

POSITION	SENIOR CONSULTANT
DATE OF BIRTH	1975
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KEY FACTS

- ✓ 18 years' contracting experience within the major building and civil engineering sectors.
- ✓ 9 years' planning specific experience with a proven track record of producing robust programmes from first principles and management of the site planning function.
- ✓ Experienced in the use of JCT, GC Works, ICE, NEC, IChemE and bespoke forms of contract.
- ✓ Experienced in negotiation, ENE, adjudication, mediation and litigation.
- ✓ Extensive experience of claims preparation and management.
- ✓ Proven ability to advise lawyers and Counsel in relation to complex issues.
- ✓ Broad experience base and diverse technical knowledge.
- ✓ Works diligently by self or in conjunction with others to find best solutions.
- ✓ Determination in resolving challenging and complex issues.
- ✓ Chris is IT literate, is fully conversant with the Microsoft suite of programmes and has used various project management tools including, Primavera P6, Primavera P3e, CSP, Power Project and MS Project.

SUMMARY

Chris is a Civil Engineer with extensive project management and planning experience. Whilst he specialises in the field of retrospective analysis of delay and disruption, Chris is able to undertake a range of planning support roles over the whole life of a project, including, programme audits, programme/system health checks, the preparation of tenders and the management of live schemes. Chris can also provide advice and opinion in relation to technical and contractual matters.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

Chris began his career with a main contracting organisation in 1992 as a site engineer. The first 4 years spanned two major schemes, namely, a £25 million Law Courts in Preston and a £9 million extension to a Building Society data centre. In 1996 Chris transferred to the Civil Engineering Division of the same contractor and was involved in a number of multi million pound projects including:

- M65 Blackburn Southern Bypass value £110 million
- Middle Brook Retail Development value £13 million
- M61 Junction Improvement value £1.5 million
- M6 Bridge Refurbishment Junctions 27 to 28 value £1 million
- Overton Water Treatment Works value £3.5 million
- Beattock Gas Compressor Station value £65 million

During his time on the above projects Chris progressed to the level of Sub-Agent and after successfully completing the Beattock Project Chris was seconded to the technical services department as a Tender Planner. As a Tender Planner bidding works for numerous clients Chris was required to use various software packages and different forms of contract including the first Highways Agency ECI model contract the A30 Bodmin which was successfully won. Chris has employed different planning techniques including 'critical path analysis' and 'line of balance' and has gained extensive experience of specialist earthworks planning.

Chris successfully bid the A350 Semington Bypass (NEC Option B) and was installed on site as Design Manager and Project Planner. Within this role he supervised the contractor design through AIP to construction, initiated the service diversions, managed the site planning function and provided support to the commercial team in respect of client instigated change.

Chris then moved to the £100 million M60 (NEC Option C) widening scheme between Junction 5 and 8. Initially installed as Structures Agent, Chris was responsible for a budget of circa £50 million. After establishing the site systems and seeing the initial construction phase through to completion Chris was promoted to Lead Planner for the project. This role saw Chris take on full responsibility for the site planning function and day to day management of the planning team. Within this role Chris was responsible for the strategic planning of the project with the Project Director. Other responsibilities included compilation of the client progress reports, providing resource data for budgeting and cost control, providing information to the site management teams for the management of the works and the management of client instigated change including assessment of Compensation Events.

Chris joined a specialist rail contractor in 2005 and was responsible for the Planning aspect of the Trent Valley Four Tracking scheme at the River Tame (ICE 6th Edition). Whilst undertaking his principal role on the River Tame, Chris prepared the planning aspect of the successful tender to construct the Rugeley Eastern Bypass (NEC Option C).

In the later part of 2005, Chris joined a management consultancy where he managed the development, implementation and handover of a P3e based project controls system for the £50 million per annum North West Gas Alliance. This project was for the renewal of 400kms per annum of low and medium pressure gas mains together with service connections. The works are predominantly located in public highways and have to be concluded in strict accordance with the street entry notice provisions.

After joining Driver in January 2007, Chris has undertaken numerous tasks for Contracting organisations and Employers as follows:

RECENT, COMMISSIONS

Port Talbot East Re-signalling Scheme

- Prepared a detailed analysis and report on the effect that client driven change had on the progress of the works, resources and cost.

Beetham Tower Manchester - £60 million

- Prepared a detailed as built programme from available records.
- Undertook analysis and provided opinion in relation to delay and disruption.

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- Carried out detailed audit of the contractors construction phase programme on behalf of the Employer.
- Provided opinion on the sufficiency of the programme as a basis for agreeing the target cost.
- Provided opinion on programme risk/opportunity and compliance with the contract requirements.

Manchester Airport New 3rd Platform

- Produced a report in relation to delay v mitigation measures in support of the Contractor's claim for additional cost.

Manchester Civil Justice Centre - £113 million

Claim Preparation & Defence

- Prepared preliminary reports advising on the likely entitlement to EOT and loss and/or expense in respect of 6 separate sub-contract packages.
- Advised the Contractor in respect of its claim for EOT against the Employer due to weather.
- Prepared a detailed report on EOT, delay, loss, expense and damages for the Contractors assessment of the mechanical works package final account.
- Prepared detailed reports in respect of extensions of time and loss and/or expense relating to the Cladding and fit out sub-contractors.
- Responded to sub-contractor claims and represented the contractor in site meetings.
- Undertook a detailed investigation and provided advice on the contractual position in respect of the contested variations.

Adjudication / Mediation / ENE

- Acted on behalf of the Contractor as both the Referring and Responding party in multiple Adjudications, including representing the client in inquisitorial meetings.
- Prepared position statements and represented the Contractor at mediation.
- Prepared questions and supporting evidence for Early Neutral Evaluation (ENE).
- Taken witness statements from the Contractor's staff.

Litigation

- Undertook the lead assist role to the principal expert in preparation of his expert report for litigation.

- Advised and taken instruction from legal support and Counsel.
- Assembled factual evidence for experts.
- Assembled detailed as built programme from various data sources.
- Assisted the quantum and technical experts in preparation of their reports.

Vivergo Fuels Project - £23.5 million

Claim Preparation & Defence

- Undertook delay analysis on behalf of the Contractor and prepared extension of time claim document.
- Issued time related data to quantum team for evaluation of the commercial claim.

Lancashire Waste PFI - £250 million

Claim Preparation & Defence

- Undertook delay analysis on behalf of the Contractor and prepared a document in respect of the ground works sub-contractor. The report covered the delay to Main Contract Completion due to the Sub-Contractor and the Sub-Contractor's entitlement to extensions of time.
- Issued time related data to quantum team for evaluation of the Contractor's commercial claim and the Sub-Contractor's entitlement to loss and/or expense.
- Responded to the Sub-Contractor's claim for extension of time.
- Attended regular meetings with the Sub-Contractor and its representatives on behalf of the Contractor.
- Prepared a case against the ground works Sub-Contractor in respect of pile damaged caused during its works.

Mediation

- Support the Contractor in its preparation for and during Mediation with the ground works Sub-Contractor.

Billinge Wood Residential Scheme - £5.8 million

- Undertake detailed review of the Contractor's extension of time claim and report on findings.
- Recommend the necessary actions to optimise the Contractor's chance of success in the event of third party determination.

Goole Swing Bridge - £6.2 million

- Undertake detailed review of the Contractor's delay assessment and report on findings.
- Provide advice regarding the defence of the Contractor's position in adjudication proceedings.