

Dyne Solicitors (Text Version)

About Dyne Solicitors Limited:

Dyne Solicitors Limited, based in the north-west of England, are leading experts in these specialist areas:

- Consultancy for the road haulage industry
- Drink-driving and drugs at work
- Environmental
- Air
- Land
- Water
- Health and safety
- Minerals
- Planning and highways
- Road transport law
- Waste management
- Wind energy

Our innovative thinking and proactive approach ensure the best possible result for each of our clients.

Consultancy for the road haulage industry

At Dyne Solicitors, we offer consultancy to the road haulage industry aimed at operator compliance. Licensing requirements are a key consideration.

Our consultancy service to the road haulage industry builds on our extensive experience in acting for and defending road haulage operators in regulatory law-related prosecutions - principally road traffic, environmental and health and safety.

We also represent operators, transport managers and drivers at disciplinary public inquiries.

Using our road haulage consultancy service will give you peace of mind, while providing a time and cost-effective way to eliminate compliance-related investigations and disciplinary or enforcement action and prosecutions.

For more information on our **road haulage consultancy service**, please **contact us**.

Drink-driving and drugs at work legal services

Dyne Solicitors recognise that drink-driving and drugs at work are serious health and safety issues that no business can afford to ignore.

We understand the problems that a drink-driving conviction can cause for an employer, from losing a top driver to the potential loss of livelihood in a small operation.

Statistics show that any business concerned with occupational driving needs to be aware of and prepared for this issue:

- In 2004 96,238 people were convicted of drink driving in England and Wales
- A 2006 YouGov poll found that one in ten male road users said they had, or might have, driven for business while over the legal alcohol limit.

We can provide practical and timely advice for business owners and managers on a range of drink-driving and motoring offence issues.

Drugs at work represent another problem that employers need to anticipate. It is illegal for a driver to be under the influence of drugs while driving, attempting to drive or when in charge of a vehicle but drug misuse in any work context can lead to absenteeism, reduced productivity and increased risk of accidents, as well as potentially damaging your worker's health.

We can advise on proactive measures to protect your business from drink and drug abuse, including substance misuse policies. In this way, individuals stay safe and your business is less likely to be adversely affected.

Our drink-driving and drugs at work legal services include

- Advice on breath and blood tests and the accuracy of readings
- Advice on the legality of arrests and what to do at the police station, including the right to silence
- Defence-related advocacy in the Magistrates Court
- Advice on disciplinary action and employee dismissals
- Advice on employers' responsibilities under health and safety legislation, including risk assessments and supervision of drivers
- Drawing up comprehensive occupational driving policies
- Drafting and implementing a clear and comprehensive policy for your business on drug and alcohol misuse

For more information on our **drink-driving and drugs at work legal services**, please **contact us**.

Environmental legal services: air

At Dyne Solicitors, our environmental legal services for air issues include advising on Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC) permitting and defending prosecutions concerning air pollution and breach of consents.

We can advise operators on the interaction between planning and IPPC regimes and negotiate on their behalf with regulators.

Our air-related environmental legal services include

- IPPC permitting for processes
- Defending air pollution cases
- Defending breaches of consents

For more information on our **environmental legal services**, please **contact us**.

Environmental legal services: land

At Dyne Solicitors, our environmental legal services for land issues include advising on regulatory requirements and permitting, to help our clients avoid common pitfalls and the risk of prosecution.

We also advise on the interaction of regulatory regimes, which is particularly important in redeveloping brownfield sites and contaminated land.

We are experienced in the purchase, leasing and sale of “difficult” sites, using our comprehensive knowledge of regulations concerning the ownership and development of contaminated land.

We work to provide innovative solutions to maximise the potential of land assets.

Our land-related environmental legal services include

- Planning advice
- Liaison with environmental consultants
- Liaison with environmental insurance brokers
- Negotiations with lenders and funders
- Sale and acquisition of sites
- Warranties and insurance

For more information on our **environmental legal services**, please **contact us**.

Environmental legal services: water

At Dyne Solicitors, we recognised that water-related environmental law is a major issue for many of our clients.

We act in numerous cases involving prosecutions in connection with water pollution and breach of discharge consents.

We have experience in the operation of water treatment plants and can offer comprehensive criminal litigation support in this specialist area.

Our water-related environmental legal services include

- Defending water pollution prosecutions brought under the Water Resources Act
- Defending breach of consent prosecutions brought under the Water Resources Act and the Water Industry Act
- Advising on legal environmental issues relating to water treatment
- Advising on legal environmental issues relating to slurry and sewage sludge spreading

For more information on our **environmental services**, please **contact us**.

Health and safety legal services

Dyne Solicitors are specialists in providing health and safety legal services to sectors including demolition, transport, plant and mobile crane operations, processing plants and quarries.

We can provide prompt and timely support immediately following a health and safety incident and assist in accident investigations.

We are particularly experienced in issues involving fly rock – rock propelled from a blast area by the force of an explosion – and other industrial accidents and have acted in a number of defended cases.

Dyne Solicitors work with health and safety consultants in the north-west of England and promote and organise regular health and safety consultancy meetings.

We also support a proactive approach to companies on health and safety issues by providing in-house training for senior managers.

Our health and safety legal services include

- Advising on health and safety systems and record keeping
- Carrying out legal audits and advice on monitoring and auditing systems
- Appealing on your behalf against “stop” and “improvement” notices
- Assisting you immediately after a health and safety incident

- Assisting you with accident investigation
- Representing you in any court in which criminal proceedings may be brought
- Providing in-house training for directors and managers

For more information on our **health and safety legal services**, please **contact us**.

Minerals legal services

Dyne Solicitors is one of only a handful of UK law firms with specialist experience in the minerals sector.

We have extensive experience in all aspects of minerals and related matters and have provided legal services to landowners and leading mineral development companies for many years.

We work closely with land and mineral agents to achieve satisfactory results for our clients. Our additional expertise in health and safety, road haulage and environmental law provides considerable added value for our clients and allows us to provide a one stop legal service to businesses working in the minerals industry.

Our minerals legal services include

- Expertise in coal, sand, gravel, clay, roadstone and industrial minerals
- Granting or taking options for freehold or leasehold interests
- Mineral planning, appeals and inquiries
- Negotiations with mineral planning authorities
- Mineral sterilisation claims
- Supply agreements for aggregates
- Leases of land for added-value products
- Easements and rights of way
- Plant site leases
- After use agreements and redevelopment

For more information on our **minerals legal services**, please **contact us**.

Planning and highways legal services

Our planning team at Dyne Solicitors has a wealth of legal experience in planning and highways issues.

Whether you are seeking professional legal advice on the submission of a planning application, require representation at a public inquiry or compulsory purchase appeal, or need experts with specialist knowledge of highways law, we can help.

Our particular expertise in minerals, waste, road haulage and environmental planning law supports our knowledge and expertise of planning and highways law, providing clients seeking assistance on such issues with a single source legal service.

Our planning legal services include

- Advice on submission of planning applications
- Advice on submission of environmental settlements
- Negotiating planning conditions
- Drafting planning obligations
- Planning appeals by written representation or public inquiry
- Appeals against planning contravention notices
- Appeals against environmental notices
- Compulsory purchase, compensation and lands tribunals
- Highways law - promotion, diversion and stopping up
- High Court appeals and judicial reviews

For more information on our **planning and highways legal services**, please **contact us**.

Road transport legal services

At Dyne Solicitors, we understand the legal issues affecting the road transport industry.

As well as our extensive knowledge and experience of road transport legislation, we can draw on almost 20 years' close involvement with the road haulage industry and industry associations and institutes.

We have links with organisations including the Heavy Transport Association, the Environmental and Sustainable Transport Alliance, the Institute of Transport Administration and the Road Haulage Association.

Because we understand the legal problems and issues affecting the road transport industry, we focus on the key issues and deal with them swiftly and effectively.

Our road transport legal services include

- Defending all types of prosecutions brought against the haulage industry
- Operator licensing, planning and environmental issues
- Agricultural appliances
- Health and safety and environmental issues
- Advising on compliance with operators' licence requirements and best practice
- Representing operators and drivers at public inquiries and disciplinary hearings before the traffic commissioner
- Vehicle excise duty problems
- Challenging decisions and determinations by Customs and Excise
- International carriage of goods by road (CMR)
- Advice on liens and conditions of carriage and general commercial work
- Special Orders, STGO (Road Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types)) and general abnormal load issues
- Crown and High Court Appeals and judicial reviews
- Fuel rebate (red diesel) claims by Customs and Excise
- Training for directors, managers and drivers

For more information on our **road transport legal services**, please **contact us**.

Waste management legal services

At Dyne Solicitors, we offer a comprehensive waste management legal service.

Waste management and disposal is a particularly sensitive issue, due to its potential environmental impact, which has experienced extensive and rapid legislative change at both UK and European Union levels.

Our expert knowledge of this complex area embraces both understanding of technical issues and the market forces that drive the industry.

Our waste management legal services are supported by our expert knowledge of landfill, waste transfer and skip operations and associated environmental, health and safety and transport issues, offering an integrated response to clients within the sector.

Our waste management legal services include

- Defence of all offences under the Environmental Protection Act 1990
- Waste Management Licensing Regulations 1994 and exemptions
- Waste management licensing
- Health and safety risk assessment and legal audits
- Environmental risk assessment and legal audits
- Waste planning appeals and inquiries (including advocacy)
- Cross-border shipment of waste
- White and brown goods and waste electrical and electronic equipment

For more information on our **waste management legal services**, please **contact us**.

Wind energy legal services

Dyne Solicitors specialise in legal services to the fast-growing wind energy sector, working with both national developers and landowners.

We provide advice and legal support in negotiating agreements for the location and operation of wind turbines or wind farms and related commercial property legal work.

We also specialise in negotiating easements for electricity cables and access rights, for offshore developments as well as wind farms on land.

We have considerable experience in dealing on behalf of developers with large groups of landowners and in advising on commons rights and their implications for wind farm development.

Our wind energy legal services include

- Options and leases for wind farms
- Negotiation of access rights
- Agreements regarding common land
- Easements and wayleaves for cables
- Planning advice
- Advice on the transport of wind turbines

For more information on our **wind energy legal services**, please **contact us**.

Ecolaw

Ecolaw is an online service uniting Ecologists with people requiring ecological services across the UK and Ireland. Dyne Solicitors Limited work with Richards, Moorehead and Laing Limited (RML), to provide this service.

The website www.ecolaw.org.uk enables you to access a comprehensive database of UK and Irish protected species, the legislation which applies to each one, and potential mitigation to assist in situations where the species may prove an issue.

If you are an ecologist, it also enables you to put your CV in front of developers who may be faced with ecological issues and to publish your case studies and papers.

If you are a land manager, planner or developer, it will ensure that you are compliant with ecological law well in advance of any work you may consider undertaking.

For more information on our **ecolaw services**, please **contact us**.

Agriculture and rural affairs

We work with clients from a wide cross-section of agricultural and rural enterprises and offer wide-ranging expertise in this specialist area.

Our experience means that we understand the challenges facing farmers, landowners and other rural businesses in the current economic climate and the opportunities offered by diversification of land and property.

With our team's expertise ranging from property transactions and planning advice to transport and logistics operations and from rights of way to wind farms and health & safety, we offer a comprehensive portfolio of services of value to rural businesses.

Legal services relevant to agricultural and rural issues include:

- Aggregates and minerals
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- Agricultural and commercial land and property transactions
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- Easements
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- Energy and natural resources, including wind farms
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- Environmental and ecology law
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- Planning advice
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- Rights of way, including diversion and maintenance issues
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- Water pollution issues.
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- Agricultural Waste and Landfill
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- Use of rebated fuel
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- Health & Safety
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- Haulage and animal welfare
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- Operator Licensing
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- Employment

For more information on our **agricultural and rural affairs legal services**, please **contact us**.

Employment

Frequent changes to legislation make employment law a complex and challenging area, so expert assistance is essential in taking timely and effective action to deal with employment issues.

Our employment team will provide expert advice designed to prevent problems before they arise and identify the best way to deal quickly and effectively with any existing issues.

We can assist in both contentious and non-contentious legal issues, covering all aspects of employment relationships.





















Whether our client is an employer or employee, they benefit from our wide-ranging knowledge and experience and from our practical approach to solving problems.

Our employment legal services include:

- Contracts of employment
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- Discrimination and harassment
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- Dismissals
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- Employing immigrant workers
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- Employment tribunals
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- Review and drafting of employment policies and procedures.

For more information on our **employment legal services**, please **contact us**.

Downloads

-  [Guide to Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations](#)
-  [Transport Tips - Maintenance](#)
-  [Audit - Driver Defect Reporting](#)
-  [Audit - Safety Inspections](#)
-  [Driver Defect Reporting - Central Register](#)
-  [Legal Services provided by Dyne Solicitors Limited](#)
-  [EA & HSE Powers & Rights](#)
-  [Basic Guidance for Maintenance of Vehicles](#)
-  [Planning at DSL](#)
-  [DfT Road Transport Sector Working Time Guidance](#)
-  [Briefing - Road Transport Working Time Regulations](#)
-  [3 Golden Rules](#)
-  [The new Hazardous Waste Regulations](#)
-  [Contaminated Land](#)
-  [Wind Farms - Addressing Landowners Concerns](#)
-  [DSL Standard Terms of Business](#)
-  [Drivers Handbook 2007](#)
-  [DFT & VOSA Drivers Hours Rules](#)
-  [Draft BSA Rules](#)
-  [VOSA Guide to Maintaining Roadworthiness](#)

For more information on our **downloads**, please **contact us**.

Useful Links

Below we have listed some other websites that carry information relevant to our areas of expertise. We hope that you find them useful.

-  [Heavy Transport Association \(HTA\)](#)
-  [Institute of Transport Administration \(IoTA\)](#)
-  [Road Haulage Association \(RHA\)](#)

Events Calendar

Venue: Dyne Solicitors Limited, Tattenhall

[Click here for events](#)

Latest News

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