ROBIN HILL

Chartered Architect



### **Qualifications and Experience**

I am a registered and chartered architect. I am a member of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and of the Academy of Experts. I have a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Architecture with Honours, and a Bachelor of Architecture Degree. I have successfully completed the Centre for Accessible Environments Access Audit and Consultancy course.

### **At National Level**

#### I was Special Advisor to a past President of the Royal Institute of British Architects. I continue to assist in formulating the Institutes response to government consultation papers and similar matters.

### I was an elected member of the Royal Institute of British Architects National Council, serving for six years. During this time I was a member of the RIBA Practice and Service Boards which are responsible for establishing and recommending policy on matters of practice and services for architects and architecture at a national and international level, and involved in advising the board on specific matters of Contracts, Architects Fees and Appointments, Liability and Insurance, and Dispute Resolution. I was an RIBA Small Practice Advisor. I served on the RIBA Small Practice Committee and was appointed the RIBA Small Practice Advisor.

* I am an adviser to the RIBA on disability issues. I was moderator of the RIBA’s electronic conference on design for the disabled and peer reviewer for the RIBA guidance notes on designing for the disabled. I was responsible for final review and comment on ‘Access Audit Packs’ and ‘Designing for Disability’ before endorsement by the RIBA for publication by the Centre for Accessible Environments.

### **At Regional Level**

#### I am a past member of the RIBA Northwest Regional Council, and Past Chairman of the Solo Practitioners Group of Architects in the North West.

### **At Local Level**

* I am closely involved with building projects on a day to day basis, and am involved with many specialist building projects catering for the special needs of disabled persons. I have wide experience of building and professional costs.
* I am an active member of the Solo Practitioners Group of Architects in the North West.

### **Generally**

* I take part in a rigorous program of Continuing Professional Development, and have successfully completed various expert witness courses as recognised and recommended by the Academy of Experts including their training as a CPR compliant expert, and as a Single Joint Expert, together with a course on Access Consultancy organised by the Centre for Accessible Environments.
* I have been interested in this area of expertise since 1979, and began to specialise in this area in 1987 starting my own practice shortly thereafter.

### **Disabilities most frequently reported on**

* General Physical and Non Physical Injuries
* Spinal Injuries and Diseases
* Amputees
* Partially Sighted and Wholly Blind
* Cerebral Palsy
* Hemiplegia, Paraplegia, and Quadriplegia

### **Areas of Expertise**

* **REPORTS ON LIVING ACCOMMODATION**
* Home visits to assess Abilities and Needs on behalf of Claimants, Defendants, and as Single Joint Expert
* Analysis of Accommodation Requirements
* Analysis of Existing Housing
* Consideration of Future Needs
* Searches for suitable properties for conversion
* Survey and assessment of properties in terms of suitability for disability and scope for adaption
* Cost Assessment of meeting housing needs
* Housing maintenance costs
* **ACCIDENT REPORTS**
* Analysis of accidents where the design, construction, or maintenance of a building may have contributed to their cause.
* **FEASIBILITY REPORTS**
* Feasibility studies for adaption and extension of existing properties or construction of new buildings to meet special needs.
* Cost analysis of alternative solutions.
* **ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES**
* Providing full architectural services in designing and procuring new or adapted housing for disabled persons, their families, and carers as appropriate to the individuals` needs.
* Design of specialised items and facilities tailored to the specific needs of individuals.
* Procurement of Emergency Accommodation.

### **Proportion of reports**

* I have prepared reports for Claimants and Defendants in approximately equal numbers and have also been appointed as single joint expert in many cases.
* I prepare approximately 25-30 reports on Housing and Accommodation needs a year, plus Agreed Joint Experts statements, and desktop reports when a report is urgently needed.

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