

Role summary

Reporting directly to the Head of Safety by Design, Partner, you will be responsible for advising on compliance with the UK Building Regulations, Building Safety Act and associated secondary legislation, and ensuring the practice meets its legal requirements. Foster +Partners aims to apply best practice principles performance standards across all projects regardless of jurisdiction therefore the role will extend to relevant advice on international projects.

The Safety by Design team is a multi-disciplinary team comprising specialists in Safety by Design (CDM, BSA and international equivalents), Access and Maintenance, and Inclusive Design.

The Safety by Design Team forms part of the Technical Design Group which also includes the Technical Review, Specifications, Fire Engineering, Façade Engineering, and Quality Assurance.

The Technical Design Group supports the work of Foster and Partners' six Studios and all engineering and design disciplines within the practice.

Role Definition

Job title: Building Control Surveyor (Regulations Specialist)
Reporting to: Head of Safety by Design

Responsibilities

- Advise on the how the UK Building Regulations functional requirements apply to the design work undertaken by Foster + Partners and the relevant subconsultant disciplines.
- Support Foster + Partners studio teams to deliver the role of Building Regulations Principal Designer on projects in the UK, including appraising and challenging design work in a way that helps designers to reach consensus on compliance.
- Advise designated individuals and specific Project Design Team members (including client organizations) on UK Building Regulations compliance to fulfil Foster + Partners' duties as Principal Designer in accordance with current UK Building Regulations.
- Aid with the development of the role of Building Regulations PD within Foster + Partners as defined by the Building Regulations (England) Amendment 2023, Building Safety Act 2022 and associated secondary legislation, as required.
- Review projects and designs on both a planned and ad hoc basis giving priority to projects where Foster + Partners is appointed as Principal Designer and advise on any other projects, as appropriate, to allow office wide consistency on design work compliance.
- Advise on the suitability of standards and guidance in relation to a particular design to ensure compliance with the relevant requirements of the current UK Building Regulations.
- Contribute to the development of policies and procedures to strengthen Foster + Partners organisational capability.
- Assist the Design teams to/ Undertake Building Regulations compliance plan checks at sufficient intervals and identify and advise the team about on gaps in compliance and evidence required to demonstrate compliance.
- Contribute to the development of strategies for managing Design Work compliance on both Foster + Partners tools and external tools (if required).
- Assist with liaising with external stakeholders and enforcing authorities (for example, local authorities and Registered Building Control Approvers).
- Assist with compiling and developing guidance and management material.
- Develop and deliver Building Regulations training to in-house design disciplines.

- Carry out research into the applications of design standards (National and International) and good international practice.
- Assist and support the Head of Safety by Design and the team in fulfilling the above duties and any training requirements.
- Contribute, or otherwise assist, as required
- Equity, diversity & inclusion (EDI) is a core priority. To support and champion the embedding of this focus as a collective workforce responsibility, EDI should be integrated, where relevant, into all workstreams.
- Thorough knowledge of and compliance with F+P procedures and standards

Qualities and Skills required

- Able to demonstrate ability to undertake the above responsibilities
- Legally able to work in the country in which the position is based
- Proven skills in the delivery of Building Control consultancy services.
- Chartered membership with CABE, CIOB or RICS
- Being able to explain technical terms and regulations to the design teams.
- Working knowledge of the Building Safety Act 2022 and its secondary legislation, particularly within the Gateway systems,
- Expert knowledge of Building Regulations, Approved Documents, and Building Control Approval processes.
- Class 3 Registration with the Building Safety Regulator.
- Knowledge of CDM Regulations.
- Demonstrate experience and understanding of design and construction management and methodologies.
- Pragmatic, resourceful and persuasive.
- Able to manage and prioritise tasks and time efficiently in accordance with workload and project requirements.
- Ability to adjust to project specific timeframes and key milestones.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English - articulate and diplomatic manner.
- Methodical, accurate and consistent attention to detail.
- Computer Literate and proficiency in design-tools (including Autodesk suite)
- Excellent organisational skills
- Able to manage sensitive and sometimes confidential information
- Self motivated and able to take responsibility
- Able to demonstrate initiative and a proactive approach to daily tasks
- Good interpersonal skills and able to work independently and as part of an effective team
- Flexible attitude
- Able to build good relationships at all levels, internally and externally
- Resilient to cope with conflicting demands, able to prioritise duties and work effectively under pressure.
- Able to work as part of an effective team assisting and supporting team members

Desirable

- Hold a degree level in an architectural, architectural technology or engineering subject.

This description reflects the core activities of the role but is not intended to be all-inclusive and other duties within the group/department may be required in addition to changes in the emphasis of duties as required from time to time. There is a requirement for the post holder to recognise this and adopt a flexible approach to work. Job descriptions will be reviewed regularly and where

necessary revised in accordance with organisational needs. Any major changes will be discussed with the post holder.