



# William Bates Architect

Chartered Architect, Arbitrator and Expert Witness



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## CAREER EXPERIENCE

1984 to date › William Bates Chartered Architect and Expert Witness

### Chartered Architect

Since July 1984, I have operated as an independent consultant in the following sectors:

#### Domestic

I specialise in the residential field of design with a portfolio that includes new houses, both for developer and private clients, extending in size from small holiday bungalows through to large one-off family houses in the £1m plus bracket together with housing schemes of town houses. I also have extensive experience with the design and management of house conversion and refurbishment projects for clients in the Central London area and the south-east region, including a large number of Listed buildings, together with the design and construction of numerous extensions and alterations with contract values ranging from £15,000 to £800,000. These have comprised work on conventional houses from a variety of periods and styles as well as more unusual properties such as barns and oast houses.

#### Educational, Commercial and Leisure

I have experience in the educational sector, having been involved in projects for schools in the independent sector, both new build and alteration work. I have also designed a number of retail and commercial schemes, ranging from one-off shops to mixed use retail and office schemes and a new village hall complete with sports changing facilities.

### Legal and Expert Witness

I am a Associate of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and I have experience in legal and Expert Witness matters as follows:

#### Expert Witness

I am experienced in the examination of drawings and other evidence and the preparation of expert witness reports in connection with legal proceedings, particularly those involving disputes concerning professional negligence and / or professional fees between client and architect. I have been appointed both as a party expert witness and as a single joint expert to evaluate evidence and provide opinion. I have appeared at both formal and informal hearings and mediations and I have High Court (Technology and Construction Court) experience. I am listed with the *UK Register of Expert Witnesses*, *Expert Witness*, *Waterlow Legal* and *X-Pro*.

#### Party Walls

Extensive experience in party wall negotiations and disputes, particularly in London, acting both for the developer / private owner and the adjoining owner.

#### Planning

Extensive experience with Planning negotiations, formulating and presenting planning and Listed Building applications and Appeals, including appearing at both informal and formal hearings.

1978 to 1984 › Job Architect at Michael Lyell Associates, Architects, Knightsbridge

## SKILLS ACQUIRED

### Design and Technical

An ability to find effective and high quality architectural solutions to a diverse range of building problems. The skills to express those strategies by word, graphics and drawings.

### Communication

An ability to communicate clearly and precisely with people at all levels from directors of global companies to site operatives.

### Negotiation and Influencing

A proven record of negotiating and influencing design solutions with client bodies, consultant specialists, building contractors and local authority officers.

### Problem Solving

An ability to determine solutions to complex problems. I have a personal approach to problem solving from inception to completion which has required resourcefulness, reliability, trustworthiness and availability to my clients.

## ACADEMIC DETAILS

### Professional

- Member of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA Chartered Practice status)
- Associate member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Inclusion in the UK Register of Expert Witnesses, X-Pro and Expert Witness 2011
- Member of the RIBA (SE Region) Conservation Forum

### Academic: Bartlett School of Architecture, University College London

- Professional Practice Examination ~ RIBA Part 3 # 1980
- Diploma in Architecture ~ RIBA Part 2 # 1978
- Honours Degree (BSc) in Architecture ~ RIBA Part 1 # 1976

### Education: Stonyhurst College, Lancashire

- GCE 'A' levels – 3 subjects
- GCE 'O' levels – 11 subjects

## PERSONAL DETAILS

### Personal

- Date of Birth ~ 29/10/53
- Place of Birth ~ Salisbury, Wiltshire
- Marital Status ~ Married with three children

### Interests / Activities

- Music, photography, skiing, DIY, cricket
- Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers

