



Carlos Saurith

Project Architect & Principal Building Safety Consultant

Carlos is a Chartered Architect and RIBA Registered Principal Designer (Higher-Risk Buildings), with a proven track record leading multidisciplinary teams across complex residential, healthcare, and high-rise projects. He specialises in technical design leadership, regulatory compliance, and the coordination of design information to deliver safe, compliant, and high-quality outcomes at scale.

As Principal Designer under PAS 8671, Carlos takes strategic ownership of building compliance across Higher-Risk Building projects, driving design risk management, statutory compliance, and the coordination of gateway-ready information packages. He actively challenges design proposals, resolves cross-disciplinary conflicts, and ensures full alignment with the Building Safety Act and associated regulations, bringing clarity and rigour to client, contractor, and consultant teams at every stage.

As a Project Architect, Carlos has delivered residential, commercial, and mixed-use developments across RIBA Stages 2–6, leading large teams of consultants on multiple high-rise schemes and complex urban regeneration projects. He has managed client and contractor relationships, driven technical development from concept through to construction, and maintained compliance and quality standards within highly regulated environments.

Earlier in his career, Carlos built deep technical expertise as an Architectural Technologist, coordinating detailed design and delivery across RIBA Stages 2–6 on listed building refurbishments, high-rise residential schemes, and projects involving complex retained structures. He also contributed to early-stage design development across civic and commercial projects, supporting feasibility studies, planning submissions, and concept design from Stages 0–3.

Carlos brings a research-informed approach to practice, applying evidence-based thinking to design management processes, risk identification, and compliance strategy to deliver more robust, efficient, and auditable outcomes on complex projects.

Professional Qualifications

- **PhD. Arch Build Environment (Candidate)**
- **Pg Dip. Architecture**
- **MArch (Hons) Architecture**
- **BArch (Hons) Architecture**

Professional Memberships

- **Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB)**
- **Architectural Registration Board (ARB)**
- **RIBA Registered Principal Designer (HRB)**
- **Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)**
- **Association of Building Engineers (C.Build E. MCABE)**
- **Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (MCIAT)**





Project Specific Experience

Carlos has extensive experience operating in the role of Principal Designer in accordance with the requirements of PAS 8671, demonstrating the ability to plan, manage, monitor and coordinate design work in line with the Building Regulations and the Building Safety Act regime, including the Higher-Risk Building (HRB) Gateway process. He has successfully led and contributed to a diverse portfolio of complex projects across multiple sectors and RIBA stages, evidencing strong technical, regulatory, and coordination competence. His experience includes:

- **Acting as Principal Designer on multiple Higher-Risk Building projects at Gateway 2, including office refurbishment, recladding schemes, and residential fire remediation works, demonstrating competence in preparing and managing compliant design information for Building Control approval.**
- **Undertaking the dual role of Principal Designer and Project Architect on HRB internal fire remediation works, ensuring robust design risk management, coordination of dutyholders, and alignment with statutory requirements.**
- **Leading the design and delivery of a 20-storey Purpose-Built Student Accommodation refurbishment within a constrained city-centre context, operating across RIBA Plan of Work Stages 3–6, with responsibility for design coordination, stakeholder engagement, and construction phase oversight.**
- **Delivering a 17-storey build-to-rent development from concept through to completion (RIBA Stages 2–6), integrating design management, technical delivery, and compliance with evolving building safety requirements.**
- **Contributing as an Architectural Technologist on residential developments (RIBA Stages 3–4), supporting technical design development and coordination.**
- **Acting as Project Architect for the delivery of a new Day Case Unit, including responsibilities as Contract Administrator across RIBA Stages 4–6, managing technical coordination and construction within a live healthcare environment.**
- **Supporting the delivery of a multi-storey steel-framed car park across RIBA Stages 3–6, demonstrating capability in technical detailing and multidisciplinary coordination.**

Across these roles, Carlos has consistently demonstrated:

- **Competence in discharging Principal Designer duties under the Building Regulations.**
- **Experience in managing the Gateway 2 submission process, including the collation, coordination, and verification of design information.**
- **Strong understanding of design risk management, the golden thread of information, and duty holder coordination.**
- **The ability to lead multidisciplinary teams and ensure compliance within complex, high-risk and regulated environments.**





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Ongoing CPD

I have delivered presentations to clients across the UK on the following subjects:

- **Building Safety Act: Changes & Implications**
- **Health & Safety in Constructions Projects**
- **Fire Engineering Principles for Architects**
- **Structural and MEP Coordination for High-Rise**
- **Thermal Performance & Energy Compliance**
- **Façade and Cladding Compliance**
- **CDM 2015 Principal Designer Responsibilities**
- **Building Regulations Update - Part B & Part M**
- **Fire Safety in High-Rise Buildings.**

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