

## Matthew Green CV

Matthew is a planning consultant with a remarkable record of success in planning appeals. He appears regularly as an expert witness at Public Inquiries, Informal Hearings, Magistrates Court cases, Crown Court cases, and cases in the High Court. He has appeared at approaching 400 planning and planning enforcement appeals since 2005. His work encompasses land use, built environment and enforcement cases.

He has worked as a planning consultant since 2005. He set up Green Planning Solutions LLP in early 2006, which evolved into a partnership in April 2007.

Since working as a consultant Matthew has worked on numerous housing projects throughout England and Wales ranging from single dwellings to over 300 dwellings. He has expertise in assessing whether Councils have a five-year land supply of deliverable housing land.

He also has particular expertise on the planning issues surrounding different types of caravan sites, on land uses, certificates of lawful use and on enforcement matters. He is one of the country's leading experts at identifying ways to maximise the potential of existing land uses, particularly in terms of establishing and intensifying residential mobile home parks.

When appearing as a witness in the High Court in a planning injunction case, *Brentwood Borough Council v Ball and Others* [2009] EWHC 2433 (08.10.09), Stadlen J made the following observations on his experience and judgment.

“In my judgement the decisions and some of the reasons for them in the Clementines Farm Appeal support the conclusion that there is a real prospect that the Defendants’ appeal may succeed. This is a conclusion which I would have reached even without sight of those decisions. I found Mr Green to be a very experienced, well informed and balanced witness and his views on the relative weight likely to be attached by the inspector to the personal circumstances of the defendants, and the lack of alternative accommodation on the one hand and the harm to the environment and the inappropriateness of residential development in the Green Belt on the other broadly persuasive.”

In smaller public Inquiries Matthew often acts as Advocate as well as professional witness.

Between 2001 and 2005, Matthew was the Member of Parliament for Ludlow constituency. He was appointed by Charles Kennedy MP as the Liberal Democrat Shadow Minister for Housing and Planning. He was the only front-bencher from any party to serve the entire 18 month passage of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Matthew also led on the Housing Act 2004 and led or part led as a front bencher on two other Acts and many Statutory Instruments.