

New Partner Heads Planning Team in Manchester



Mike Gibson BA (Hons) MCD MRTPI has joined Rapleys as a Partner heading the Planning Team in Manchester.

With 35 years experience as a professional planner, working in both the public and private sectors, Mike moves to Rapleys from Taylor Young where he was a Director for the last six years and developed their Planning Team. Prior to that Mike was a Director with Turley Associates, where he worked for sixteen years.

Mike has been consultant to a wide range of clients, including national housebuilders, multi-national and industrial companies, financial institutions, developers, retailers, leisure operators, estates, government agencies, local authorities, healthcare trusts, education institutions, private healthcare providers and private individuals, advising and acting on their behalf in respect of development appraisals, development plan representations, planning applications, appeals and inquiries. He is well respected for his skills in preparing development strategies and for his tenacity in negotiating solutions to achieve a successful outcome.

He has led professional teams and managed major development projects, including town centre and regeneration schemes, retail and employment developments. He has resolved many difficult problems to secure planning permission for retail development and mixed residential and commercial uses, has justified development in green belt locations and has advised on a wide range of heritage projects, including presenting to and negotiating with CABE and English Heritage, to secure listed building and conservation area consents for a variety of schemes, including redevelopment, conversion and extension, in town centre and countryside locations.

Mike has also led a consultancy team acting on behalf of local authorities in preparing and presenting evidence at development plan inquiries, and in preparing sub-regional strategies, area action plans, development briefs, design guidance and supplementary planning documents.

Mike is a member of the Building and Development Committee of the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, with particular responsibility for advising on planning issues, and has presented seminars on the planning system to clients and other professionals.

Rapleys has 8 planners in its multi-disciplinary Manchester office. The Rapleys Planning department offers consultancy services throughout the UK, from Manchester and its offices in London, Edinburgh and Bristol.

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