


Public matters - May 2019

This month includes freedom of information, housing regeneration, Alexander Kuznetsov and London Borough of Camden, EU regulation standard form public procurement notices, expert evidence, child care and immigration, conflicts of interest, information law update, and environmental law.

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Responding to requests under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 may be both time consuming and costly for public authorities to manage. Hannah Payne looks at three cases that should assist public authorities in considering the appropriate response to freedom of information requests that cause the greatest burden.

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Karl Edwards outlines some of the key consultation requirements that a local authority should consider when looking to regenerate housing, and additional considerations in London.

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Kassra Powles looks at the Alexander Kuznetsov and London Borough of Camden case, which serves as a reminder of the fundamental elements of a property sale contract and the risks of unintentionally exchanging contracts.

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[New EU regulation to establish standard form public procurement notices](#)

The European Commission has published the draft implementing regulation and new standard form notices, which will be instrumental in the digital transformation of public procurement. Lucy Gregory summarises the key changes.

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The law in relation to expert evidence is not straightforward. Nichola Evans takes us through the major issues that may arise.

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