

Robert Jones

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A commercially astute and enterprising project manager with an enviable track record of delivering projects for knowledge intensive businesses and institutions.

MBA qualified, and with experience of launching his own successful London-based company, Robert brings strong commercial business acumen to projects and an eye for spotting value-adding opportunities. Clients often come to him early-on for comprehensive feasibility studies.

Robert has led several science and technology sector developments, including new-build research buildings, new vaccine centre infrastructure, and tranquil workspaces overlooking a lagoon for Harwell Science Campus as well as several bespoke lab fit-outs for some of the most exciting life science businesses in the UK. He often project manages workspaces with fundamental health and safety requirements for operations utilising highly toxic chemicals, specialist equipment, and precise environmental conditions.

With his construction management experience, Robert brings skilled stakeholder and contractor management expertise, successfully delivering more than 120 design and build projects over the last five years.

Key relevant project experience

Evox Therapeutics, New Headquarters

Project managing the detailed design from concept of a highly complex laboratory approximately £15m in value.

University College

A major development for University College, comprising seven student accommodation buildings, a Nursery, ancillary accommodation and the refurbishment of Fairfield House. The project has been led through to the conclusion of RIBA Stage 3+ design and successful planning consent for the scheme. Bidwells are currently reviewing further sustainability options prior to procuring a Contractor to commence works on site.

University of Oxford, Medical Science Teaching Centre

Project managing the complete upgrade of the medical science teaching centre. Robert initially mobilised a multi-discipline team to successfully conclude a feasibility study for urgent European compliance works required within the dissection lab at MSTC. Continuing involvement to secure funding, approval to proceed with the project and, procurement of the main contractor in a short space of time, allowing the works to commence on-site 6 weeks from conclusion of the feasibility study. The project is currently being delivered on-site with the multi-disciplinary team comprising project management, building surveying, cost consultancy and M&E consultancy. The contractor is instructed under a JCT D&B contract.

Linacre College, New Graduate Centre

A pre-feasibility study for the construction of a new, Landmark Graduate Centre in central Oxford to create college accommodation, teaching space and ancillary accommodation. Leading the project team consisting of highly regarded Consultants, including Mica architect. The site consists of historically important villas with impressive mature gardens, Impressive 18th Century cottages and Listed properties. The study carefully considered restoring and re-purposing to accommodate new uses and create a sense of heritage and significance to the graduate centre.

Harwell Campus, Various (some confidential)

Project manager leading multiple design teams through the design and procurement of buildings forming part of Harwell Campus development masterplan. Depending on the stage of this project this will include, managing the design team to develop the concept masterplan to buildings designed to the level of detail required for detailed planning and outline planning applications. Robert secured planning permission for a recent project called Bepo, a multi-use building due for occupation in 2022, whilst also securing planning permission and procuring a contractor for a major infrastructure road and site clearance for a building of major significance to vaccine manufacturing, for VMIC.

St Cross College

Project managing the complex project involving both monitoring of the existing façade whilst managing the design team (Purcell architect, Arup engineer) to review replacement façade options. As well as considering materials to replace the façade with a product mirroring natural stone, the feasibility incorporated lessons learnt from the previous façade works to ensure the University would be protected legally when entering into contract with the Contractor. The works evolved into pilot works to remove one elevation of the façade with the purpose of informing the scope of works and programme which will impact both the students living with the building and neighbouring properties.

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A viability report to consider the development of existing building assets, totalling circa 100,000 sq ft. This included a detailed review of existing surveys as well as production of architectural proposals for three options for conversion to laboratory and office space with landscaped grounds and desirable café/restaurant facilities.

Leaffield Business Centre, Oxford

Successfully completed the feasibility study to review the redevelopment of a disused business centre in Oxford, for a confidential client.

Cheltenham Ladies College

Providing reactive support for numerous projects within the estate's portfolio.