



Projects and infrastructure

Our services include:

- strategy and planning
- procurement and bidding
- contract drafting and negotiation
- project financing
- construction and O&M
- post close day to day matters
- refinancing, variations and disputes
- secondary markets acquisitions and disposals.

Our projects lawyers operate across the full spectrum of economic and social infrastructure – from major heavy infrastructure projects like Crossrail through to renewables projects as well as schools and other local community projects.

We are at the forefront of the development of new project models, working closely with Government, both in the UK and internationally - shaping future structures that will be rolled out across all project sectors.

We advise in virtually every infrastructure sector including:

- transport: road; rail; airports; and ports
- energy: conventional power, district heating/cooling and renewables (including tidal, geothermal, energy from waste, biomass, solar and wind)
- accommodation: schools, student accommodation, regeneration, housing, healthcare, government accommodation, custodial, blue light.

This enhanced team of dedicated projects lawyers cover all of the key project disciplines, including procurement, construction and finance. But when further specialist support is required, whether from corporate, real estate, employment, pensions, tax or dispute resolution, we bring colleagues into the team seamlessly.

We are well connected at every level in the infrastructure market. A feature of Stephenson Harwood is its ability to make business introductions to our clients and to work with them as they enter new markets. We are a dynamic team, ready to help clients meet the new infrastructure challenge.

"The firm's USP is the personal attention given by staff to the client's actual needs and values. This helps to culture how advice is given and is a notable differentiation from other legal firms."

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Our experience

Transport

Road - UK infrastructure fund

We advised a major UK infrastructure fund on its bid to acquire two operational toll road PPP projects in Ireland – the N8 and the N7 bypass.

Rail - HS2

One of the largest rail construction and engineering projects in the world, we are supporting a consortium of major international construction companies on its bids for the main works civils packages that form part of the UK Government's High Speed Two project.

Airports - Lagos airport PPP

We advised a consortium on its bid for the new \$450 million Lekki-Epe International Airport in Lagos. The project comprised a 15 to 25 year concession agreement and involved undertaking the construction of the airport on a DBFOM (Design Build Finance Operate Maintain) basis to build the airport and its various components as well as develop access facilities.

Ports - Port near Inverness

We advised on the development of a port at a brownfield site near Inverness to accommodate offshore wind manufacture and installation.

Energy

Hydrogen - UK hydrogen developer

Represented in pre-feasibility negotiations for a 2MW green hydrogen facility and full feasibility study negotiation for a 5MW blue hydrogen facility.

Energy from waste and biomass - North London Waste Authority

Advised on the North London Heat and Power energy recovery project.

Solar - NextEnergy Solar Fund

Advised on the financing of five operational solar farms in the UK (84.2MW). This transaction made the client's solar portfolio the largest among all the LSE-listed renewable energy funds.

District heating and cooling - ENGIE

Advised on the acquisition of a combined heat and power (CHP) plant in the north east of England that supplies a local industrial site.

Offshore wind - PGGM and Ampere

Advised on the acquisition of a stake in an offshore wind farm (367MW), including on all planning and regulatory aspects as well as the financial incentives.

Onshore wind - Dutch bank

Advised on the project financing of the acquisition and development of a portfolio of UK onshore wind projects.

Marine and hydro - InfraCo Africa Limited

Advised on the procurement of an EPC contractor for the Western Power Hydro Project in Zambia. The Ngonye Falls Hydroelectric Scheme on the Zambezi River in the Western Province of Zambia comprises a 40-60MW run-of-river hydroelectric station.

Energy storage solutions - Gore Street Capital

Advised a solar project fund established by Gore Street Capital to acquire and operate a number of energy storage projects in the UK. The fund has holdings in 9 energy storage projects, with a market capitalisation of £78m.

Geothermal - Green Africa Power

Advised this UK Government funded investment vehicle on a number of project financings, including advising on geothermal projects throughout Africa.

Accommodation

Schools - Equitix

We advised Equitix on its acquisition of Laing O'Rourke's shareholdings in the Barking & Dagenham and Barnsley Building Schools for the Future projects advising on bid strategy, the Sale and Purchase Agreement and project due diligence.

Further and Higher Education - University of Greenwich

On their campus redevelopment and student accommodation projects.

Healthcare

Churchill Hospital PFI

Impregilo on this £100 million acute hospital PFI in Oxford.

Custodial

UK Ministry of Justice

On the prisons PFI programme, including Belmarsh West PFI prison and now advising a bidder on its prison privatisation programme.

Emergency Services

Stoke and Staffordshire

On the prisons PFI programme, including Belmarsh West PFI prison and now advising a bidder on its prison privatisation programme.

Defence

Agusta Westland

Advised on its bid to provide the rotary wing aircraft to the MFTS PFI project.

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We assemble teams of bright thinkers to match our clients' needs and give the right advice from the right person at the right time. Dedicating the highest calibre of legal talent to overcome the most complex issues, we deliver pragmatic, expert advice that is set squarely in the real world.

Our headquarters are in London, with eight offices across Asia, Europe and the Middle East. In addition we have forged close ties with other high quality law firms. This diverse mix of expertise and culture results in a combination of deep local insight and the capability to provide a seamless international service.