

# Construction & Engineering

The Construction & Engineering Group has a long established reputation for offering clients technical yet practical advice taking into account the commercial realities under which our clients operate. The Group is unique in offering lawyers who have been trained to operate in both the contentious and non-contentious sectors. This means that we can offer our clients a detailed and practical understanding of how the contracts are negotiated and then operated. We focus on the key issues allowing our clients to achieve their objectives efficiently. It also means that you benefit from the same legal team providing advice from cradle to grave on any project.

Our client base takes in all aspects of the industry. We advise both public and private sector clients in areas including energy, leisure, retail, commercial, industrial and international projects. Our clients include listed companies, local authorities and educational institutions, banks, developers, contractors, specialist sub-contractors and

*“Genuinely looking after the client.” “No-nonsense practical approach.” – Chambers*

## HOW WE CAN HELP

### Project managing complex cases

We have acted for Scarborough Group in respect of all construction documentation for a major Private Rented Sector (PRS) scheme in Manchester (to include over 2000 apartments). The first phase required us to draft and negotiate construction documentation with the Professional Team together with the Building Contract with a new Contractor who had entered the UK construction market backed by the Chinese government. As part of the deal, there was pre-construction funding from the Far East together with separate funding streams from each of Homes England and a UK based institutional lender. The second phase involved a forward fund development agreement. Our understanding of what is considered institutionally acceptable to funders provided significant assistance to the client in reaching agreement with the third party funders on the construction aspects of these complex deals.

In connection with litigation matters we are currently advising groups of claimants on numerous multi million pound disputes relating to the design and construction of city centre residential developments across the country.

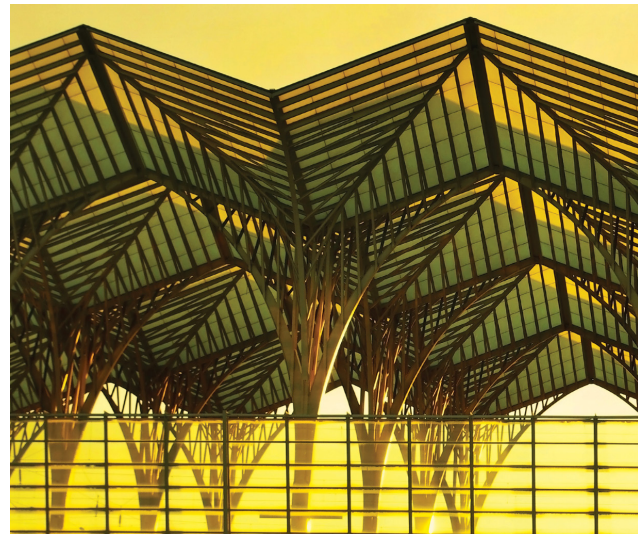
*“Excellent client service... responsive and diligent.” – Chambers*

### Supporting you as a trusted adviser

Our emphasis on providing high levels of client service is best demonstrated by our long track record of retaining clients. We have long term relationships with numerous companies and institutions including Unite Group Plc, Rushbond PLC, Homes England, Leeds Arts University, Kier Group Plc and Asda.

*“Clients praise the Team’s commercial, user-friendly approach.” – Chambers*

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### Supporting business goals

Establishing long term relationships with our clients means we have a deep understanding of what drives their businesses. This means that we save time and can work efficiently, with limited instructions, focussing on what is important to our client. In turn our clients can focus their energy on the important day to day running of their business safe in the knowledge that we are protecting their interests and ensuring their strategic business goals are met.

*“Proactive, accessible and responsive.”* – Chambers

### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Adjudication
- Appointments and warranties
- Arbitration
- Building contracts
- Due diligence
- Framework agreements
- International dispute resolution
- Mediation
- Procurement and contract advice
- Technology and construction
- Court litigation

### WALKER MORRIS

*“A distinctive law firm valued by its clients for consistently delivering excellent results.”*

We offer a single site, full service commercial law firm focused on providing our clients, nationally and internationally, with partner-led, high quality advice. Our national centre of excellence in Leeds has significant advantages in terms of developing a strong, collaborative culture, with the inherent value and cost effectiveness that a Leeds base brings.

With a staff of over 450 including 46 partners, Walker Morris is uniquely recognised for its strong multi-disciplinary teamwork and straight forward advice. We offer our clients truly accessible partners who get the job right – providing partner-led advice based on their knowledge and understanding of working with individual clients.

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