

UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

District Heat Networks

From concept to delivery - managing risk and complexity throughout

Developing a successful district heat network means aligning energy, strategy, planning, land, stakeholders and regulation from day one. We reduce risk, unlock consents and drive projects seamlessly from concept all the way through to operation.

Savills works with local authorities, developers, operators, investors and landowners to deliver low-carbon heat networks with confidence, providing expert advice at each stage of the process.

What makes us different?

- **Integrated expertise:** energy, planning, land and valuation in one team
- **End-to-end support:** from feasibility through to consent, delivery and expansion
- **Proven track record:** advising public and private sector clients across the UK
- **Policy and market insight:** Savills research provides up-to-date policy and market knowledge

Why choose us

We're here to help people thrive through places and spaces.

No matter the project or service, you can always expect four key things from us:



Be heard: If it matters to you, it matters to us. We take the time to listen to your unique needs and aspirations.



Be challenged: We're not afraid to question the status quo and always give our honest, informed opinion.



Be empowered: You make smarter decisions when you have the right advice at your fingertips.



Be partners: You get the best results when we work as one, collaborating to build personal, lasting relationships.

Our role in supporting you

Energy strategy & early feasibility

- Viable heat sources and network design options
- Alignment with local heat demand, zoning and policy objectives
- Early-stage feasibility and option testing

Planning and consenting

We shape planning strategies that reflect national policy, local development plans and site-specific opportunities, including:

- Planning and consenting pathway identification
- Early engagement with local authorities and statutory consultees
- Management of full or phased applications
- Advice on alternative delivery routes, including Local Development Orders

Our focus is on early risk identification, reducing delays and supporting robust consent outcomes.

Technical and delivery advice

Working alongside engineers and technical teams, we're here to advise you on:

- Connection design and feasibility
- Responding to emerging regulatory market requirements

Helping you overcome technical and operational challenges as projects move into delivery.

Land assembly and rights

We can secure the route efficiently and proportionately by:

- Ownership and constraint investigations
- Landowner and occupier engagement
- Negotiation of access, wayleaves, easements and long-term rights

Where necessary, we advise on statutory powers and compulsory purchase processes, supporting compliant and proportionate acquisition strategies.

Programme coordination and risk management

Acting as your coordinated partner across energy, planning and land, we provide:

- Clear reporting and programme management
- Risk identification and mitigation
- Practical, delivery-focused advice at each stage

This gives you confidence and control as projects progress from strategy to operation.

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