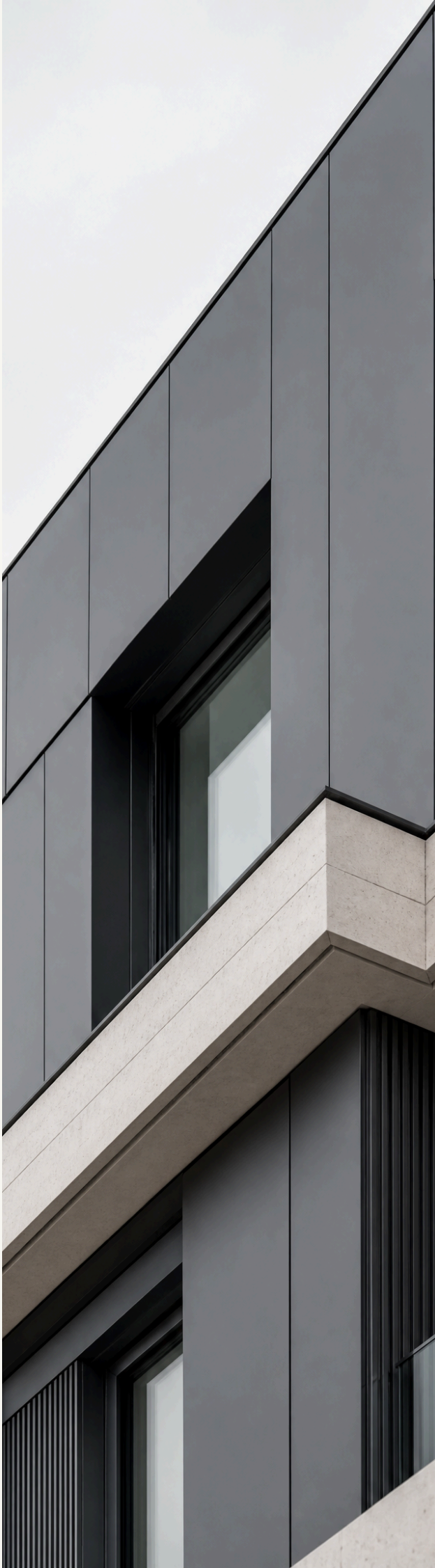
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BUILDING REGULATIONS PRINCIPAL DESIGNER & DESIGN GOVERNANCE

BUILDING REGULATIONS PRINCIPAL DESIGNER

Principal Designer expertise for complex building projects

Building Regulations Principal Designer
Design Management
Compliance Governance



Design control.
Clear responsibility.
Defensible compliance.

CAPABILITY BROCHURE / 2026

Design governance where the project needs it

BRPD Advisory is a specialist consultancy providing Building Regulations Principal Designer, design-management and compliance support for technically demanding building projects.

We work particularly on projects where compliance depends on effective coordination between multiple specialist designers — including façade remediation, fire-safety works, Higher-Risk Buildings and contractor-led design-and-build schemes.



OUR PRINCIPLE

The Principal Designer role is fundamentally about controlling and coordinating design — not producing another layer of paperwork.

BRPD Advisory works within the actual design structure of the project, helping the organisation in control of design to plan, manage, monitor and evidence compliance properly. The focus is senior technical judgement, applied proportionately, without unnecessary duplication.

Three ways to provide the missing capability

01

Design Manager + BRPD Delivery Resource

Supporting D&B contractors that genuinely control the design.

02

BRPD Adviser

Supporting fire engineers, façade consultants, architects and other designers that properly retain the statutory Principal Designer appointment.

03

Independent Assurance Consultant

Reviewing how dutyholder arrangements and Building Regulations compliance are being managed.

FOUR WORKING PRINCIPLES

Design-led

Compliance is managed through the design process, not bolted on at the end.

Proportionate

The process reflects the scale, complexity and risk of the project.

Clear responsibility

Every designer remains responsible for the design work they undertake.

No unnecessary duplication

We use existing project information and systems wherever possible.

Senior technical judgement without creating another layer of project bureaucracy.

Specialist Principal Designer & Design Governance Services



An architect-led service for complex building projects where clear design control, coordinated specialist input and a defensible compliance record are all material to delivery.

Service structures that fit the appointment

01

Design Management + BRPD Delivery

For contractor-led D&B projects where the contractor controls the design and requires experienced external resource to operate the design-management and Principal Designer function.

Design-team coordination · Design-responsibility management · Specialist designer interfaces · Building Regulations compliance reviews · Design information planning · Design action management · Significant design-change review · Compliance reporting · Completion support

02

BRPD Advisory

For specialist designers properly appointed as Principal Designer who require expert support in running the role.

PD mobilisation · Dutyholder review · Competence and process support · Information-gap review · Compliance review framework · Action and change tracking · Gateway support · PD reporting · Completion preparation

03

Independent Compliance Assurance

For clients, project managers, contractors and design teams who need an independent review of how Building Regulations compliance and Principal Designer responsibilities are being managed.

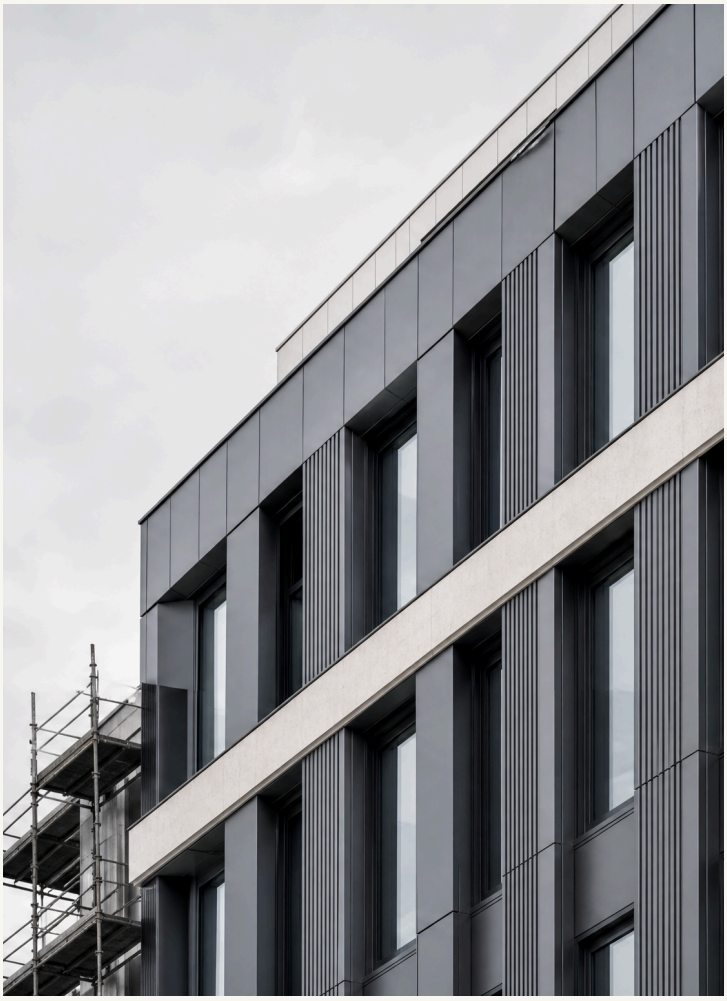
PD capability review · Design-responsibility review · Compliance audit · Gateway readiness · Completion readiness · Project recovery and gap analysis

The right Principal Designer is the organisation that genuinely controls the design. Our role is to make that arrangement work properly in practice.

Design management without overloading the Project Manager

On contractor-led D&B projects, Project Managers and Contracts Managers may already be responsible for programme, procurement, commercial management, subcontractors, client management and site delivery.

Increasingly, they are also expected to coordinate design and meet Building Regulations Principal Designer duties. BRPD Advisory enables these responsibilities to be separated without diluting the contractor's control of design.



Senior design-management and compliance resource — scaled to the project.

A clearer division of effort

WHAT REMAINS WITH THE CONTRACTOR

Commercial and delivery control

Programme
Procurement
Site delivery
Subcontract management
Commercial control
Client relationship

WHAT BRPD ADVISORY CAN TAKE

Design and compliance governance

Design coordination
Design responsibilities
Compliance management
Design actions
Technical interfaces
Significant changes
BRPD records
Completion reporting

WHAT THIS MEANS

Drawing and technical production resources may remain separately appointed by the contractor. BRPD Advisory provides the senior design-management and compliance function, with a clear division between project delivery and design/compliance management.



When the right Principal Designer needs support

The organisation best placed to act as Principal Designer may genuinely control the relevant design but may not have an established PD-management system.

This commonly applies to fire engineers, façade consultants, remediation specialists, building surveyors, architects and other specialist designers.

You retain control of the design. We provide the structure needed to run the Principal Designer role.

Governance around the technical role

Technical competence can be strong, but the Principal Designer role additionally requires structured management around the work of the design team.

BRPD Advisory provides the governance and management support around the technical design role — helping the appointed Principal Designer establish, operate and evidence a proportionate process.

THE SUPPORTING STRUCTURE

Dutyholders

Clear appointments, competence and role boundaries.

Responsibilities

Design packages, interfaces and ownership.

Information

Exchange, evidence, review and reporting.

Change

Significant decisions, assessment and action closure.

Coordination

Specialist interfaces and compliance discussion.

Completion

Relevant information prepared progressively.

ROLE BOUNDARY

Where another organisation is appointed as statutory Principal Designer, it retains its statutory responsibilities. BRPD Advisory supports, coordinates, reviews and advises; it does not transfer responsibility for other designers' work.

Where compliance risk sits between disciplines

Façade remediation and fire-safety projects frequently involve multiple specialist designers. The problem is often not within an individual design package. It is at the interface between packages.

External wall build-up
Cavity barriers
Slab-edge fire stopping
SFS and support systems
Window perimeter details
Balconies and roof junctions
Structural support and fire performance
Reinstatement sequencing



FIRE-RELATED WORKS

Compartmentation · Fire stopping · Fire doors · Smoke control · Fire strategy implementation · Service penetrations · Linings · Means of escape · Structural fire protection

The greatest design risk is often at the interface nobody owns.

BRPD ADVISORY SUPPORT

Design-responsibility review
Façade and fire interface review
Compliance evidence tracking
Specialist coordination
Significant change review
Building Control / BSR coordination support
PD reporting
Completion readiness

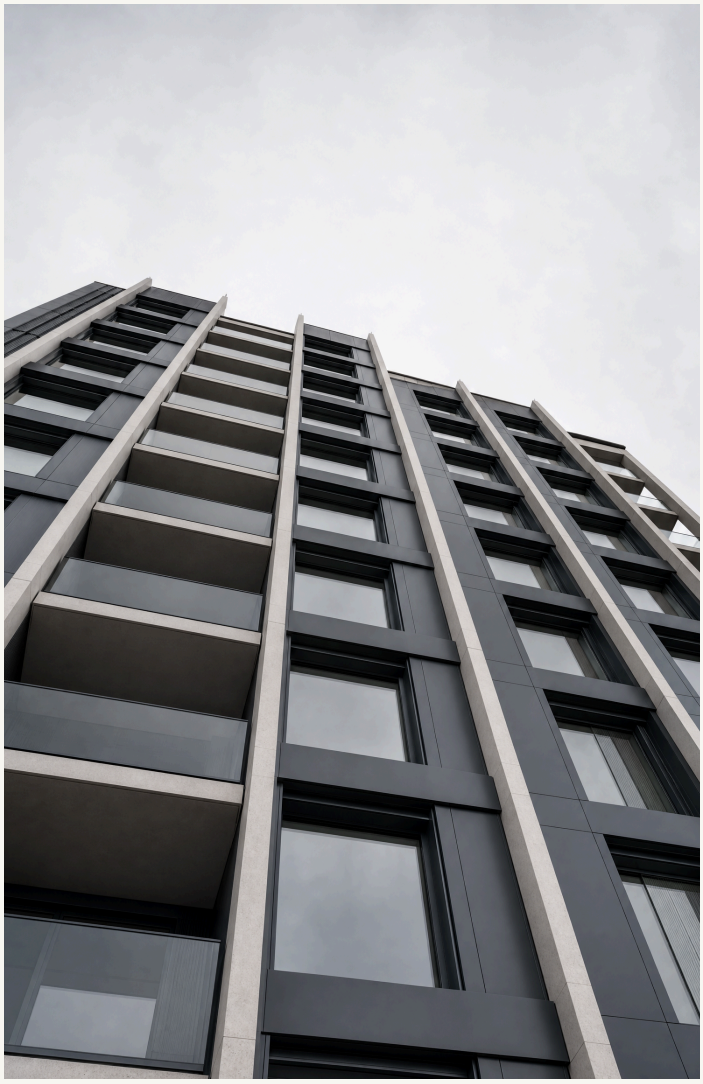
The objective is not to re-design specialist packages. It is to make the interfaces, information flows, actions and compliance discussions visible and properly managed.



More procedure. More evidence. Less room for ambiguity.

Higher-Risk Building projects introduce additional procedural requirements and make the quality of project information, appointments and decision trails more consequential.

On an HRB, the compliance trail must be built as the design develops — not reconstructed at the end.



PROJECT CONTEXT

Gateway 2 · Competence declarations · Construction control information · Change control · Golden thread information · Mandatory occurrence reporting · Gateway 3 · Completion information

A structured, proportionate response

BRPD ADVISORY CAN SUPPORT

HRB mobilisation
Dutyholder and appointment review
Competence evidence
Design-responsibility schedules
Gateway readiness
Compliance information planning
Design-change assessment
Change-control support
Mandatory Occurrence Reporting (MOR) support
Golden thread information coordination
Completion readiness

WHAT GOOD LOOKS LIKE

Compliance activity is visible within the project's design process — not isolated in a parallel administrative system.

BRPD Advisory works with existing information platforms and project controls wherever possible. The purpose is a coherent, usable record of how matters have been coordinated and addressed.

IMPORTANT

BRPD Advisory does not guarantee regulatory approval and does not assume responsibility for specialist designs undertaken by other appointed designers. Its services are delivered within the agreed appointment and project dutyholder arrangements.

A clear process, scaled to the project

We use the project team’s existing systems wherever possible. We do not create a parallel document-management system.

01	Establish	Understand procurement, HRB status, appointments, dutyholders and design control.
02	Define	Establish responsibilities, interfaces, competence and information requirements.
03	Coordinate	Manage compliance reviews, actions and specialist interfaces.
04	Monitor	Track significant decisions, design development and changes.
05	Maintain	Maintain PD reporting, compliance status and outstanding actions.
06	Close	Prepare completion evidence and action closure.

The purpose is a visible, usable governance process — not a volume of disconnected paperwork.

Senior expertise. Focused service.

BRPD Advisory is a specialist consultancy focused on Building Regulations Principal Designer, design management and compliance governance.

BRPD Advisory is led by a senior architect with extensive experience in contractor-led technical design, façade remediation, fire-safety works and Building Regulations compliance.

01

Architect-led

Practical design delivery rather than regulatory administration alone.

02

Technical

Understanding of how specialist packages and interfaces develop through real projects.

03

Independent

Able to challenge gaps and assumptions without taking responsibility away from other designers.

04

Flexible

Design management, BRPD delivery support, advisory or independent assurance.

05

Proportionate

The process is scaled to the risk and complexity of the commission.

The organisation best placed to control the design may not have the specialist resource or systems needed to operate the Principal Designer role effectively.

BRPD Advisory provides that missing capability.

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