

## CONDITIONS OF ENGAGEMENT

All commissions are subject to an internal quality system and all calculations, drawings and specifications are independently checked prior to issue. Our design will be undertaken in accordance with Building Regulations and the relevant Standards, subject to professional judgement.

Normally calculations and drawings will be checked by the Local Authority and occasionally, due to different interpretations of standards, modifications are made. We would therefore recommend that works on site are only commenced after receipt of approval from the Local Authority.

When undertaking surveys the Engineer will inspect as much of the property as is practical. Areas not exposed, for example inaccessible roofs, roof spaces, wall cavities, timber studwork behind linings, under floor spaces etc will not be inspected.

Reports shall be for the private and confidential use of the client for whom they were undertaken and should not be reproduced in whole or in part or relied upon by third parties for any use without the express written authority of the Engineer.

Except where stated or otherwise, our fees will be charged on an hourly rate basis, from the scale recommended by the Association of Consulting Engineers. The following expenses will be recharged to the Client: travelling expenses; car mileage at 74 pence per mile; accommodation and subsistence costs; postage and couriers; printing and photocopying, or any other cost incurred with any third party specifically in relation to the provision of goods or services to or for the benefit of the Client.

Our terms are full payment within 14 days of the account. Interim accounts for work in progress will be issued monthly. All sums due from the Client which are not paid on the due date (without prejudice to the rights of Consultant under these terms) shall bear interest from day to day at the same annual rate as prescribed from time to time pursuant to section 6 of the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998 with a minimum rate of 10% per annum.

During any period in which payments from the Client are overdue, the obligations of the Consultant may be suspended.

All sums payable under this agreement unless otherwise stated are exclusive of VAT and other duties or taxes. Any VAT or other duties or taxes payable in respect of such sums shall be payable in addition to such sums.