

# Rural property services at Farrer & Co

# About us

Farrer & Co is synonymous with the highest quality legal advice and service.

We advise individuals, families, businesses, financial services, educational and not-for-profit organisations on every aspect of the law, wherever the need arises. From our offices in London we work with trusted professionals around the world to deliver a seamless international service.

Our clients present us with complex and varied challenges. Whether that's a complicated family trust issue, a multinational corporate transaction, or an emerging threat to their reputation, they need clear thinkers who can advise on the best solutions, fast thinkers when speed is of the essence and agile thinkers who can produce a fresh approach to get the job done.

That's why they choose us.



**Jeremy Gordon**  
Senior Partner

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The team is unparalleled  
in the arena of rural  
property law”

- Chambers UK

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## Making things simple

We provide all the legal services needed by the modern rural landowner. From wind and solar projects to natural capital schemes, from urban extensions to specialist legacy development and placemaking, and from agricultural tenancy surrenders to major mineral leases, we have the expertise to simplify complex issues and deliver pragmatic solutions.

We do not look for problems where they do not exist. When asked for advice, we do not sit on the fence.

## A commercial approach

We are recognised by the legal directories as the UK's leading firm for rural land law and are proud of our reputation for commerciality and clear advice. Whether you are buying an entire estate or selling a single cottage, our focus is on driving matters forward to completion.

We are also the largest rural property team in the country. With seven partners available, you will always have direct access to senior expertise. This allows us to deliver major projects quickly and efficiently, to tight deadlines.

## A personal service

Clear communication is at the heart of how we work. We believe the best advice comes from knowing our clients well, understanding their priorities and the challenges they face. That's why we take the time to visit the land, meet key advisers, and build strong relationships.

## Publications

We publish our well-respected [Rural Estates Newsletter](#) annually and our 'Rural Matters' email newsletter quarterly to keep you up to date with the latest developments across the sector and to highlight topics relevant to rural landowners.

## Placemaking and legacy developments



Our multi-disciplinary team brings extensive experience acting for landowners, developers and housing providers on projects designed to create vibrant, thriving, resilient and sustainable communities.

[Read more](#)

## Responsible Business



At Farrer & Co, conducting business responsibly is fundamental to who we are. Our commitment to excellence, integrity, and partnership runs through every corner of the firm, guiding both our client work and our broader impact on society.

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# Recent transactions and key contacts

- Acting on the purchase and sub-sale of a major rural estate for £22m within a tight deadline.
- Helping a Hertfordshire estate unlock six-figure biodiversity net gain (BNG) receipts by settling BNG unit sale agreements and with a developer, and the section 106 agreement with the local council.
- Advising on a collaboration agreement for the development of 2,500 homes in Northamptonshire.
- Advising on an option for a 50MW solar farm with sophisticated JV structures and tax planning.
- Successfully defending a town and village green application to allow a £72m development.
- Acting for a Cornish estate on a major option and lease for the extraction of lithium from hard rock and liquid brines.
- Advising on the sale of a 2,000 acre estate with complex overage to preserve future value.

Please also see our dedicated brochures for [country houses and estates](#), [residential properties](#), minerals, [renewable energy](#), [natural capital](#) and [forestry and woodland](#) for further details and recent work examples.

For further information please contact:



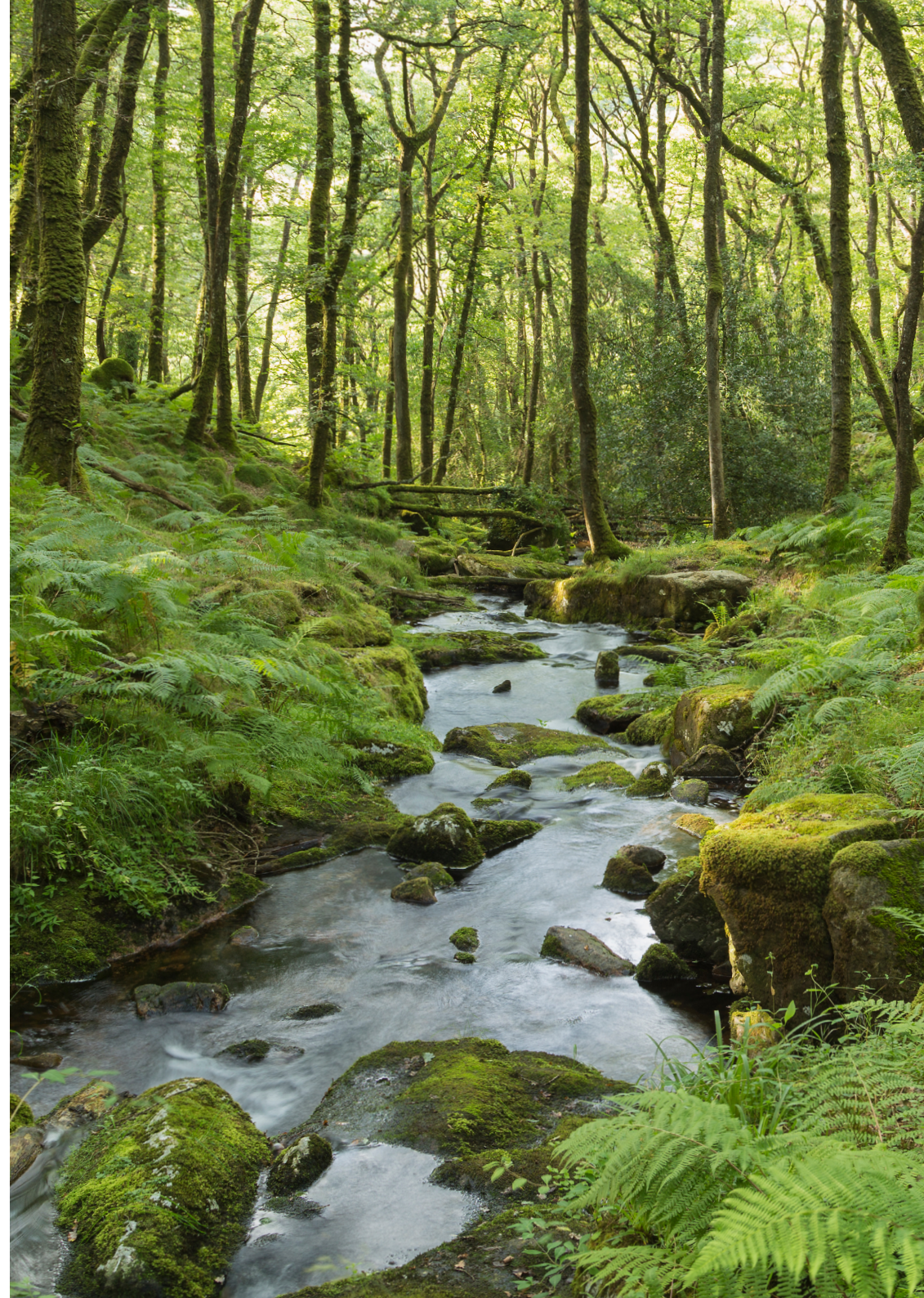
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James is an expert in rural land law, who helps the country's foremost institutional landowners and private estates in the management of their rural property.



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# Complementary services

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## Private Client

We pride ourselves on our ability to bring our collective experience, which has been earned through working with families over many generations while looking after their assets, to create strategic and practical solutions to the issues they face. We advise clients on how best to integrate diverse revenue streams into existing estate planning and manage change.



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## Tax

We advise on all aspects of personal and business tax and work closely with colleagues across the firm to provide comprehensive and joined-up advice to families, businesses, institutions and charities. Our team provides practical, commercial and innovative solutions to complex tax and structure issues.



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## Property Litigation

The team's work includes contractual interpretation (including development agreements and agreements for sale and purchase), enforcement, removal or modification of restrictive covenants, adverse possession and trespass, and rights of way and boundary disputes.



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## Employment

Our understanding of employers' businesses, culture and people allows us to act as extensions of their own HR and senior management teams. The strength of the relationships we build is fundamental to the service we provide. Our work for rural land employers includes drafting contracts and policies, day-to-day advice on employee relations issues, including investigations and dismissals, TUPE transfers, and restructures.



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## Planning and Environmental

We provide commercial and timely advice on the full range of planning and environmental law issues, such as 'green infrastructure' or environmental mitigation to enable development. We also support the due diligence process, advising on planning and environmental issues and risks, including contaminated land. We take a long-term view and work with you to devise strategies to protect the value or development potential of your asset into the future.



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## Charities

We have market-leading expertise advising charities on managing their property assets, as well as charitable structuring and re-structuring, including advising on joint ventures and managing relationships with charitable and non-charitable partners. We also advise on the tax implications of charitable and non-charitable trading, green finance and the use of trading subsidiaries for environmental schemes.



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They are always very good; they are knowledgeable, cover all angles and have an ability to communicate complex and difficult matters in a simple and easily understood way”

- Chambers UK



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