

Christopher Neil Woodman

Expert Witness – Architecture, Building Surveying, Interior Adaptation

Chartered Institute of Building, 2021705

Adults and Paediatrics

Disability/Injury/Special Interest:

Chris is able to complete accommodation quantum reports on a wide range of injury types, which are not exclusive to amputation; autism spectrum disorder; birth injury; developmental delay; brain injury; cauda equina; cerebral palsy; chronic pain; incontinence; learning disabilities; oncology; orthopaedic; sensory loss; spinal injury; stroke; visual impairment

Report Type:

Quantum – Accommodation

Location:

Based in Colchester, Essex
Will travel throughout the UK

Experience:

Chris started his professional career as an architectural technician in a number of prestigious practices, where he gained significant experience of undertaking projects, including constructing new inclusive residences, or adapting existing buildings to suit the future needs of the occupants. This included both minor and major refurbishment works, making properties fit for occupants with specific needs and requirements. This work gave him experience of both how to principally adapt buildings but also how to produce detailed specifications and drawings to procure the construction work as well as extensive knowledge of architecture and how to adapt buildings of all differing types and ages. This included listed and historic buildings where the restrictions and complications can be greater than in new build properties.

Chris' passion for the Built Environment and Architecture saw his career develop into building surveying, utilising his drawing and technical skills in a practical and physical context. He achieved a degree in Building Surveying whilst working at the University of Essex as a Project Officer. This role enabled him to work within the commercial environment and deliver multi-million pound capital and refurbishment projects.

As part of his role he championed accessibility and a number of high-profile schemes that required significant adaptations to existing buildings, taking into account all of the legislative and regulatory standards required. Such projects included the refurbishment of a building to provide mock hospital wards and home environments where nurses would train to care for people significantly injured and requiring specific medical care. Through becoming a qualified building surveyor he learned not only how to adapt buildings physically but also how to understand building pathology. This included the ability to physically examine buildings, diagnose defects and understand in greater detail whether a building is suitable for adaptation or not due to limitations.

To further develop his skills and experience he then moved into the role of a construction project manager working in client-side positions, as a consultant and a divisional manager for a main contractor. All of these positions gave me a broader range of experience in managing works and delivering them on site. It was often in challenging circumstances and demanded the highest levels of professionalism and stakeholder consideration. Also during his career he has refined his knowledge of measuring and costing works to complement past experience.

Chris is considered an advocate of inclusive and adaptive design throughout all areas of his work and specialises in difficult property adaptations to meet specific medical needs. He considers my strongest quality to be the manner and diplomacy of how he conduct myself professionally in all given circumstances.

Professional Qualification and Education:

- BSc. (Hons) Building Surveying
- HNC Construction
- HND Interior Architecture and Spatial Design

Membership and Affiliations:

- MCIOB, Member Chartered Institute of Building
- MAPM, Member Association of Project Management