

# CURRICULUM VITAE



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**MAIN DISCIPLINE**      Quantity Surveying

**OTHER SKILLS**        Adjudication  
                                 Mediation

A Quantity Surveyor with 25 years' experience within the construction industry and a Masters degree in construction law; experienced in commercial management; the preparation and defence of claims and the preparation and adoption of commercial control systems for contracting organisations as well as a variety of dispute resolution processes. Prior to working as a consultant Chris acted in senior commercial management roles for contracting organisations engaged in the power and process sector of the construction industry having previously trained and worked with civil engineering contractors. Chris is also on the CIOB and CIC lists of Adjudicators.

## **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

### **Expert Reports Includes:** **Hospital Project, Belfast**

Preparation of quantum reports in relation to damages claims in connection with rectification works required to hospital project

### **Call Centre, Glasgow**

Preparation of quantum reports in relation to damages claims in connection with cladding works

### **Office Refurbishment, Edinburgh**

Preparation of quantum report in relation to damages claims in relation to alleged failings in the structural design of a building refurbishment project.

### **Windfarm Project, Scotland**

Preparation of quantum report in relation to disputed final account on windfarm BoP contract

### **A75 road upgrade, Dumfries & Galloway**

Preparation of quantum report in relation to claims and variations on a project for the realignment and upgrade of 3.76 kilometres of the A75 between Dumfries and Galloway

### **Aberdeen Airport**

Preparation of quantum report in relation to a compensation event submission made by Contractor under NEC3 form of Contract.

### **Dundee car showroom**

Preparation of quantum report in relation to a claim brought against PQS and Project Manager by client.

### **Edinburgh 'common repair' works**

Preparation of quantum reports and supplementary quantum reports in relation to adjudication proceedings

### **PFI Schools Project**

Assist in preparation of quantum report in relation to claim against designer on PFI schools project in connection with adjudication proceedings

### **School Project, North Lanarkshire**

Preparation of expert quantum report in relation to a claim against an Engineer, specifically relating to alleged failings in structural steelwork.

### **Residential Development in Lincoln**

Preparation of expert quantum report in relation to delay on a residential development project in Lincoln.

### **Bridge Abutments at Development in Glasgow**

Preparation of expert quantum report for use in adjudication proceedings in relation to a proposed pile remedial scheme to bridge abutments at development project in Glasgow.

### **Apartment Building, Scotland**

Expert report in relation to the calculation of liquidated and ascertained damages for delay pursuant to clause 17.1.4 of the Conditions of Contract, being the Scottish Building Contract With Contractor's Design May 1999

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Edition (January 2002 Revision) with amendments

## **Wembley Stadium, London**

Assist in preparation of an expert report on delays to the turning of the 'arch' at the new Wembley stadium project. The dispute in relation to this matter was the subject of adjudication.

### **Adjudication Experience Includes:**

<b>Adjudication appointments</b>	Appointed as Adjudicator on two occasions (once by CIOB and once by CIC)
<b>Flood Prevention Scheme, Inverness</b>	Represent Referring Party in multiple adjudications in relation to compensation event disputes under NEC3 form of contract.
<b>Student Residences, Glasgow</b>	Represent Responding Party in multiple adjudications in relation to outstanding payments due on two student residence projects in Glasgow under SBCC form of Contract.
<b>Embankment Stabilisation project, Devon</b>	Represent Responding Party in adjudication including preparation of papers for submission in adjudication in relation to Compensation Events under NEC3 Option A form of Subcontract.
<b>Water Treatment Works, Scotland</b>	Represent Responding Party in adjudication including preparation of papers for submission in adjudication in relation to Compensation Events under NEC3 Option C form of Contract.
<b>Council lighting maintenance contracts</b>	Represent Referring Party in adjudication and prepare papers for submission in adjudication in relation to the final account under bespoke form of contract.
<b>Large new build private house project (Manor Farm)</b>	Prepare adjudication papers and represent Contractor in adjudication in relation to the final account under JCT Management Contract.
<b>Public Realm works, Glasgow</b>	Prepare adjudication papers and represent Contractor in multiple adjudications in relation to interim and final accounts under SBCC Minor Works Contract.
<b>Supermarket Development, Fife</b>	Represent Contractor in adjudication, including preparation of papers, in relation to adjudication commenced by Sub-Contractor under SBCC Subcontract.
<b>Residential Development, Dumfries</b>	Prepare adjudication papers and represent Architect in adjudication for recovery of unpaid fees.
<b>Combined Heat &amp; Power Projects, England</b>	Management of adjudications on two separate CHP Projects. Involvement included preparation of notices and referral documents; management of adjudication process including liaison with legal representatives.
<b>Combined Cycle Gas Turbine, Power Station, England</b>	Defended adjudication on behalf of Mechanical Contractor on CCGT Power Station. The defence included preparation of response documents, meetings during moratorium, and liaison with legal representatives.
<b>Marine Works, Scotland</b>	Prepared notice of adjudication, referral notice and all documentation in adjudication for Marine Works Contractor. Representation of Contractor in adjudication hearing.
<b>Community College, London</b>	Preparation of multiple notices of adjudication and referral notices in relation to interim accounts on a building development project
<b>Various</b>	Prepared a number of small adjudication submissions for sub-contractors.

### **Claim Preparation Experience Includes:**

<b>Groundworks, A30 Road project</b>	Preparation of submissions for Compensation Events under NEC form of contract for groundwork sub-contractor.
<b>Concrete works at Sports Arena, Glasgow</b>	Preparation of a claim for concrete sub-contractor against main contractor on sports arena project. Represent sub-contractor in negotiations and finalise agreement on the project account.
<b>Jetty Project, Scotland</b>	Preparation of a commercial / claim submissions for Prime Contractor on

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major Defence Estates Jetty project.

<b>Sutton Bridge Power Station</b>	Preparation of a claim for a mechanical contractor on a new build CCGT Power Station project. The claims were eventually resolved via an Executive Tribunal.
<b>Damhead Creek Power Station</b>	Preparation of a claim for a mechanical contractor on a new build Power Station project. The claims subsequently required to be resolved within USA Chapter 11 Bankruptcy proceedings.
<b>Wastewater Treatment Facility, Scotland</b>	Prepared monetary claims for D&C Contractor, for submission to SPV on PPP Wastewater Treatment Facility.
<b>Refurbishment/ Development Edinburgh</b>	Prepared claim submission for local Contractor, then assisted in settlement via Mediation, sums in excess of £2M
<b>HMNB Project Neptune, Faslane</b>	Preparation of monetary claims for Utilities Sub-Sub-Contractor on major building re-development project within Naval Base.

## **Mediation Experience Includes:**

<b>Hospital Project, Belfast</b>	Attendance at mediations as quantum expert in relation to damages claims in connection with rectification works required to hospital project
<b>Office Refurbishment, Edinburgh</b>	Attendance at mediation as quantum expert in relation to damages claims in relation to alleged failings in the structural design of a building refurbishment project.
<b>Damhead Creek Power Station, England</b>	Following defence of claims received from scaffolding Sub-contractor by Mechanical Contractor, including in adjudication proceedings, attended Mediation; which resulted in a settlement.
<b>Refurbishment/ Development Edinburgh</b>	Following preparation of claim submission for Contractor; then assisted in settlement via Mediation.
<b>Tunnelling Project, Midlands</b>	Following defence of claims received from Main Contractor on tunnelling project for Quarry Company represented client in Mediation; which resulted in a settlement.

## **Contractual Advice / Commercial Management Includes:**

<b>Water Treatment Projects, Scotland</b>	Advise Main Contractor on multiple water treatment projects, specifically in relation to NEC contracts and disputes with Supply Chain
<b>Leisure Facility, Borders Region</b>	Advise Main Contractor in relation to claim made against it for defective work on Leisure Facility project, including claims arising out of rectification of swimming pool
<b>School project, Darlington</b>	Advise Main Contractor on preparation of variation and claim submissions in relation to final account on Primary School project. Also prepare draft adjudication papers in anticipation of adjudication to resolve account.
<b>Windfarm, Scotland</b>	Contractual and commercial advice on NEC3 project to Groundwork's sub-contractor.
<b>Council Offices, Dundee</b>	Contractual and commercial advice to Main Contractor on £30m council office development in central Dundee.
<b>Spalding Energy Project</b>	Negotiated contract terms on behalf of Mechanical Contractor.
<b>Blacklaw Windfarm, Scotland</b>	Provided contractual advice to earthworks contractor on major wind farm project. This included negotiation of contract documentation with Main Contractor.
<b>Port of Tilbury, London</b>	Assisted with preparation of final account submission in respect of civil engineering project.
<b>Wastewater Treatment Facility, Scotland</b>	Provided contractual advice on entitlement to time and money to Contractor under D&C Contract on PPP Wastewater Treatment Facility.

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**Various** Commercial advice for a variety of small sub-contractors.  
**General** Setting up, monitoring and maintaining Change Control procedures and systems for major projects including a variety of power related projects.

## Articles Written:

**Risk allocation and unforeseen and ground conditions** Article written and appearing in CICES Construction Law Review of 2014.

**Implied terms in construction contracts** Article written and appearing in CICES Construction Law Review of 2013.

**The interpretation of contracts: The impact of Chartbrook v Persimmon** Article written and appearing in CICES Construction Law Review of 2010.

**Case Review: William Hare Limited v Shepherd Construction Limited [2010] EWCA Civ 283** Article concerning interpretation of contracts; exclusion clauses; Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996; withholding payment; insolvency; 'Pay when paid' – located on Centra website.

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

**2008 – to date**

### **Centra Consult LLP Partner**

Joined new practice as partner. Involved in full company service provision, including in relation to preparation of adjudication documentation; preparation of final account documentation; contractual advice and preparation of claim submissions.

During time with Centra Consult LLP passed CIOB examinations and panel interview process to become CIOB Panel Adjudicator.

**2006 – 2008**

### **Driver Consult Ltd Senior Consultant**

Joined new office opened by Driver Consult. Involved in company service provision, including in relation to preparation of adjudication documentation; preparation of final account documentation; contractual advice and drafting of position statements; preparation of claim submissions; and assisting with representation of client in mediation.

**2004 – 2006**

### **Nigel Lowe Consulting Limited Consultant**

Involved in all aspects of the company service provision. This included, on behalf of clients, provision of contractual advice; preparation of claims for payment, as well as defence of claims received; assisting with expert reports; preparation of notices of adjudication and referral notices; representation as adviser in mediation; development of company best practice procedures; and development of company newsletter.

**2002 - 2003**

### **Shaw Group UK Limited Commercial Manager**

Responsible for commercial management of the businesses construction activities. Summary of projects involved with included:

- Stoke & Blackburn CHP Projects.
- Liverpool CHP Project.
- Spalding Energy Project.
- Immingham CHP Project.

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- Buxton Cement Plant.

**1997 – 2002**

**Thermal Engineering International Limited  
Commercial Manager**

The role involved the full range of commercial management responsibilities for the Mechanical Services Division. Summary of projects involved with included:

- Damhead Creek Power Station Project.
- North West Water Ltd - Shell Green Sludge Processing Plant.
- Sutton Bridge Power Project.
- Installation of new Waste Heat Boiler at Tate & Lyle production facility, Silvertown, London.
- Baldovie Waste to Energy Plant.
- BP Chemicals, Hull - DF Off-Gas Project.

**1994 – 1997**

**Carillion plc (formerly Wimpey Engineering & Construction)  
Senior Quantity Surveyor**

Summary of projects involved with included:

- RD66/1 Waste Storage Facility – Rosyth.
- M8 Foodpark Enabling Works, Springburn, Glasgow.
- Lesmahagow STW Reconstruction.

**1989 – 1994**

**Edmund Nuttall Limited  
Quantity Surveyor**

Quantity Surveyor on specific projects. Summary of projects involved with included:

- Whitefriars Relocation Project, Victoria Embankment, London.
- Isle of Grain Container Terminal, Kent.
- East India Dock Link - Stage II, Docklands, London.
- A406 Road Widening - East Finchley, London.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Member of the Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors

Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Incorporate member of the Chartered Institute of Building

Member of the Society of Construction Law

## **OTHER INTERESTS**

Family; Reading; Football; Walking; Cinema & Arts