



CDM DIFFERENTLY CASE STUDY



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Study:
WGP Architects -
HRB GW2
Planning &
Design



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CDM Differently- Best Practice Case Study

Who We Are

WGP Architects is a RIBA Award winning practice based in London with extensive experience in the delivery of C3 Residential, Operational Residential, and Mixed-Use buildings, including PBSA, BTR, Co-Living and Care homes.

We are Principal Designers (CDM/BR) and have been responsible for the coordination of four HRB GW2 applications over the last few months, with in-house expertise in interior design, sustainability, landscape, visualisation, model-making, and BIM (Revit).

At WGP, we practice Efficient Architecture. Creating the maximum positive return - be that societal, environmental, financial, aesthetic – with the minimum resource. To achieve this, we employ what we call Holistic Sustainability. Having signed up to the RIBA 2030 Climate Challenge, and by being a signatory practice for Architects Declare, we not only focus on the impact that our buildings and actions will have on the environment, but on society, on humanity. We use creativity and innovation to efficiently design for the built environment.

How We Learned About CDM Differently

WGP Architects engaged with Tony Putsman, Co-Founder of CDM Differently through office wide workshops, CPDs as well as regular dedicated training sessions and coursework. We also have professionals within our team who have undertaken the RIBA Principal Designer Course (CDM Regulations & Building Regulations) with Paul Bussey, Co-Founder of CDM Differently .



How WGP Has Applied This Approach

The CDM Differently strategic approach and visual toolkit has been an aid to our risk assessment process wherein the nuances of the safety critical items, and how they relate to emerging designs and the construction sequence, are better described, understood, and presented beyond a simple list format. The integration of the visual toolkit has therefore supported WGP's design process while engaging clients, consultants, and contractors in risk assessment and questions regarding Health and Safety.

WGP Architects have integrated the toolkit into our workflow, editing it to suit a variety of projects based on the feedback of consultants. We believe in Architects taking ownership of and monetising the PD role, both CDM and Building Regulations - We strongly believe in the traditional role of an Architect leading teams and coordinating designs, and that this responsibility must include safety and compliance. Supported by the toolkit, the PD role is a natural responsibility for architects to undertake and becomes more accessible by the integration of visual elements.

Using the toolkit, WGP Architects are currently developing a working file for several schemes, including both HRBs and non-HRBs. Looking at its implementation on a high quality PBSA scheme, as the project has progressed, this file has been used to structure WGP's Principal Designer duties and responsibilities under CDM and BSA, and set out key duty holder responsibilities, safety critical risks, management of these risks and the competencies of parties involved in the design and construction of the project.

Whilst WGP are running workshops with the team combining both CDM and BSA elements, we have developed the document with separate regulatory sections to split the co ordination of matters relating to health and safety [CDM] from co-ordination to demonstrate compliance with the Building Regulations [BR/BSA]. Issues that represent an overlap are identified, and coordinated, with outcomes recorded in both sections of the file.

The Key Benefits

The toolkit supports the scaling of the PD role to different project scales and sectors, allowing Architects to properly document and manage risks that they inevitably hold responsibilities towards, in any case. Indeed, the opportunity for architects to:

- monetise the investment in upskilling
- work with CDM Differently as a specialist, identified service,
- take control of the planning, managing and monitoring of safety & compliance; and
- design and deliver better buildings,

should not be missed!

Philip Waind - Director / Founder