



**Planning and
Environment
Law Briefing.**

Tuesday 25th June, 12.30-2pm

Lunch Briefing Event

Judicial Review and Renewable Energy Developments.

Tuesday, 25th June 2013 from 12.30pm - 2pm, The Private Dining Room, James Street South, 21 James St South, Belfast, BT2 7GA.

Speakers

William Orbinson QC, Legal Associate of the RTPI.

Gary McGhee, Partner and Head of Planning and Environment Law at Carson McDowell, Legal Associate of the RTPI.

Gary McGhee is delighted to invite you to a Planning and Environment Law lunch briefing on Tuesday the 25th June 2013.

This briefing will focus on the following topics:

Judicial Review - A Barrier to Delivering Renewable Energy? (William Orbinson QC)

As Northern Ireland's only Senior Counsel with an exclusive specialism in planning and related environmental law issues, Mr Orbinson has developed a particular specialism and interest in renewables, advising wind energy developers on all aspects of their schemes including EIA, Habitats Directive obligations, active peat, socio-economics, noise impacts and judicial review proofing, and representing the developers in the majority of post-PPS 18 wind farm appeals and in the successful Quinn judicial review.

A member of the NIRIG planning and environment committee, he has spoken at a number of offshore and onshore renewable energy conferences and seminars, and recently produced his first annual 'Renewable Energy Update', which reviews all significant legal and policy developments in the previous 12 months.

Judicial Review - A Practical Guide to Proofing Your Planning Application Against Judicial Review. (Gary McGhee, Carson McDowell)

Gary is the Partner leading the Planning and Environmental Law Team in Carson McDowell LLP. The team was created 18 years ago and now comprises four lawyers specialising exclusively in planning and environmental law.

Gary is one of the few lawyers in NI to be ranked as a band 1 lawyer in the areas of planning and environmental law by both Chambers Guide to the Legal Profession and the Legal 500.

Gary acts for most of the major on-shore wind farm operators on projects in NI and his work has included co-ordinating successful appeals of wind farm decisions at the Planning Appeals Commission. Gary is also currently acting for NIE in relation to its proposals to develop the North - South electricity inter-connector and recently advised the Port of Belfast on its successful proposal to develop a 50 acre facility for the assembly of off-shore wind turbines. Gary is also a member of EPLANI, UKELA and NIRIG.

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If you would like to attend please contact Stephen Maguire from the Carson McDowell events team at stephen.maguire@carson-mcdowell.com or by phone to Stephen Maguire on 028 90 348 815, before 5pm on Friday the 21st of June.