

## Company Method Statement 2021

Johns Slater and Haward has over 150 years' experience of providing advice to the local construction industry, from multi-million-pound commercial developments to one off domestic heating and rewiring contracts.

We are: Building and Energy Consultants Mechanical and Electrical Engineers Project Managers.

Our work spans the following sectors: Central & Local Government, Churches & Historic Buildings, Commercial, Residential, Healthcare, Manufacturing, Schools & Education, Sports & Leisure, Transportation and Storage and Technology.

In recent years, the Practice has developed a standardised approach to the way in which it works, that is based upon the premise that most Construction Projects proceed on a similar generic format as follows:

- Inception and Briefing
- Feasibility and Budget Costs
- Outline Proposals/Scheme Design
- Detail Design and Tender
- Construction and Handover
- Post Contract Evaluation and Defects

From its experience, the Practice has formulated, a series of 'actions and tasks' for each stage that contribute to the smooth and successful progression of a Project and which help to avoid some of the common issues that can occur, either from poor communication and/or by items of work falling between more than person working on the Project.

By systematically reviewing these 'actions and tasks' on all our Projects and ensuring that we or another member of the Project Team is addressing them, we have found that problems experienced during the Construction and Handover Stages are reduced and Customers satisfaction is increased.

Where the Practice is engaged with a reduced or limited scope such as where a Feasibility Stage has been conducted by others or where the value of work is small, the 'actions and tasks' are used to review/verify the previous work undertaken and identify any shortcomings that may exist. Similarly, on larger Projects the actions may be sub-divided and further expanded.

The types of issues that need addressing when adapting our service across a wide range of Project sizes and values tend to centre around items such Client preferences/expectations, budget costs for the work, locations of existing statutory services, gas and/or electricity service upgrades, pipe work and/or cable mains distribution routes, the issue of specialist information (structural, catering. IT etc.), the communication of alterations and/or amendments and undertaking site inspections/handover.

Johns Slater and Haward has a Team of 22 Engineering staff underpinned by solid, Admin support, who are employed to service the varying needs of the Practice. We assign with confidence, strong teams to appropriate projects both in terms of seniority and wide engineering educational experience. We retain further, directly employed staff, we can allocate should a specific specialist skill or timescale dictate.

We believe as a Practice that we have the experience and can add real value to the delivery of Projects, demonstrated by the following:

- Better quality mechanical and electrical services solutions (aligned to specific requirements of the end users) by conducting separate mechanical and electrical consultation meetings.
- Director and Shareholder involvement and 'sign-off' at every stage of the work.
- Practical and responsible contributions to improved health and safety performance, which is evidenced by no mechanical and electrical health and safety issues experienced during the Site Stage of work with which we have been associated.
- The establishment of 'trust' between key Stakeholder Groups and our Team Members and the development of a joint approach to problem solving, which has been achieved in many of the ongoing relationships that we have with our Clients.
- A clear understanding of the frequent need to Phase building and/or mechanical and electrical works and the implications and actions that are required to best maintain and ensure minimum disruption to services.
- An ability to incorporate innovative design solutions in order to contribute to reduced carbon emissions as evidenced from our work over the years with the Carbon Trust.