

# Principal Designer Advisor support for Architects

## At a glance

How can TFT help you?

- Strategic and project support
- Design Risk Management guidance
- Support in Strategy Development (Access for Maintenance, Cleaning, Plant Replacement etc)
- Design Review Workshops
- Pre-Construction Information
- Health & Safety Files



TFT has an in-house team specialising in safety in design, providing expert advice and guidance on design risk management during design and construction.

When you as an architect are appointed as Principal Designer under CDM 2015, TFT can provide specialised Principal Designer Advisor services to support the Architect in the fulfilment of your CDM duties.

Our projects range typically in size from £500k to £500m and our team provides nationwide coverage from our 11 offices located across the United Kingdom and Ireland, with experience across a range of sectors including commercial real estate, offices, retail, residential, urban regeneration, mixed use, logistics, hotels, leisure, pharmaceutical and life sciences, healthcare and hospitals, heritage and education.

## Our Staff

TFT's team of CDM specialists is led by a Chartered Member of the CIOB (Chartered Institute of Building) and comprises qualified and experienced professionals in building, engineering and health & safety.

All members of the team are accredited by the Association for Project Safety (APS), holding either Certified (CMaPS) or Incorporated (IMaPS) Membership as a minimum.

## Early advice is best

Consideration of safety in design should always begin at concept stage.

We can help you integrate CDM earlier in the design process, making sure that safety in design is never an afterthought.

By integrating design risk management sooner in a project timeline, we can help save clients costs and offer greater scope to protect the health and safety of people - from those involved in the project through to future building users.

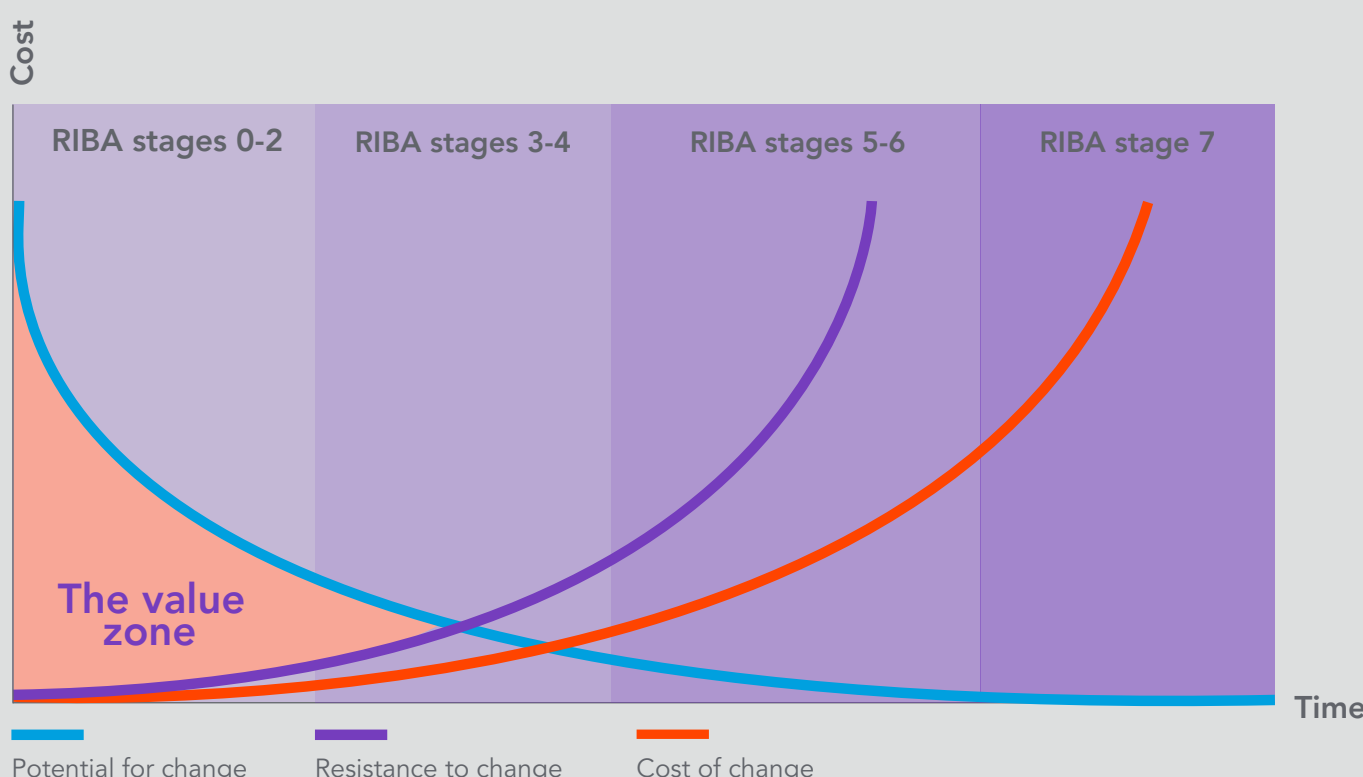


Figure 1: The benefits of Design Risk Management

## Our approach to Design Risk Management

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### Client brief

We have a key role in communicating the client's expectations for health and safety throughout the project. This is established via the Principal Designer's contract and setting out any standards and goals the client wants to achieve for managing health, safety and design risk management.

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### CDM gap analysis

At the start of every project we undertake a full review of all project information. We identify project constraints, and provide advice on any further information such as surveys or reports to inform remaining design phases. We review this throughout the project as design progresses.

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### Holistic approach

We run focused CDM workshops and design team meetings to support the project team with identifying and mitigating design risks.

We provide inclusive risk information in pictorial documents within Pre-Construction Information and continuously review this throughout remaining design phases until the health and safety File is ready for handover upon completion of the project.

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*The goal of CDM is protecting people. Whether it's a wet and windy construction site, a new office HQ or a high-rise apartment block the goal remains the same: people, including construction workers, maintenance staff, office workers, building residents and members of the public should be free from harm.*

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**Dominic Thomas, Director, CDM Services**

## We'll help you make CDM a cohesive part of your design process



### Design-focused advice

At TFT we empower architects to provide design aspirations and we support designers to ensure their concepts can be delivered safely.

TFT will lead the details of the design risk management process for you, allowing your designers to focus more time on the drawings.



### Holistic approach

As part of our focus on safety in design, CDM is integrated into the design process and is not a separate function.

Our specialists will support you throughout key design team meetings and CDM review workshops.



### Experience

Our approach is tried and tested. Our repeat business with our clients is testament to the level of service our team provides.

Our approach adopts Design Risk Management guidance from a range of industry bodies including the HSE, APS, ICE, RIBA, DIOHAS and CIRIA.



### Strategic support

Through long-term partnerships with architects, we can support you in the development of design risk management tools that can be integrated into your existing systems.

This ultimately empowers your team to manage CDM delivery as part of the standard design process, giving existing employees training and advice necessary to comply with CDM Regulations, with less reliance on external support.

To find out more information and to see how TFT can support your architectural practice, contact our team:



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