

# Neighbourly Matters

## COVID-19 Lockdown



Lichfields has introduced a new Neighbourly Matters team delivering sector-leading natural lighting expertise. The team provides clear, succinct and pragmatic advice. We are adept at informing the design process, mitigating impacts and optimising development quantum to unlock your site's potential. In light of COVID-19 restrictions we have put in place new working practices for our assessment models so we can work remotely with clients and design teams to develop strategies in live collaboration.

### Lockdown challenges

- Scheme design delays
- Difficulties undertaking site due-diligence works
- Liaison with Planning Officers
- Public consultation

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### Getting ahead

#### Daylight and Sunlight:

We work closely with architects, developers, EIA consultants, local planning authorities and residents; providing clear and succinct natural lighting advice and reports. Our ethos is to provide practical advice on a development's effect on neighbouring buildings, open spaces and on road and rail traffic.

We are adept at optimising natural lighting within proposed schemes and neighbouring buildings. From initial façade and overview advice to detailed internal daylight mapping, we provide practical guidance on developments of all scale ranging from residential extensions to strategic masterplans.

#### Rights to Light:

Standing outside the planning process, rights to light can have a significant effect on a site's potential. Early analysis and strategic advice can reduce or remove rights issues. Working with designers, developers or advising neighbours we are experienced in providing strategies and undertaking neighbourly negotiations to guide parties through this often challenging issue.

### How can Lichfields assist?

We are leading the way during the current challenges imposed by COVID-19 through hosting live design workshops and interactive daylight and sunlight testing. This capability means that our technical analyses and design inputs are moved to remote sessions in the virtual environment. Clients and architects can view and interact with our assessment models and we can run analyses and develop mitigation and enhancement strategies live. Our services include:

- Daylight;
- Sunlight;
- Permanent overshadowing;
- Transient overshadowing;
- Sun on ground;
- Solar reflection/ glare;
- Rights to light, and;
- Professional opinion reports

Early daylight, sunlight and rights to light analysis and advice can significantly improve scheme delivery timeframes and remove issues which may prevent planning consent or scheme development.

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