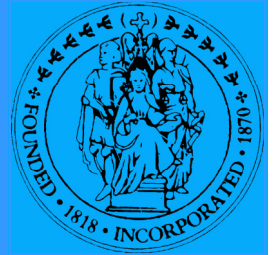


# Searches and Enquiries - What Do The Answers Mean And What Should You Look Out For?

**Date:** Friday 24th of September 2010  
**Time:** 1.30pm to 4.45pm to include a 15 minute break  
**Venue:** Birmingham Law Society, Cornwall Buildings, 45-51 Newhall Street, Birmingham, B3 3QR  
**CPD:** 3 hours Accredited by the SRA  
**Fee:** £99 plus VAT for members, £115 plus VAT for non-members



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**Why Attend?** Every conveyancer wants to receive a 'clean local search'. However the phrase can be meaningless and there is much more to it than meets the eye. The same goes for certain standard enquiries that are raised.

This seminar is presented by John Hughes, a planning lawyer of 40 years and Hannah Mackinlay who has many years experience in conveyancing. The session will take a close look at what the replies to a local search mean; where the warning signs are that there may be something wrong; and examines the key points on the 'usual enquiries' that have to be watched for. John and Hannah will be looking at planning, building control, enforcement and other local search questions - what you should get and what you don't want to see! The speakers will also consider certain other issues raised in enquiries that cause problems for conveyancers such as chancel liability, carbon reduction commitment, EPCs, etc. Few solicitors are experts on such matters and the speakers will explain the key points that have to be considered.

## Speakers:

**John Hughes:** John is Director of The John Hughes Law Practice, which he founded in 2000 as a specialist planning practice. He has practised in this area of law for some 40 years; for twenty of those years as a Solicitor in various senior positions in local government, and since 1990 in private practice. He has acted for numerous public and private clients ranging from the former Black Country Development Corporation, the Commission for New Towns, and local authorities, to Plc's, small to medium businesses, developers, and householders, in planning and property-related matters. He was a consultee in the previous Government's "modernising planning" agenda. In 2004 John was awarded the accolade of Sole Practitioner of the Year in the Birmingham Law Society awards, and in 2009 his firm was voted Birmingham Law Firm of the Year in the category of 15 partners and under.

**Hannah Mackinlay:** Hannah has over 25 years experience dealing with commercial property gained at senior or partner level with firms such as Pinsents, Putsmans and Shoosmiths. She has also worked for local authorities. In addition to acting for major landowners, local authorities, development agencies, national house builders, banks, building societies and PLCs, she has also dealt with high street commercial leases and small developers. In 1995, Hannah obtained a Masters Degree in Environmental Law. For the last 5 years, Hannah has delivered hundreds of seminars for a variety of training providers. Her seminars are informal and interactive and are often combined with additional material including interviews with experts.

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