

*We don't believe in law as usual  
For us, law is inspiring...*

## *Our story*

A number of years ago, we decided that we could change the way legal services are delivered. That we could do them better. At gunnercooke, we believe the potential of our clients and our people rests with our ability to free the law and make it work as it should. Today, we attract passionate lawyers and advise with authority: every gunnercooke lawyer has a minimum 10,000 hours practising experience.

Flexibility, transparency and freedom guide everything we do. Flexibility for our people to work how they want. Transparency of cost for our clients because we removed time recordings and billable hours. Freedom for our people and clients to achieve their personal and professional aspirations.

We work with clients that believe tradition is there to be tested, not obeyed. Working together, we help them seek opportunities and push the boundaries of what's possible.

Providing a suite of corporate and commercial legal services, gunnercooke is one of the UK's fastest-growing challenger brands. Proud of what we have achieved, committed to doing more.

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## *Robert Ashworth*

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### **Overview**

#### **What he's best at**

Robert specialises in providing clear, practical solutions to clients' real estate issues. He has specialised in commercial real estate for over twenty-five years. Robert is extremely focused on working with clients to tune the finer details of what makes a project commercially viable. He predominantly advises on the management of property portfolios, their planning and development, funding, environmental issues and planning.

### **Who he works for**

- Developers
- Owners
- Corporate occupiers

### **Testimonials**

"One of the few practical and commercial property lawyers with the knowledge and experience to last." - Julian Wrigley, Omega Northwest, formerly of GMPTE

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### **Experience highlights**

- Ports and Harbours, Refineries – Depots –Airport supply –Offices.
- Products – Lubricants, Commercial fuel sales, bunkering agreements, aviation supply agreements, Card Sales and fuel supply agreements to motorway service areas and forecourts through national dealer/retailer networks.
- Interface with management and projects in USA, Europe, Africa and Asia and other economies (for instance sale of Polish and Greek business).
- Managing Petrol Filling Station (PFS) purchase, sales and leasing through site swaps with other Oil companies and Retailing Groups with consequential agreements relating to fuel supply to no Texaco sites and vice versa through bulk site supply and distribution agreements.
- PFS site management including Health and Safety, Environmental Compliance – COMAH etc.

### **Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive and Authority**

- Member of Strategy Group for Property acquisition policy for Metrolink Project dealing with acquisition from all parties, individuals, companies, 7 local authorities, Manchester Airport Group and Developers generally.
- Dealing with all aspects of land acquisition for Phases 1, 2 and 3 including Compulsory Purchase, purchase by consent under threat of CPO, obtaining land owners and developers capital contributions to the projects based on their own assets enhanced value due to presence of the new transport system.
- Dealing with Land Contributions by local Developers and integrating this value into the submissions to central government into the funding application.
- Acquiring rights for the construction of two new tram bridges over the Bridgewater and Manchester Ship Canal taking account of owner's requirements, statute and consequential requirements of the Harbour Master.
- Oldham/Rochdale link – negotiations with Network rail for comprehensive transfer of heavy rail system to the PTE with consequential amendments to land holdings and signalling systems.
- Acquisition and construction issues arising for new station at Horwich Parkway dealing with Network Rail and owner of Horwich Out of Town Shopping complex adjacent to Bolton Football Club.