

## Curriculum vitae of Simon J Potter RIBA

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qualifications: Bachelor of Arts - Liverpool Polytechnic  
Diploma in Architecture (Distinction) - Liverpool Polytechnic  
RIBA. Architect.

experience/  
employment profile: 1976-1980 - various experience with Barnett Winskill and W B Edwards & Partners in Newcastle upon Tyne including survey, investigation and remedial projects at St Thomas' and the Royal Victoria Infirmary and the University School of Medicine.

1980-1986 - project work including survey, investigation and remedial works to office and residential property in Newcastle and Hexham; at Northgate Hospital - Northumberland and Axwell Park School - Gateshead; investigation and rectification of roofing defects in industrial and health buildings, and design work for a new Health Clinic at Seaton Hirst, Ashington.

1986-1991 - Building Design Partnership, Preston: worked on a range of projects including shopping centres at Birkenhead, Leeds Kirkgate and Ipswich. Responsible for preparation of internal standards and Quality Assessment Documentation. Provided technical support function on all aspects of roofing, waterproofing and materials technology: visited, inspected and reported upon roofing defects in Canterbury, London, Derby and Belfast.

1991 - joined John Potter Architect as an Associate: in 1995 became a Partner. Worked on a range of investigative and building pathology projects, on construction litigation, and the restoration of listed buildings.

Project work has included a £4 million partial dismantling and rebuilding of the Dolphin Centre at Darlington, undertaken whilst the building remained in use; re-roofing a pharmaceutical factory in Fawdon, Newcastle in ten phases; refurbishment of police stations for Northumbria Police Authority and a series of alterations, extensions and refurbishments for private clients.

Other schemes have included the refurbishment and extension of residential and commercial Listed Buildings and buildings in designated Conservation Areas. One scheme, in a Conservation Area, involved the recreation of cast iron railings to match late-Victorian originals. The work involved fabricating patterns, moulding and casting new railings; and, assembling on site with new sandstone pillars and plinths, all to match photographs of the original work. The scheme value was £27,000 + VAT. Inevitably such schemes involve liaising with Local Authority Planning Departments.

Since 1993 developed the Practice's services in connection with the provision of Continuing Professional Development training to members of the Royal Institute of British Architects. Presenting seminars to architects and contractors throughout the UK on aspects of professional practice and changes to the Building Regulations including airtightness testing requirements.

1991 - 2008 - engaged in the preparation of expert opinions and Reports in connection with litigation including, most recently:-

Sedgefield Racecourse: investigation of persistent water penetration problems through roofs and walls including development of remedial scheme with costs. Advice on contractual dispute and preparation of remedial scheme with schedule of estimated costs. Claim valued at £680,000.

The Cheltenham Ladies' College: dispute over water penetration to roofs and basement of building in a Conservation Area, and the re-provision of roof and fire doors.  
Value: £600,000.

Rockingham Court, Sheffield: investigation of building defects and water penetration problems in multi-storey brick-clad office development. Advice upon contractual dispute and scheme of remedial works. Value of remedial scheme £700,000.

The Terraces, Brighton: dispute over alleged defects to roofing.  
Value in excess of £4m.

Rheged Visitor Centre, Penrith: dispute over ground water penetration to an earth-covered building: remedial works estimated at £3 million.

Report on defective fibre-cement slates on large housing developments in East London and Greenhithe.  
Value of remedial works: £250,000.

Report on causes of condensation in large domestic swimming pool at Aspley House, a Listed Building in Warwickshire, with recommendations for remedial works. Claim valued at £1.25m.

Report on causes of water penetration in new hotel and training centre at Woodland Grange Hotel, Warwickshire with advice on Contractor's dispute with Employer and Architect.  
Form of Contract: JCT 98 with CDP Supplement.  
Claim valued at £800,000.

Report on allegation of professional negligence in the design and site inspections of a pitched roof in NW London.  
Claim valued at £120,000.

Investigation and Report into allegation of product failure at New College Durham in connection with delamination of roof insulation boards. Claim valued at £1.8m.

Hipperholme Grammar School, Halifax: investigation and Report as SJE into failure of high pressure laminate cladding to walls of school. Claim value to be determined, but likely to exceed £225,000.

Carmel Road, Darlington: investigation and report upon allegations of negligent design and contract administration in connection with a residential extension.  
Claim valued at £30,000.

Bruce & Hyslop (Brucast) Ltd., Liverpool: investigation and report upon debt recovery claim for the supply and installation of cast iron railings to a Grade II Listed property.  
Claim for outstanding payment of £18,000; costs incurred to date by both parties estimated at £140,000.

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