

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW CONFERENCE

Thursday, 27th April 2023 @ 9.00am - 4.45pm

Venue: Mercure Bristol Grand Hotel, Broad St, Bristol

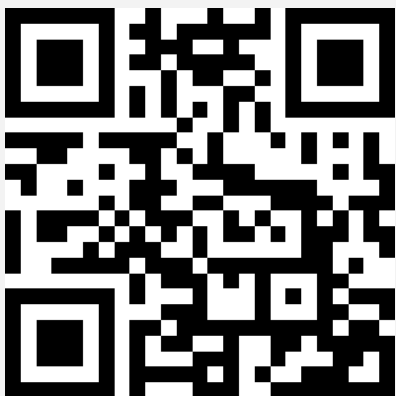
Cost: £55 + VAT for the full day / £30 + VAT for ½ day

CPD: 5 hours

Presented by the Public & Administrative Law team, delivering the latest case law, legislation and updates from the world of planning, environmental, licensing and subsidy control law.

This seminar offers an ideal opportunity for lawyers, officers and others working in a local authority, other public body or private practice to get right up to date with the most current developments in these important areas of law.

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## Highlights

- Planning law update
- Tips on preparing a new local plan and avoiding hazards.
- Mediation, land use and planning: the future?
- Judicial review – where are we now post-Johnson?
- Bringing & defending licensing appeals
- Environmental law problems – statutory nuisance and what price actions by neighbours
- Subsidy Control Act 2022 - key issues for public bodies

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# PROGRAMME

9.00 - 9.25am	Registration and refreshments
9.25 - 9.30am	Welcome and introduction from chair Peter Wadsley, Head of Public & Admin Law
9.30 - 10.10am	Planning law update (cases primarily) Tim Leader, Barrister, St John's Chambers
10.10 - 10.50am	Mediation, land use and planning: the future? Harry Spurr, Barrister and Mediator, St John's Chambers
10.50 - 11.05am	Refreshments
11.05 - 11.45pm	Tips on preparing a new local plan and avoiding hazards Tim Leader, Barrister, St John's Chambers
11.45 - 12.25pm	Judicial review: cases update and where are we now post-Johnson? The role of the courts Peter Wadsley, Head of Public & Admin Law team
12.25 - 1.30pm	Lunch
1.30 - 2.10pm	Bringing & defending licensing appeals Roy Light, Barrister, St John's Chambers
2.10 - 2.50pm	Environmental law problems – statutory nuisance and what price actions by neighbours? Harry Spurr and Peter Wadsley, Barristers, St John's Chambers
2.50 - 3.05pm	Refreshments
3.05 - 3.45pm	Subsidy Control Act 2022 - key issues for public bodies Matthew O'Regan, Barrister, St John's Chambers
3.45 - 4.25pm	Panel discussion on hot topics in planning law and networking drinks

## Cost:

Morning session from 9.00am - 12.25pm (lunch included) for £30 + VAT

Afternoon session from 1.30pm - 4.25pm (lunch included) for £30 + VAT

Full day conference rate - £55 + VAT

# SPEAKERS



**Peter Wadsley,**  
Group Head, Year of call: 1984

**"Peter is experienced in cases at the intersection between environmental and planning law. He is highly experienced in inquiries and appeals, as well as in judicial review proceedings, and frequently acts on behalf of local authorities and developers. 'Peter is a legal legend'."**

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Peter specialises in planning, local government and environment law. He heads the Public & Administrative Law Practice Group at St John's Chambers. He also has extensive experience in public rights of way inquiries and associated topics, as well as in judicial review proceedings. He frequently acts for developers, local authorities and third parties in many inquiries. He is described by Chambers UK as 'the number one junior on the Western Circuit for planning and environmental work' and Legal 500 as the 'leading planning junior on Circuit.'



**Tim Leader**  
Year of call: 1994

Tim specialises in planning, compulsory purchase, local government and commercial law. He appears regularly on behalf of local planning authorities and developers in planning appeals, Judicial Review, statutory challenges of appeal decisions, and development plans, especially those dealing with housing need, the supply of land for housing, and heritage assets. His commercial practice focuses on commercial and real estate matters and contractual disputes. He is a member of the Royal Town Planning Institute, and was previously an Associate of GVA Grimley. He spent 10 years as a Chief Officer in local government. He was appointed Junior Counsel to the Crown in February 2000.



**Harry Spurr**  
Year of call: 2001

**"Harry is forensic in his approach to analysing the strengths of a case. He has a commercial outlook and is acutely aware of client objectives. He is personable and a pleasure to work with, yet is capable of taking a tough stand when required."**

LEGAL 500 2023, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

Harry is an experienced environmental, planning and real estate barrister, and a highly respected mediator with a broad commercial, property and civil practice. In his practice as a barrister, Harry is known for his expertise in environmental, real estate and planning law, and other aspects of regulatory law concerning land (such as highways, water, town & village greens and statutory nuisance). Harry acts as advocate, and in an advisory role, for landowners, developers, other private parties, councils, regulators, and other public bodies. He has previously practised from leading specialist London sets Landmark Chambers and Francis Taylor Building, and has appeared in a substantial number of high-profile, high-value cases.

# SPEAKERS



**Prof Roy Light**

Year of call: 1992

**"Roy is extremely familiar with licensing law and its application. He is practical, sensible, easy to contact, and his advice is authoritative and commercial. He has a great rapport with clients."**

LEGAL 500, 2023, LICENSING

Roy is highly commended for his advocacy, legal knowledge, negotiating skills and approachable client-friendly manner. He acts for individuals and small businesses as well as public authorities and international corporations throughout England and Wales. Clients include supermarket chains, convenience store operators, petrol companies, breweries, restaurant businesses, taxi companies and drivers, nightclub operators, national stadiums, race courses, festival organisers, police authorities, private individuals, local residents and licensing and planning authorities. Roy writes and lectures extensively, regularly speaks at national authorities and others.



**Matthew O' Regan**

Year of call: 2015

**"Matthew has a strong understanding of competition law. He communicates very clearly and easily for commercial clients in such a way that they quickly understand the complex issues at hand."**

LEGAL 500, 2023, COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

Matthew, a former Solicitor, is a specialist competition and regulatory lawyer. He was Called to the Bar and joined St John's Chambers in 2015, having previously been a Partner in the Competition Group of Burges Salmon LLP. He has a strong international perspective, having practised for over a decade in the Brussels office of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP. Matthew has a broad-based practice, with extensive experience in all aspects of competition law, EU law, State aid and subsidy control, public procurement and economic regulation, including competition disputes, regulatory investigations, transactional matters and advisory work.

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