

A photograph of three white wind turbines standing in a vast field of bright yellow flowers under a clear blue sky. The image is partially covered by a large, dark purple triangular graphic on the right side.

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# Energy, Natural Resources & Infrastructure

Specialist expert legal advice

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# How **we can help you**

We provide specialist knowledge across the energy, natural resources and infrastructure sectors.

We stay current with the latest industry developments and offer a one-stop shop legal service provider for the sector.

We work with a diverse range of clients including service operators, energy and utility suppliers, contractors, investors, developers, funders, landowners, consultants, business customers, and local authorities.

We give commercial and pragmatic advice with a “Think like a client” philosophy and end-to-end support to achieve commercial objectives. We have a key focus on cost-efficiency in this heavily regulated sector.

## Our services cover:

- Property advice (including acquisitions, disposals, site due diligence and site assembly for major schemes)
- Regulatory advice (electricity market, compulsory purchase, subsidy control, procurement)
- Commercial, construction, employment, planning, and environmental law
- Complex contractual and operational matters
- Corporate acquisitions and disposals

“They are able to work with the **detail**, but also **stand back** and see the **bigger picture**.”  
The Legal 500 2025

# How **we can help you**

## Sector Specialisms

- Onshore wind, hydrogen generation/storage, solar, battery storage
- Biomass, district heat networks, waste-to-energy, anaerobic digestion
- Natural capital trading and funding
- Credit regimes for developers and landowners
- Infrastructure funding and delivery

## Project Management

- “Whole project life” approach from inception to operation
- Covers: planning, setup, site operations, construction, finance, regulation, grid connection, commissioning, and ongoing facility operations

“**Laurence Lacey** is **highly responsive**, **open to client ideas** and able to **understand perspective** around wider **public sector risks.**”

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# Our teams can **support you with**

With extensive experience in advising on complex energy, natural resources and infrastructure projects, we appreciate their unique nature. We have outlined some of the ways, we will be able to help you but in case you have any questions which are not covered below, please get in touch.

## Energy and natural resources

Most green energy sources are renewable and have the added benefit of not producing greenhouse gas emissions or negatively impacting the environment. Our teams advise on projects across the various technologies and are adept at coordinating and managing advice that factors in our experience of the various constraints, opportunities and regulatory regime affecting the sector.

## Infrastructure

Our national infrastructure team has extensive experience advising on major strategic projects, providing legal advice for SME businesses and consortia, utility providers and the public sector in relation to major national infrastructure, for example on the delivery of new roads and other critical infrastructure.



# Commercial

Our commercial team advises on contracts and outsourcing in the energy sector; including:

- power purchase agreements
- energy supply terms and conditions, logistics
- warehousing and other form transportation agreements
- equipment purchase and leasing arrangements

Our contract law team have expertise in technology contracts and can provide specialist information technology, data protection and intellectual property advice.

# Planning

Our planning experts advise developers, statutory undertakers, landowners and local authorities in the key areas of:

- Planning
- Highways
- Compulsory purchase law for energy and infrastructure projects

We specialise in nationally significant infrastructure projects under the Planning Act 2008, covering all stages of the DCO process and providing advocacy at hearings.

"The team at  
**Clarke Willmott**  
possesses an  
**excellent knowledge  
base to provide a  
well-informed answer**  
when necessary."  
The Legal 500 2025

# Construction

The construction team has a wealth of experience in both disputes and transactional work and provides energy sector clients with full service specialist construction support including:

- procurement advice
- drafting, reviewing, advising on and negotiating EPC contracts and the associated documents
- supporting developers, contractors and sub-contractors with project management and dispute avoidance strategies
- advising on delay and extension of time disputes, payment disputes (notified sum and valuation), loss and expense claims, defects claims
- handling adjudications and enforcement action, litigation, arbitration and other forms of dispute resolution procedures

"The **Clarke Willmott** team is **solution-driven, deal-oriented** and very **proactive**."  
The Legal 500 2025

"The **construction team** assist clients with the **resolution of domestic and international disputes**, with a **particular focus on claims relating to energy projects**."  
Chambers 2026

# Commercial property

Our specialist commercial property team advises clients in relation to all property aspects of energy, natural resources and infrastructure driven projects, including:

- acquisition
- disposal
- due diligence
- options
- leases
- connection rights
- financing
- optimisation

**"Laurence Lacey is excellent at the technical issues and great to spot problems before they arise."**  
The Legal 500 2025

# Banking & finance

Our banking specialists are experienced in project financing, acting for both lenders and borrowers, including:

- negotiating loan and funding agreements (bespoke and standard form);
- settling project security over project assets, income streams and other intangible rights;
- dealing with intercreditor arrangements with third party creditors;
- advising on direct agreements; and project managing conditions precedent to the availability of funding.



# Litigation & disputes

We advise commercial clients on various contentious matters including:

- contractual disputes (for example, supply chain disputes and claims arising from Options and Promotion Agreements)
- professional negligence claims
- breach of warranty, indemnity and restrictive covenant disputes
- claims for injunctive relief including emergency interim injunctions
- arbitrations (including international and cross border claims)
- breach of confidence and intellectual property disputes
- Judicial Review
- procurement challenges
- property rights disputes (including trespass, easement and flooding)
- BNG and mitigation

# Employment

Advising on employment law matters including:

- employment contracts
- service agreements
- disputes
- redundancy and settlement agreements \*
- restructuring and reorganisation projects including TUPE compliance and collective consultation obligations.

“The **service** I get from **Clarke Willmott** is **10/10**. They are **quick** to **respond** and **very clear** in their **advice**.”

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# Corporate

Our corporate team advises developers, manufacturers, buyers, sellers, and investors across a broad range of sectors including energy, natural resources and infrastructure. We regularly advise on:

- Corporate acquisitions (including vehicles holding operating assets)
- Sales of special-purpose vehicles (SPVs)
- Development projects
- Project or corporate restructuring, reorganisations and demergers
- Joint ventures (both structural and contractual)
- Partnerships, limited liability partnerships and shareholder agreements
- Private equity transactions and investment structuring
- Corporate tax planning and compliance
- Cross-border investments and UK market entry

"They have a **can-do attitude**, with a **great understanding** of our business, which leads them to **provide strategic input**. They take a **pragmatic and transparent approach**."  
Chambers 2025

# Regulatory

Our regulatory lawyers advise on procurement and subsidy control, energy market regulation and health and safety with unrivalled expertise in working with infrastructure sites, energy projects and ports nationwide. The team focus on supporting clients to:

- minimise risk in order to maximise opportunities
- ensure that project strategy and delivery is informed right from the outset by the various regulatory constraints which apply in this heavily regulated sector

**“An excellent multi-disciplinary team offering a full range of services.”**

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