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CDM and Health & Safety Consultancy Services

Our Principal Designer team have experience in providing CDM and Construction H&S consultancy services in both the UK and Ireland, along with advanced Strategic and Operational H&S Risk Management advice to a wide range of respected Clients.

Our Services

- Principal Designer
- Adviser to Principal Designer
- CDM Adviser to Client
- Project Supervisor Design Process (PSDP) – *Ireland Only*

We also offer a range of additional services, bespoke to meet your requirements;

- Designer Support Services
- Principal Contractor and Contractor Support Services

- Site Safety Audits and Inspections
- Retained Support Services (H&S Competent Person)
- H&S Management Systems incl. Policies and Procedures (Review and Development)
- Supply Chain and Contractor Evaluation
- Training, Briefings and Legislative Updates
- Strategic Health and Safety Risk Management Support



Recent Project News

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£50m Rochdale Riverside Phase 2 (Upperbanks) Greater Manchester

Client: Rochdale Borough Council / Genr8 Developments / Cartwright Pickard / Willmott Dixon
Role: Principal Designer

A mixed-use project comprising 244 Build to Rent Apartments across two blocks; a 147-bed 7-storey Hotel and Public Realm. Initially appointed for the extensive enabling works and utilities package and then for the Apartments, hotel and overall masterplan development.



£90m The Lexington, Liverpool

Client: Moda Living / BCEGI Construction (UK) Ltd
Role: Adviser to Principal Designer

A build-to-rent development overlooking Liverpool waterfront. The landmark development includes an iconic 34 storey tower, comprising of 325 units for the private rented sector. The building comes complete with a 17th floor sky lounge, residents roof terrace and health and wellbeing facilities.



£20m Shakespeare North Theatre, Knowsley

Client: Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council / Austin-Smith:Lord

Role: Adviser to Principal Designer
Development of a 350-seat theatre building to include an exhibition space; foyers; bar; bistro; rehearsal spaces; community space; back of house theatre facilities; offices; social learning; and seminar spaces.



£45m Airport City North Plot P1 Development – Holiday Inn and Ibis, Manchester

Client: Airport City Manchester / BCEGI Construction (UK) Ltd
Role: Adviser to Principal Designer

Construction of two new hotels; A 280-bed Holiday Inn and a 262-bed Ibis. The proposals also included for the provision of a mix of bars, restaurants, and meeting rooms; an external single storey plantroom and refuse store; 54 No. car parking areas and hard and soft landscaping.





Building Safety Act 2022

The draft Building Safety Bill was first published in July 2020 in response to the Grenfell Tower fire. It has since passed through numerous readings in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords, with the government's Bill receiving Royal Assent on the 28th April 2022.

The Bill is intended to “create lasting generational change”

The Bill has been described as the biggest change to building safety legislation for decades and is intended to “create lasting generational change” to the way high risk and residential buildings are constructed, maintained and regulated.

The Building Safety Act 2022 sees the Building Safety Regulator providing oversight of the system

with powers of enforcement and sanctions. Whilst the Act has now become law, there is to be a transitional period of up to 18 months from the date of Royal Assent to allow many of the provisions to come into force. The government has published an outline indicative timeline for commencing the key provisions.

Following conclusion of the first phase – the passage of the Bill through the parliamentary stages in both Houses and the Bill receiving Royal Assent, the limitation of the Defective Premises Act is set to be extended.

The second phase is the introduction of the new regulatory regime and Secondary Legislation, with the transitional period anticipated to be 6 and 12 months.

The third and final phase is the transition and enforcement of the

main regime coming into force, with the transitional period anticipated to be between 12 and 18 months.

This transition period will be crucial in allowing the industry and professionals to prepare for the new roles and competencies.

Here at Curtins we have been maintaining and updating our skills, knowledge and expertise and have demonstrable project experience working on high risk and residential buildings. We are currently advising clients and project teams, including architects, design practices and contractors, on the implications of the Act - allowing for a smooth transition as the provisions come into force.

CDM 2015 - Safe Access for Maintenance and Repair

CDM 2015 require designers to give consideration to risks to workers and others throughout the whole lifecycle of a structure; reducing accidents and ill health.

This approach also has the potential for a wider positive impact in efficiencies and benefits to both sustainability and investment decision making.

“Building owners and operators should not be in a position where they have to retrospectively review the in-use strategies, often resulting in increased OPEX and CAPEX costs”.

All too often buildings have elements which are difficult to access, maintain and repair with no real consideration given to the end user. As such, early engagement with the design team and operators is essential.

In order to ensure that the client's brief and operating requirements are met, it's vital that the design team work together with the building owner and operator to ensure that a holistic approach is taken. It is imperative that each and every project has an established approach to managing design risk, and rather than looking at each element in isolation, that all disciplines co-ordinate their designs with others.

We ensure that designs are co-ordinated between the different designers to identify any potential impacts on health and safety during the full project lifecycle.

When considering safe access for maintenance and repair we breakdown the structure along with its external and internal environments into elements. Consideration is also given to the requirement for any

specialist equipment - providing an appropriate challenge to the design.

Our established approach and design risk management process is implemented on all our projects, and we are frequently commissioned by clients to retrospectively review their in-use strategies where we have had no prior involvement.

Here at Curtins we facilitate a variety of CDM workshops throughout each RIBA Stage.

To find out how we can help you, or to discuss our services in further details, please contact:

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