercially aware

### WHAT ARE WE OFFERING?

A competitive salary with a supportive, relaxed and flexible work environment.

### WHO WILL I BE WORKING WITH?

You will report into [Steven Hopkins](#) - Partner and Head of the Team who has personally been recommended by the Legal 500 UK in recognition of his experience. You will also work closely with [Michael Harman](#) - Partner [Joanna Lilliot](#) - Senior Solicitor, [David Whipps](#) - Consultant, [Tom McPhie](#) – Senior Solicitor, [David Sodimu](#) – Solicitor, [Sarah Cook](#) – Solicitor and [Robert Bradshaw](#) - Trainee.

