



Infrastructure

The National Infrastructure Plan lays the foundations for a more structured approach to delivering infrastructure in transport, telecommunications, utilities, energy, waste and water. The Government's backing for infrastructure as an enabler of economic growth is underpinned by £5 billion additional government funding, the setting up of the Green Investment Bank to kickstart green infrastructure plus a pipeline of over 500 infrastructure projects and programmes worth £250 billion.

As leading advisers to the public and private sector we advise on projects across the range of sectors, helping our clients to deliver nationally significant infrastructure around the UK. More than just specialists in any field of law, our people are commercially aware lawyers who pride themselves on working closely with clients as part of their team delivering the country's infrastructure for the future.



HOW WE CAN HELP

Project managing complex transactions

We advised Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Councils on their joint procurement of a 25 year, £750 million waste management PFI contract. Involving joint working between three authorities in dialogue with a consortium of contractors and funders to agree over a hundred project documents, this role demanded lawyers with the ability to project manage one of the most complex procurements of its kind. The project involves the delivery of waste and renewable energy infrastructure including waste transfer stations, anaerobic digestion facilities and pre-treatment facilities producing solid recovered fuel for delivery to a purpose built multi-fuel power station.

The Walker Morris Team was drawn from disciplines across the firm and worked as part of the client's project team, guiding them through every step of the process to conclude one of the largest waste management contracts in recent years.

"We were very pleased to work with David and his Team at Walker Morris on this major project. We received excellent legal advice and practical guidance across a very wide range of legal disciplines." – BDR Legal Team

Supporting you as a trusted adviser

Walker Morris advised Arla Foods on Europe's largest purpose built dairy facility at Aylesbury. This involved advising on contracts for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the facility which included a dedicated energy management centre, and negotiating the utility provision contracts for gas, electricity and water connections. Our close and trusted relationship with the client's in-house team of lawyer, project manager and consultants was key to delivering this complex project on time.

"Walker Morris have been a key part of our Project Team thought the tendering and procurement. Right from the start, Walker Morris engaged with the Arla Team and built up a strong working relationship and detailed understanding of Arla's business and the requirements for this project. This high level of integration and knowledge of Arla's objectives ensured this stage of a very complex project was completed completely to our requirements and within time." – Arla

Value creators

Walker Morris advised Hampshire County Council on its project to bring superfast broadband to residents and businesses in rural Hampshire. A Team of specialist IT, procurement and projects lawyers provided the expertise to advise the Council on the delivery of this project using existing broadband infrastructure and contracts. By calling on a mix of expertise from across the firm Walker Morris was able to create value for the Hampshire Broadband Programme, which is anticipated to deliver faster broadband throughout rural Hampshire within three years.

"Clients enjoy working with the firm's solicitors, who are 'diligent, reliable, knowledgeable of the sector and very personable'" – Chambers



Achieving results

We advised the Oil and Pipelines Agency in relation to the award of a £60 million operation and maintenance contract for the Government Pipeline Storage System. This is the largest onshore refined oil pipeline network in the UK, with 2,000 km of pipeline connecting refineries and ocean terminals to storage depots, military airfields and airports. It supplies the majority of the aviation fuel for the military and provides around 48% of the UK's aviation fuel needs. The contract was awarded for a three year period, with the option to extend to up to two more years, and the contractor is responsible for asset management and capital project delivery in addition to operations and maintenance of the entire network.

"One of the real positives working with the Walker Morris Team was how we were able to quickly establish effective working relationships that allowed an effective and meaningful understanding of our needs with respect to contract law, resulting in practical workable solutions. And I believe we all enjoy working together on the journey to completion of our project!" – The Oil and Pipelines Agency

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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| – Accommodation | – Rail | – Telecommunications |
| – Energy | – Regeneration | – Utilities |
| – Facilities management | – Roads | – Waste |
| – Housing | – Schools | – Water |

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We offer a single site, full service commercial law firm focused on providing our clients, nationally and internationally, with partner-led, high quality advice. Our national centre of excellence in Leeds has significant advantages in terms of developing a strong, collaborative culture, with the inherent value and cost effectiveness that a Leeds base brings.

With a staff of over 450 including 48 partners, Walker Morris is uniquely recognised for its strong multi-disciplinary teamwork and straight forward advice. We offer our clients truly accessible partners who get the job right – providing partner-led advice based on their knowledge and understanding of working with individual clients.

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