

Expert Profile

Christopher James McCormick

Director (Forensic Planning / Planning Advisor)

QUALIFICATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- HNC Civil Engineering
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Previous Expert Appointments

Chris has undertaken a wide range of appointments including:

Residential Development, London (Project Value £250m): Instructed as Delay Expert on behalf of Insurers to provide an independent opinion regarding the validity of the Contractor’s claim against the M&E Designer and the actual cause of delay. Assisted the Insurers legal representatives in responding to the Contractor’s letter of claim, Particulars of Claim and in mediation.

Commercial Building, Birmingham (Project Value £60m): Instructed as Delay Expert to prepare two detailed reports. The first report was a detailed review of a sub-contractor’s extension of time application and the second was my own assessment of the sub-contractor’s entitlement to extensions of time under the sub-contract. Reports used in adjudication.

Offshore Wind Farm, North Wales (Project Value €2b): Instructed as Delay Expert to prepare an independent expert report regarding delay to commissioning of 160 wind turbine generators (“WTG’s”). Also instructed to undertake delay analysis regarding the installation of 4 power export cables connecting the offshore substations to shore.

Light Railway 3 Car Extension, London (Sub-Contract Value £30m): Managed the production of a 4d ‘as planned v as built’ narrated video animation in relation to a new rail structure for use in mediation.

Highway, Ontario, Canada (Project Value \$43m): Appointed as Delay Expert to undertake delay analysis and prepare a report for use in mediation.

Waste PFI Scheme, Lancashire (Project Value £250m): Appointed to undertake delay analysis on behalf of the main contractor and prepared a detailed report in respect delay caused by the ground works sub-contractor. Responded to the sub-contractor’s claim for extension of time. Supported the main contractor in its preparation for and during mediation with the sub-contractor.

Railway Re-Signalling, South Wales (Project Value £57m): Appointed to undertake a detailed delay analysis and prepare a report on behalf of the civil engineering contractor.

Major Highway Reconstruction, North Wales (Project Value £60): Instructed on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government to undertake an audit report of the main contractor’s construction phase programme. Provided opinion on the sufficiency of the programme as a basis for agreeing the target cost and programme risk/opportunity, particularly with regard to works undertaken during rail possessions and in areas of high environmental sensitivity.

Confidentiality prevents our disclosing details of the parties to the above contracts.

Professional Profile

Chris has over 25 years’ contracting experience within the civil engineering and major building sectors. In the years dedicated to planning and programming, Chris has established a proven track record of producing robust programmes from first principles and managing the planning and programming function on site. Chris is experienced in the use of critical path analysis (CPA), line of balance (time location), programme risk analysis and 4d planning techniques.

Although Chris has specialised in the field of retrospective delay analysis for over 10 years, he still takes prospective planning commissions such as; tender planning, site planning and the management of the planning function of live schemes. He has also been commissioned to undertake programme audits, establish planning systems and deliver planning related training.

Chris has experience of planning and programming under different forms of contract, including; ICE, NEC, JCT, GC Works, FIDIC, IChemE and bespoke forms of contract.

His experience crosses many sectors including Building, Civil Engineering, Infrastructure, Highways, Petrochem, Oil & Gas, Rail, Renewable Energy, Health, Education, Residential, Leisure, Public, Waste and Aviation.

He has a determination to resolve challenging and complex issues and works diligently by himself or in conjunction with others.

Chris has extensive experience of claims preparation and management and a proven ability to assist lawyers and Counsel by explaining complex issues in a concise and intelligible manner. He is also experienced in structured negotiation, ENE, adjudication, mediation, arbitration and litigation.

Chris is IT literate, is fully conversant with the Microsoft suite of programmes and has used various planning software including, Primavera P3 & P6, CSP, Power Project and MS Project. He also has experience of the application of 4d modelling techniques to articulate delay and disruption claims.