

Chatura Saravanan

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Chatura has a wide-ranging practice in planning and environmental law, having completed her specialist pupillage in this area in October 2025. She has experience of working with local authorities and private clients representing and/or advising on various planning issues. Full details of her experience can be found below.

Before beginning her career at the Bar, Chatura worked as a paralegal at Town Legal, where she helped advise clients on various areas of planning including, material change of use, permitted development rights, lawful implementation of planning permissions, judicial review and s.288 review procedures, and enforcement. She also has experience of reviewing s.106 agreements, both unilateral and bilateral, and reviewing technical proofs.

Chatura has a degree in Chemical Engineering (MEng) Hons, following which she chose to undertake a law conversion having enjoyed studying negligence and environmental law as part of her engineering degree. She completed her GDL and BVS at City, University of London with a scholarship from the Inner Temple for her BVS.

Expertise

Planning and Environment

Planning Enforcement

Chatura has been instructed to advise on various matters relating to planning enforcement. Recent instructions include:

- Advising and representing a local planning authority in an ongoing prosecution resulting from breach of an enforcement notice
- Advising a client on tactical steps in anticipation of prosecution and potential arguments in defence
- Advising on the most appropriate enforcement options for a local planning authority seeking to remedy a specific breach

As part of her pupillage, Chatura has assisted with written advice on enforcement options relating to minerals works and she has attended a number of planning enforcement appeals.

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Planning inquiries

Chatura has experience working on several planning inquiries led by senior barristers. Recent inquiries she has acted on include:

- Land at Royal Hill Road, Derby (**APP/C1055/W/24/3356476**): Successfully represented the Appellant, led by Christopher Young KC, on an up to 90 dwelling development in Derby. Issues in the appeal included interpretation of policies relating to “Green Wedges”, landscape, and affordable housing.
- Tidcombe Hall, Tiverton (**APP/Y1138/W/24/3358001**): Successfully represented the Appellant, led by Satnam Choongh, on an up to 100 dwelling development in Mid-Devon. Issues in the appeal included interpretation of planning policies relating to settlement boundaries, heritage issues, and landscape impacts.

Chatura has observed various planning appeals during her pupillage, including a solar farm appeal. She has also participated in the Planning and Environmental Bar Association marshalling scheme where she marshalled with a Planning Inspector on an inquiry for a residential development.

General planning

Chatura has assisted with written work on a range of planning law issues during her pupillage. Some examples of her work include:

- Drafted advice on a complex multi-phased development where *Hillside* issues were at risk of arising
- Drafted advice on prospects of statutory review following on from an Inspector’s decision letter

During the first half of her pupillage, Chatura completed several written exercises including:

- Drafted advice on the prospects of securing an injunction as a form of planning enforcement action
- Drafted advice on the interpretation of specific terms in the GPDO legislation

Personal Injury

Chatura is actively building a personal injury practice. As a part of her pupillage, Chatura has attended RTA trials and hearings through which she has been exposed to issues such as liability disputes, calculation of quantum for injuries, and credit hire.

Accreditations

- Exhibition Scholarship from The Honourable Society of Inner Temple

Memberships

- The Honourable Society of Inner Temple
- Planning and Environment Bar Association (PEBA)
- UK Environmental Law Association (UKELA)

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Qualifications

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- Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL) – City, University of London
- Chemical Engineering MEng (Hons) – University of Bath

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