

I have worked with Ray Ashall for over 20 years and have found his ability to be exceptional and he has been successful in achieving a satisfactory planning outcome at all times where there was a chance of success available.

Ray initially worked for me when I was founder and CEO of Tom Cobleigh plc, whereby we built large public houses, sometimes on brownfield and Greenfield sites. In addition we undertook extensive alterations on a significant number of other public houses that we aquired. Within 4 years we built over 30 new pubs from the ground and significantly invested in a further 30. We during this period operated with Ray as the sole planning advisor responsible for liaising and submitting all planning applications with exceptional success.

Following on from Tom Cobleigh, Ray undertook a similar role for me as Chair and joint founder of Leapfrog Day Nurseries through which we built over 42 new nurseries throughout the UK.

Further To this I have personally used Ray for many of my own projects which have encompassed sensitive planning issues in greenbelt and conservation areas.

It somewhat speaks for itself that Ray is still my first and in fact only choice planning consultant that I would use after so many years working together.

Ray has an ability of finding a way to get it done and has the ability to advise how often required compromise may be necessary without undermining the end result. He is not frightened of telling you what you need to do to succeed.

I wholly endorse a recommendation for Ray to be chosen as a Town Planner and Planning Consultant.

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