

RIDGE

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DOUBLE SUCCESS WINNING MAJOR GOVERNMENT FRAMEWORKS

Ridge is delighted to announce our success on being selected for two major Government frameworks.

In March we won appointments for Technical Advisory and Project Management services on the £multi-billion Education Funding Agency (EFA) framework, supporting the delivery of capital building programmes for schools across England.

At the end of May, we were awarded the Crown Commercial Service (CCS) – Project Management & Full Design Team Services (PMFDTs) framework. The overall value of this 4 year framework agreement is expected to exceed £2 billion. This is a huge achievement for Ridge on the national framework of choice for Government and the Wider Public Sector across the UK. Key stakeholders include organisations within Central Government, the Nuclear Industry, Education, Local Government, Devolved Administration, Defence and the Health Sector. CCS is an Executive Agency of the Cabinet Office, supporting the public sector to achieve maximum commercial value when procuring common goods and services.

Ridge is one of just nine national suppliers achieving the maximum of three Lot awards:

- Lot 1 - Multi-Disciplinary Services
- Lot 2 - Project Management Services
- Lot 6 - Building Services Engineering

The PMFDTs framework provides strategic advice across a wide range of disciplines and functions to support, guide and deliver innovative solutions. It will enable all public sector customers to access project management, design and advisory services to support their property and construction projects, with this framework being the first point of “cradle to grave” services provision in CCS.

The Ridge team is now looking forward to working with the CCS and EFA to maximise the successful delivery of these major frameworks with our public sector clients.

Please contact our Frameworks Manager for more information.
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Commercial
Service



Education
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Agency

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SPECIALIST LIGHTING



RENAULT SPORT FORMULA ONE TEAM HQ

20 years after delivering Renault Sport Formula One Team HQ at Enstone, Ridge is back to carry out a fast-track extension and refurbishment to the front-of-house for Renault's growing team. We are providing a comprehensive service including: project manager, principal designer, architect, structural, civil, mechanical and electrical engineers.

KELLOGG COLLEGE HUB

The University of Oxford wanted a new hub building at the heart of the campus for Kellogg College, which caters for 900 students from 90 countries. Ridge was not only entrusted to project manage the scheme and ensure it was within budget, but also to support the university with its first ever Passivhaus design.

The end result is a hub that unifies the campus' global academic community, providing a common room and café, whilst showcasing how sustainable design can provide the highest standard of occupant comfort with exceptionally low-energy demand.



ALEXANDRA PALACE & WESLEY'S CHAPEL

To celebrate the 80th anniversary of the first television broadcast, Alexandra Palace wanted to "light up" its iconic telecommunications mast. Ridge was on hand to provide our electrical engineering and lighting design skills. Working alongside Architainment Lighting, we came up with an outstanding temporary lighting installation, which lit the predominant side of the mast from base to tip in full glorious changing technicolour. Our system could be powered from a local 13A domestic socket and disconnected when the building was unoccupied. It was so successful that the client is now seeking funding to make the display permanent.

At Wesley's Chapel, we faced the challenge of lighting up the tomb of John Wesley to mark Aldersgate Day, celebrated by Methodist Christians and commemorating when John Wesley experienced the assurance of his salvation. With help from lighting company Martins Professional, we lit up the tomb and the surrounds in a symbolic red hue.

RESIDENTIAL

CITY SUITES MANCHESTER

Congratulations to Select Property Group on the completion of its £35 million, 17-storey, City Suites scheme in Salford, providing 260 serviced apartments, a pool, gym, restaurant and concierge. Our role began when the initial design was being developed, continued throughout the planning process and culminated with management of the construction contract.



COMMERCIAL



Nicholas Hare Architects © Alan Williams photography

MEPC MILTON PARK

In close partnership with long-standing client MEPC, Ridge has delivered five buildings on Milton Park with work spanning Shell and Core, CAT A and CAT B fit-outs. We have provided cost management, civil and structural engineering and employer's agent services. We're also pleased to report two further projects are currently on site.

SOUTH PLAZA BRISTOL

A floor-by-floor refurbishment of 8,000 sq ft is underway at this six-storey office building in central Bristol. As project manager on behalf of the landlord, Ridge will carefully manage the works for minimal disruption to the ongoing activities of the existing NHS tenant.



DLA PIPER

DLA Piper's offices at One St Peter's Square in Manchester needed to match its exacting standards as a business. We provided design services and management in conjunction with TP Bennett Interior Design to deliver the office fit-out. From concept to construction, the Ridge team has coordinated this high end and client-focused design.

PROJECT URBAN

Dandara is embarking on the development of more than 2,000 new Private Rental Sector (PRS) homes in prime city centre locations across Manchester, Leeds and Birmingham. Supported by the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) and HSBC, the projects are believed to be the single largest PRS development investment in the UK with an estimated value of almost £400 million.

RENSLADE HOUSE EXETER

This 1970's 10-storey office building in Exeter is set to be transformed as work starts on its £15 million refurbishment and extension. When complete in 2018, Renslade House will offer 260 high-end student flats and a 103-bed Travel Lodge Hotel. Ridge is providing both project and construction management services.

THE BISHOPS AVENUE

New Super luxury residences delivered in North West London. This scheme involves both redevelopment of a brownfield site and new construction. Ridge had an extensive role including cost management and contract administration, mechanical and electrical engineering, principal designer and party wall surveyor. Quality was at the heart of this project from start to finish.



PRE-PLANNING SUPPORT SERVICES



Flood Risk Assessment & Drainage Strategy - Rushton Gateway

IDENTIFY AND MANAGE YOUR SITE RISKS FROM THE OUTSET

Ridge award-winning Civils team helps clients mitigate the risks associated with transport, water, environment, waste and energy in development and regeneration. This comprehensive pre-planning support gives confidence and certainty before a scheme gets underway.

FLOOD RISK

With flood risk at the top of the political agenda, water is a valuable asset to be managed.

Ridge has developed the skills and technical rigour to provide specialist support on flood risk for any project, even the most complex.

Our early phase masterplan support delivers a Blue Infrastructure strategy that is integrated into the overarching development from the start. We also help with Flood Risk Assessments, Flood Compensation and Flood Alleviation Studies, together with Drainage Strategies for outline and detailed planning applications.



Poole Town Centre North Masterplan

TRANSPORT AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

At Ridge, transport is considered as 'an opportunity not a constraint'.

We get involved with our clients early in the process to provide a clear understanding of the likely challenges, risks and opportunities delivering schemes with added value. We draw on all the experience we've gained over many years of Masterplanning and policy development with our extensive private and public sector client base, to deliver sustainable developments within programme and budget.

Our technical support for development is wide-ranging. We consult throughout all RIBA Stages as well as delivering Feasibility Studies, Transport Scoping / Assessments and Travel Planning, for outline and detailed planning applications.



Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council

SITE OPPORTUNITY & CONSTRAINTS APPRAISAL (SOCA)

If you're a developer, public sector client or contractor, we can help you with SOCA, our uniquely developed, vital tool that informs the pre-purchase selection, procurement, disposal and planning stages of potential development sites.

SOCA expedites the screening and scoping of Environmental Statements to determine where efforts should be concentrated. This supports the delivery of Technical Chapters within Environmental Statements for Transport Planning, Water, and Geo-Environmental disciplines.

We are adept at providing a swift and cost effective high-level site assessment, focused on identifying key constraints and opportunities. A traffic light (RAG) schedule output clearly shows the measure and relative importance of each risk. Aerial photography or mapping provides an interpretation of the appraisal study, complete with our professional guidance on likely risks to programme, budget, design quality and planning consent. Our pre-planning support gives confidence and certainty before a scheme gets underway.

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NEW MEMBERS OF THE LLP

We're delighted to welcome Mark Richards, Richard Thorpe and Roger Sandell to the Partnership.



Mark joined Ridge as a school leaver back in 1985 as a trainee Quantity Surveyor and has progressed through the business to the Partnership. Mark plays a leading role in our Cost Management discipline throughout the business and leads our Oxford Cost Management team, providing trusted advice to many of our valued clients. Mark is passionate about collaboration and the value that comes from fully integrated teams with shared goals and a focus on continuous improvement.



Richard has been with Ridge for over 17 years providing project management and lead consultancy across large new build and conversion schemes both in the UK and all over the world. Richard has been at the forefront in developing our skills in laser scanning and digital surveying technology as well as running the Building Surveying team in our Oxford office. His experience spans the commercial and public sectors, where he has led the development of projects from concept to completion.



Roger originally joined Ridge back in 1994 as a Graduate Quantity Surveyor and has progressed through the business to the Partnership. Originally based in the Oxford office, Roger was pivotal in the successful integration of our Leicester office, which has been delivering great service to our clients for over 12 years. In more recent times Roger has moved over to the Project Management discipline and leads our Leicester Project Management team, providing trusted advice to many of our valued clients. Roger has particular experience in the retail and commercial sectors.

EXPERT WITNESS & ADVISORY SERVICES

Ridge expert witnesses are in high demand and engaged on all manner of international and domestic disputes. Our engineering experts, Lucy Osborne and Edward Strouts, are currently instructed by prominent law firms on a range of matters from the adequacy of steelwork in an industrial complex in Australia, to the investigation and review of defects in a hospital in the Middle East. Meanwhile our quantum experts, led by Mark Gordon, are working on a multi-billion-dollar claim on a major infrastructure project in the Middle East. Closer to home, we are involved in numerous building and engineering disputes throughout the UK and Europe, including the preparation of delay analysis on a Biomass facility in France and a mixed-use development in Bristol.

Our team has expanded substantially over the last 12 months, with two new arbitrators and a mediator. The team continues to grow apace as clients reach out for our leading experts, supported by our highly-qualified construction professionals.

Please contact Claire Clark (cclark@ridge.co.uk or 07860 734 659) if you would like to enquire about an expert.

AQUISITION OF **PHWarr**

Our recent acquisition of PH Warr adds strength and depth to Ridge across London and the South of England. This is a great match because we share the same ethos, which puts clients at the heart of what we do.

PH Warr is a leading provider of project management, quantity surveying, monitoring surveying, building surveying and employer's agent services. Its experience spans public and private sectors, with particular strength in commercial development and major mixed-use regeneration.

Together, we now number over 550. Together, we will do more.

READING OFFICE CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

Last year we celebrated 70 years since Ridge was founded in Oxford. This year we are celebrating 40 years of our Reading office. Since opening in 1977 the Reading team has thrived and now has more than 60 people providing a wide range of Ridge multi-discipline services.

During its 40 years, our Reading office has enjoyed continuity of both staff and clients. Six of our professionals have been with us since at least 1989. Ridge has been providing services to The University of Reading, Reading Borough Council and the Royal Berkshire Hospital for over 30 years, and to Vodafone, AWE Aldermaston and Eton College for over 20 years.

The Reading office story is an excellent demonstration of the Ridge approach: embracing teamwork, camaraderie, career fulfilment and satisfying clients who come back - again and again.

ACCREDITATIONS & AWARDS



Ridge has always been committed to quality. Our Quality Management System (QMS) which is fully accredited with BSI has been in operation since 1994 ensuring well established and proven procedures. We therefore wanted to be one of the first consultancies to adopt the new ISO 9001:2015 standard. We began this process in early 2016 and, following rigorous certification, we are delighted to report that we are now fully accredited to the new standard.

ISO 9001:2015 is more rigorous about governance, managing risk and the evaluation of quality performance. It also requires management to be more hands on and align quality policies with the overall business strategy.

Quality remains at the heart of Ridge, our objectives, processes and delivery. As such, the new quality standard will benefit everyone we work with.



Our BIM Consultancy team has achieved the highest Tier 1 BSI certification in Level

2 BIM. We have also been recognised as leaders in the use of BIM to deliver construction projects, following certification of our business systems by the BSI BIM Verification scheme. Our business and therefore your projects are fully aligned with top industry standards, including PAS1192-2:2013, BS11924:2014, and BS1192:2007.



Cyber Essentials Plus is a government-backed scheme to help organisations protect themselves against cyber attacks. Ridge

has successfully obtained the Cyber Essentials Plus accreditation, which helps protect us and our clients from common cyber threats and opens up the opportunity to work on more Government contracts.



CONSTRUCTING EXCELLENCE
in London and the South East
AWARDS 2017
WINNER
CLIENT OF THE YEAR

The University of Winchester was nominated by Ridge and won Client of the Year at the Constructing Excellence in London and the South East Awards 2017.



MULTI-AWARD WINNER



Heathcote Road, Leicester: a project with Passivhaus accreditation for emh Homes is a multi-award winner: RICS East Midlands 'Residential Award', Midlands Residential Property Awards 'Residential Development of the Year', Celebrating Construction Awards 'Project of the Year', Housing Excellence 'Affordable Housing Scheme 2017' in addition to Finalist for the RICS East Midlands 'Community Benefit' and National Housing Awards 'Best Regeneration Project of the Year'.

EAST MIDLANDS

The Portland Collection, Welbeck Abbey: a new purpose-built exhibition gallery, constructed between retained walls of former Gallops at Welbeck Abbey is shortlisted for four awards, Tourism & Leisure, Design through Innovation, Regeneration and Community Benefit.

LONDON

Stonegrove Community Centre, Edgware: a combined faith and community centre in a multi-cultural neighbourhood. Shortlisted for Design through Innovation, Regeneration and Community Benefit.

SOUTH WEST

The Cove Macmillan Cancer Support Centre, Truro: a new support centre at the Royal Cornwall Hospital in Truro providing information and care to patients, carers and families. Highly commended for Community Benefit.

WEST MIDLANDS

iCentrum, Birmingham: new digital and innovation centre at Birmingham Science Park. Shortlisted for Commercial and winner of Regeneration.

Metro Midland, Birmingham city centre: an extension to the tram line connects the existing Snow Hill terminus to the redeveloped New Street Station. Shortlisted in two categories, Commercial & Regeneration and Infrastructure.