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Jonathan leads our London planning team, focussing on technology clusters, large-scale residential, council headquarters and higher education – it's an eclectic CV.

Jonathan acts for developers, institutions, private landowners, charitable trusts and local authorities. Commercially driven, his focus is on high-value areas of London and the South East.

He specialises in securing complex, mixed-use planning permissions - Its rarely simple. Jonathan thrives on developing personal relationships with both his clients and planning authorities, which he knows is the key to problem solving and delivering results.

Jonathan currently advises on Cambridge's most sustainable office scheme, a 55,000 sq m building in the heart of its tech cluster for Pace Investments. He helped Surrey County Council move its county HQ from Kingston upon Thames back into Surrey and is promoting 800 homes in St Albans' green belt through the local plan process.

Jonathan's detailed understanding of constantly evolving policy and regulations across these asset types and geographical areas - and 11 years' experience of the planning process – means he is well-equipped to lead your next ambitious planning application or promotion.

Key relevant project experience

Clay Lane Link Road/ Slyfield Area Regeneration Project

Strategic planning feasibility advice in respect to the development of 1,200 homes and a new link road for Guildford Borough Council (Economic Development).

Land to the North East of Redbourn, St Albans District

Site promotion and support in respect of some 800 dwellings within the St Albans green belt on behalf of the Lawes Agricultural Trust.

9-11 Richmond Buildings, Soho

Securing planning permission for the change of use of an existing office building to provide ultra-prime residential accommodation for Almondbox Limited.

76-86 Turnmill Street, Islington

Office refurbishment across the LGA portfolio in order to optimise their estate for the Local Government Association.

B410 Thames Valley Park, Reading

The refurbishment and extension of an existing office development following vacation by previous tenant on behalf of Royal London Asset Management.

College of North West London, LB Brent

Strategic planning advice and support in respect of a new 19,000 sq m FE college in the heart of Wembley Park for the United Colleges Group.

Highgate School, LB Haringey

Strategic planning support in respect of numerous development projects across the School's estate. Key issues include Metropolitan Open Land and open space.

Land at Faraday Road, Crawley

Development of 10,500sq.m of B8 speculative warehouse for LondonMetric PLC.