

Agriculture and Estates *Law*

Protecting
your family, business
and future

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As a farmer or a landowner, you need a lawyer who knows and understands the agricultural industry inside and out.

Birkett Long is one of the few law firms in East Anglia with a dedicated team of specialist agriculture solicitors. Our expertise spans all aspects of rural law, property, and agri-business. We are here to address any issues you might face with expertise and insight.

We recognise the unique challenges and demands you face in the agricultural sector. Our Agriculture and Estates solicitors provide practical, proactive advice tailored to support your business - whether it's safeguarding your assets, navigating succession planning, or managing property matters, such as complex title issues, easements, overage agreements, or land registration.

This brochure offers an overview of our legal services, including land and property law, business and employment law, compliance, and estate planning.

Let us help you protect your business and ensure its future success.

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Unique legal challenges for farmers and proactive legal planning

Farming partnerships are more complex than they might seem due to significant capital assets. At Birkett Long, we collaborate with accountants and land agents to ensure your partnership agreements, wills, and land portfolios align seamlessly. Proactive legal planning is essential to managing these intricate relationships and preserving your assets over the long term.

Succession planning is another critical aspect of running a family farm. Effective succession planning safeguards the farm's assets and ensures business continuity for future generations. Our legal experts help structure your farm operations to facilitate smooth transitions and maintain the farm's viability.

With a rich history of assisting farming families, Birkett Long provides expert advice to navigate these challenges. Our approach ensures that your farming business is protected and prepared for the future, helping you address legal complexities, including property management and succession planning, and secure your farm's legacy.



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An aerial photograph showing a combine harvester in the process of harvesting a field of green crops. The harvester is positioned in the upper left, with its grain elevator extended towards a blue truck and a trailer filled with harvested grain. The field is divided into rows, and the harvested grain is visible in the trailer. The text "Dedicated to offering proactive advice" is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font.

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Private Client Legal Services

Succession planning for farming families

Succession planning is vital for securing the future of a family farm. We provide expert assistance in structuring wills, trusts, and partnerships to ensure a seamless transition of ownership. Our proactive approach helps preserve your farm's legacy for the next generation.

Making a will for farming families

Farming families face unique challenges when creating wills due to the complexity of managing agricultural assets. Our specialists craft tailored wills that address these complexities, ensuring your assets are distributed according to your wishes and protecting the future of your farm.

Why every farmer should have a lasting power of attorney

A Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) is crucial for farmers. It ensures that if you become incapacitated, someone you trust can make decisions about your farm and personal care. This essential step safeguards the continuity of your farm operations and personal affairs.

Planning future care

Planning for future care can be emotionally challenging. We offer guidance on arranging care for yourself or loved ones, collaborating with independent financial advisers to create a comprehensive long-term care plan that meets your needs.

Farming Partnerships: Navigating complexity and ensuring success

We are dedicated to offering proactive advice to safeguard your farm and its legacy, addressing all legal complexities - whether it's managing succession, property matters, or operational concerns - and ensuring your ongoing success.

‘Birkett Long LLP excels at handling diversification schemes within the agriculture sector such as renewable energy projects and commercial leases. Further to this, the team routinely advises on taxes and succession planning issues.’



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Sustainability & renewable energy for farmers

We understand the growing importance of sustainability in the agricultural sector. Our team can assist in drafting your business sustainability plan, ensuring your business aligns with environmental expectations. We offer guidance on employment matters, terms and conditions of business, and navigating environmental regulations, including permits for waste management and contamination prevention.

Additionally, we provide advice on leasing land for renewable energy projects such as solar panels, wind turbines, and battery storage. We assist with carbon offsetting, Biodiversity Net Gain agreements, and ensuring your farm remains compliant and profitable in light of these sustainable practices.

‘My experience of the agricultural and estates team is that the service they provide is very personal and bespoke to individual requirements.’



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Services are *designed*
to address the specific
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Agricultural Sales, Acquisitions, and Property Agreements

Birkett Long provides specialist legal advice and support on:

- Sales and acquisitions of farm property and farmland
- Third party funding and refinancing
- Overage, promotion, option and pre-emption agreements
- Tenancies, including farm business/common law and residential tenancies
- Commercial leases
- Easements, licences, and wayleaves
- Registration of unregistered land
- Dealing with complex title issues

With expertise in handling complex property and land use matters, our team assists at every stage - from initial reviews and negotiations to finalising sales, purchases, and strategic development opportunities. We advise on securing fair compensation, protecting your legal interests, and ensuring all agreements are tailored to meet your objectives. Whether you are buying, selling, restructuring, or exploring diversification projects, our team provides practical, commercially focused solutions. By partnering with Birkett Long, you can confidently navigate the expansion and protection of your agricultural assets.

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