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FOREWORD TO THE SIXTH EDITION

This book is now well established as one which all practitioners dealing with issues of local authority liability would be well advised to have on their bookshelf. Local authorities occupy ground where public law and private law principles frequently meet and analysis is not always easy. The area is also heavily affected by ever-increasing legislation and regulations.

It is therefore no surprise that there continues to be a large output of fresh decisions, which are not always easy to reconcile. The great value of this book is its comprehensiveness. It provides an up to date and masterly guide through the labyrinth.

The aim of the authors is to state the law rather than to criticise it. This is understandable, but, for courts (especially appellate courts) faced with complex questions, constructive criticism in textbooks is to be welcomed, and I would encourage the authors to feel free to travel in that direction. The extent to which authors of textbooks can have an important role not only in mapping the law but in its development is sometimes under-appreciated. Meanwhile the authors have performed a valuable service in helping practitioners and courts to keep abreast of the present law.

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