

Stephen G. Elms, MRICS, APAEWE

Associate Director

Steve is a Chartered Surveyor with over 30 years' experience as a quantity surveyor in the UK construction industry working in both private practice and contracting organisations. He provides a wide range of services including all quantity surveying and commercial management functions, commercial advice, dispute avoidance and resolution, preparation and analysis of variation accounts and contractual claims and vetting contract documentation.

Direct experience has been gained in many industry sectors including commercial, retail, leisure, residential, education, technology, transport, healthcare, power, nuclear, rail and aviation. As Commercial Director for a specialist building envelope contractor, Steve was responsible for all commercial activities in a business unit delivering up to £40M of complex roofing, cladding and glazed façade work per annum.

Steve's experience of large, complicated construction contracts brings a practical knowledge and positive approach to working with clients to manage risk, significant delays, and change. He has detailed knowledge of NEC and JCT forms of contract and first-hand experience of adjudication and complex legal disputes.

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EDUCATION

ONC in Building Studies

HNC in Building Studies

CIOB Chartered Membership Programme

CERTIFICATIONS

Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (MRICS)

Advanced Professional Award
Expert Witness Evidence (APAEWE)

Selected Project Experience

- Commercial director for £70M of specialist roofing, cladding and façade works on five Crossrail stations. Responsible for contract negotiation, set up and interim management of on-site teams carrying out all commercial functions.
- Provided initial commercial advice to a main contractor undertaking a £20M airport runway resurfacing project to be carried out under an NEC3 Option E cost reimbursable contract.
- Overall commercial responsibility for nuclear decommissioning encapsulation projects with a combined value of £10M.
- Successfully resolved a complex £850K dispute prior to arbitration on a £2bn airport terminal building project.
- Acting for a main contractor on a £15M new build hotel spa complex constructed under a JCT SBC/Q 2011 contract, prepared requests for and secured a 40-week extension of time. Prepared full calculations of loss and expense amounting to a £1.4M entitlement.
- Project commercial director under a £35M roofing and glazing contract on a new airport terminal building. Successfully managed all commercial aspects of extensive scope and programme change.
- Commercial director for £33M of specialist roofing, cladding and glazed façade contracts on London 2012 Olympic and legacy projects such as the iconic Aquatics Centre, Main Press Centre, Main Stadium, Energy Centres and Multi Storey Car Park.
- Commercial lead on a £20M joint venture new build hospital. Assisted in setting up the JV agreement and responsible for administering all JV procedures and managing multi-disciplined commercial teams.