

“The team are marvellously accessible, with a wide range of expertise. They respond swiftly to our changing needs and can draw upon some thoroughly experienced members of staff. I have been impressed by their wide-ranging knowledge.”

**Chambers**

Weightmans' Environmental Defence and Advisory Service (EDAS) provides you with 24/7 access to a dedicated team of specialist environment lawyers who can:

- Represent you in relation to environmental incidents, claims and litigation
- Provide day-to-day environmental legal compliance advice
- Support you in relation to transactional matters including due diligence and advice on environmental risk.

The team can be contacted at any time of the day or night on **0345 070 1045** or by email at [environment@weightmans.com](mailto:environment@weightmans.com)



# Environmental Defence and Advisory Service

Our team of environment specialists are on hand 24/7 if things go wrong, to work with you, to protect your business.

## Environmental incidents

Being prepared for environmental incidents is crucial. Decisions and actions in the early post incident stages significantly affect the outcome, in terms of the impact on a business's reputation and the resulting legal liabilities. We can help you put in place programmes and protocols so that you are prepared for any incidents. We can also deliver bespoke training to improve awareness for both management and staff.

## Environmental advice

EDAS gives you access to our specialist environment lawyers who can help you to resolve those day-to-day compliance issues relating to waste, emissions and emissions trading, water and water pollution, permits and consents, EIA and environmental statements, producer responsibility, contaminated land, or any other environmental compliance topic. We provide advice on the application of domestic, EU and international environmental law and policy.

## Transaction support

We work with our sector focused colleagues in areas such as local government, manufacturing, built environment, utilities, transport and logistics, education and social housing to support them in advising on environmental matters that arise in the context of deals and projects they are acting on. We adopt a commercial approach to find solutions to problems and get deals and projects completed by providing expert advice on the correct application of environmental controls and requirements as well as through appropriate risk sharing strategies and mechanisms (e.g. indemnities and environmental insurance).

## Environmental claims & litigation

Whether it is an investigation and prosecution by the environmental regulators following an incident, a claim by a third party, an appeal against a notice served by the environmental regulators, or an appeal relating to an environmental permit; our team can guide you through the processes working with you to achieve a positive outcome.

“*Environment head Simon Colvin is ‘an approachable adviser’ and ‘extremely committed to his clients.’*”

## Legal 500

## Our work

We have recently worked on the following matters:

- Representing clients in relation to major environmental incidents, including water pollution, odour emissions, waste related offences and chemical spills and leaks
- Agreeing and negotiating the first civil sanction (Enforcement Undertaking) for a water pollution offence as an alternative to prosecution
- Advising operators on site closures, permit surrenders, residual contamination and remediation strategies
- Advising on the planning and environment consents required for nationally significant renewable energy projects.

Simon Colvin, Partner, leads the team of nationally recognised specialist environment lawyers.



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