



Infrastructure

Efficient, integrated and reliable infrastructure is essential to support any national economy. Infrastructure is therefore a key concern of any Government worldwide. Billions of Dollars are being invested in infrastructure by Governments in the growing economies, often in partnership with the private sector. In the United Kingdom, the Government has recognised that decades of under-investment must be reversed.

Hammonds has a team of lawyers with unrivalled experience in this sector.

ESTABLISHED SECTOR EXPERIENCE

Our team advises in all areas related to infrastructure from planning, procurement, development agreements, construction, dispute avoidance/resolution, regulatory issues and the operation of infrastructure.

PROVEN TRACK-RECORD IN THE SECTOR

We act for the full range of clients including national Governments, funders, project providers, suppliers, as well as owners and operators. This places us in a unique position with a thorough understanding of the risks, liabilities and obligations of all parties in the sector.

EXTENSIVE INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

We have advised numerous clients in relation to air, road, rail and ports projects and play a key role in advising upon the issues arising on projects in the sector, seeking to manage the cost and minimise the risk to our client.

TRAINING

We can also undertake training programmes for key stakeholders in the sector. The training we provide ranges from contract procurement and formation to good project management and dispute avoidance/resolution. We also provide training in the bespoke forms of contract used in the sector, including numerous seminars on the NEC3 form of contract.

“Hammonds seems to have discovered the holy grail of top quality advice at a reasonable cost.” Legal Week Client Satisfaction Report, 2009.

RECENT TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

CLIENT	PROJECT
A major airport	Advised in relation to numerous matters including infrastructure development and maintenance, runway construction, procurement of major projects, regulatory and competition advice.
A design consortium	Advised in relation to alleged defects in the construction work for the development of the new Bangkok International Airport.

Road

An International contractor	Instructed in relation to an ICC Arbitration on the Doha expressway project in Qatar (seat Zurich).
The Homes and Communities Agency	Advised in relation to the funding and development of motorway infrastructure.
An Employer	Instructed on a dispute with the contractor, designer and project manager regarding the design and construction of improvements to a major motorway.

Ports

A port employer	Advised on the resolution of a dispute arising out of the design and construction of a ferry terminal on the east coast of England.
A port company	Instructed in connection with the planned extension of a port facility including the provision of strategic procurement advice.

Rail

A bidding consortium	Advising on the £500 million PFI to develop phase 3 of the Metrolink system in Manchester.
A leading developer of industrial and distribution facilities	Advising in relation to the DIRFT Railport at Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal.
A Rail Vehicle manufacturer	Advising in connection with its bid to supply and maintain new railway vehicles for the trans-Pennine franchise.
A Rail Vehicle manufacturer	Advising on the construction contracts for the upgrade of a number of depots throughout the UK.

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