

## Brian Towers, Dip Arch (Oxford) ARIBA NRAC

Brian Towers has a diploma in architecture from the Oxford School of Architecture. He has been a member of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) and a registered architect since 1966.

He is an access consultant, registered with the National Register of Access Consultants, and a member of the panel of access consultants of the Centre for Accessible Environments.

He is an associate architect of Bush & Company Rehabilitation LLP, advising on the accommodation needs of people with disabilities.

He has considerable experience in the design of housing for people with disabilities, including: paraplegia, tetraplegia, brain damage, cerebral palsy, amputation, visual impairment and blindness.

His experience as an accommodation expert has included the preparation of evidence on behalf of Claimants and Defendants as well as the preparation of joint evidence.

Since 1974 he has assisted in a wide range of litigation and arbitration cases as a witness in expert evidence for professional negligence claims and building disputes. He has also acted as arbitrator in building disputes.

He is a partner in The Access Consultancy, and has experience of the access problems of people with all types of disability. His access consultancy work over the last 26 years has included:

- Advice to large institutions, city councils and town councils, banks, universities and hospitals
- Design consultant, advising leading architectural practices and building contractors on the access design for major new building projects.
- Access audits of many buildings in order to assist in the production of access policies and access plans.

Throughout his career he has been active within the architectural profession, he was Chairman of the Schools of Architecture Council, President of the Humberside Society of Architects and a Member of the Yorkshire.