

The Energy team at Hewitsons can advise on all aspects of renewable and conventional power generation and clean technology. Our Energy lawyers are drawn from across the firm, deploying their expertise to assist our clients with their Energy projects and transactions, whether they be project sponsors, investors, lenders, supply chain members or service providers. Our Energy specialists have in-depth knowledge and experience of the sector, built up over many years, and combine this with their commercial skills and absolute client focus to help our Energy clients to achieve their goals.

Our Energy team's expertise covers the following areas:

Corporate

Our Corporate lawyers' experience in the Energy sector includes advising on company and asset sales, joint ventures, investments, fundraising, group reorganisations, company structures and advisory work, and corporate governance.

Commercial Contracts

Our Commercial lawyers draw on their understanding of the Energy sector to advise on, draft and negotiate a range of contracts relevant to Energy projects. These include technology development agreements, collaboration agreements, plant O&M contracts, electricity and water supply agreements, heat distribution agreements and energy from waste contracts (to name a few).

Technology and Intellectual Property

Our IP team advises on the protection of IP rights in relation to technology which is developed for and used in the Energy sector. They also provide advice on how IP rights can be used within the Energy sector to support business strategies and help to sustain competitive advantage. Where there is an infringement of a patent or trade mark, we advise on how best to pursue or defend the relevant claim.

Construction

We have a leading team of Construction lawyers, who have won plaudits for their effective and pragmatic approach to meeting clients' needs. They have an in-depth understanding of Construction law, based on their work with contractors, project developers, funders, design and construction professionals, as well as manufacturers. We provide the full range of Construction law services, including all forms of dispute resolution.

Project and Concession Agreements

Hewitsons has wide experience in structuring and drafting for projects, including the main concession or project agreement, together with step-down arrangements and the interface with subcontractors.

Land and Leasing

Our Real Estate team have a deep understanding of Energy and other infrastructure projects. Working with both private and public sector clients, and across a variety of structures, they combine legal and technical skills with commercial know-how and pragmatism. Working closely with their Construction, Planning and Dispute Resolution colleagues, the Real Estate team provides the full range of services required for Energy projects.

Planning and Environment

Hewitsons' Planning and Environment team advise project developers, investors, contractors, land owners and local authorities on all aspects of planning and environmental law. Our work includes advising generally on planning applications, including Environmental Impact Assessments. We also have extensive experience of drafting and negotiating Section 106 Agreements, and all other types of infrastructure agreements, including those required for Energy projects. We have advised the Energy sector in relation to permitted development rights available to them, Certificates of Lawfulness and planning issues generally. We also deal with planning appeals, judicial reviews and other High Court Challenges as well as advising in relation to the compulsory purchase of land and compensation issues.



Finance

Our multi-disciplined Finance lawyers advise banks, private equity houses, private funders, corporates and institutions on a wide range of finance transactions, from project finance, corporate borrowing and real estate finance to acquisition finance, construction finance and inter-creditor arrangements.

Competition and State Aid

We have significant experience in advising on competition law and state aid issues, and can guide you through the legal, procedural and practical aspects of the competition law regimes and state aid rules.

Procurement

Hewitsons has substantial experience of advising on the legal aspects of all stages of the procurement process, including preparation of contract advertisements and notices, tender strategy and documentation, approaches to evaluation and scoring, and contract award challenges.

Health and Safety

Our team of lawyers can advise on the range of health and safety issues that may be faced by an Energy project, including enforcement action, and health and safety claims and compliance matters.

Dispute Resolution

Our Litigation and Dispute Resolution lawyers are highly experienced in advising on disputes. They can guide you through the litigation process in relation to Energy disputes or advise on the various alternatives to going to court, including mediation, arbitration, adjudication or early neutral evaluation.

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