

## Real estate Sports Facilities

If you are embarking on a major development project, you know how important it is to think ahead, anticipate pitfalls and find practical solutions. We have a team of more than 114 real estate lawyers with a wealth of experience in major real estate development, finance, construction and planning. Just what you need to keep you ahead of the game!

### Understanding the sector

Stadia and training grounds are one of a sports club's most valuable assets. The stadium is a fundamental part of a club's identity and its "shop front". As well as welcoming supporters it is key to attracting players and corporate investment. Training facilities define the training and development environment for players and staff and are an essential part of attracting, delivering and retaining the best talent. A club's facilities are a vital tool in the growing competition between sports clubs to attract the best.

We have an enviable track record of helping leading national and international clubs and sporting bodies realise their ambitions. We have particularly strong experience in all of the following:

- Developing and delivering estates strategies
- Site masterplanning and managing planning obligations
- Funding and development of new facilities
- Surety bonding of construction obligations
- Developing the most effective arrangements for the provision and management of facilities
- Advising on ground sharing arrangements
- Construction dispute resolution
- Delivering innovative strategies to exploit surplus property assets to release value and to secure income

### Our real estate team

**Size:** with a total of more than 114 lawyers, including 20 partners, we are one of the largest real estate teams in the UK. That strength means we select hand picked teams dedicated to supporting and building strong relationships with each of our clients.

**Breadth of service:** we provide the full range of real estate services, including:

- All types of acquisitions and disposals
- Property finance
- Investment
- Property management
- Development
- Joint ventures
- Construction contracts
- Construction disputes
- Planning
- Environmental
- Health and safety
- Property litigation
- Property tax and structures

**Project teams:** the size of our real estate practice means that we are quickly able to create dedicated teams to deal with complex and multi-property transactions.

**Client base:** we act for leading private and public sector institutions across the country in connection with all types of transactions involving real estate. Our practice includes landowners, developers, investors, borrowers and funders giving us an unrivalled insight and breadth of experience.

**National focus:** the nature of our clients means that we deal with real estate across the length and breadth of England and Wales.



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## Project highlights and experience

- Advising on numerous aspects of the construction and preparation for the **2012 Olympics** including working closely with the **Olympic Delivery Authority** with respect to delivery of the Main Stadium, the Aquatics Centre and the Warm Up Track.
- Acting for **Norwich City Football Club** on all aspects of the **Carrow Road** redevelopment including the masterplanning of the site, site acquisition and disposal of surplus land, construction of the stadium and letting of commercial areas.
- Acting for the **University of Cambridge** in relation to the construction of its world class Sports Centre.
- Advising **Arsenal Football Club** on construction and real estate matters for the **Emirates Stadium** project.
- Acting for a contractor in the redevelopment of the iconic **Liverpool Football Club** Kop.
- Advising on the financing and start-up of **Chelmsford City Racecourse**.
- Acting for **Bolton Wanderers Football Club** on the redevelopment of the **Macron Stadium**.
- Advising on the development of the RIBA award winning **Kirklees Stadium** in Huddersfield.
- Construction dispute resolution related to the **Emirates Arena, Glasgow** constructed for the **2012 Commonwealth Games**
- Advising contractors on the design and construction of elements of **Wembley Stadium** as well advice on the surety bonding of construction obligations.
- Acting for **London Borough of Hounslow** on the funding and redevelopment of Heston Park including the provision of gymnasium, sports hall and swimming pool.
- Advising on extensions to **Villa Park**.
- Acting for a funder in connection with the development of the **Manchester Velodrome**.
- Principal advisor to a number of **leading global thoroughbred breeding organisations** on new acquisition of bloodstock farm, investment assets breeding and racing related matters.

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“‘On a par with the best City firms’, Mills & Reeve has ‘a comprehensive understanding of commercial property and investments’ which it delivers in an ‘incredibly knowledgeable and efficient’ manner.”

*Chambers UK*

“Mills & Reeve LLP’s ‘best-in-class’ real estate team ... providing consistently outstanding construction service’.”

*Legal 500*

“GreaterSport have worked with Mills & Reeve for the last two years and found the relationship to be positive and beneficial. A key factor in this success has been Mills & Reeve’s forward thinking, expertise/knowledge, customer service and ability to provide the right legal advice to a variety of questions posed.”

*Matthew Johnson, Deputy CEO, GreaterSport*

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