

Plan ahead

Programme Management



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Our Story

Founded in 2006 by Matthew Flack, Plan Ahead has grown to be one of the largest consultancies in the UK that specialise only in Planning and Project Controls.

Our name, Plan Ahead, was inspired by the Laing Construction Project Controls file Matthew used to learn his craft at the start of his career.

The Plan Ahead brand is founded on the core belief that 'Proper Planning' can add real value to a project. We believe in 'first principles' planning from Quantities, Outputs and Resources – The software is merely one of many tools we use to make our working day more efficient.

Our growth has been steady and controlled over many years, ensuring we continue to deliver a service to our clients that they want and need. Over 90% of our work is acquired by referral due to the success we provide our clients.

With a team of 30+ planning consultants based across three offices in the UK, we choose not to use freelance consultants, instead focusing on training and developing our in-house planning team to be the best in their field.

We keep on top of new developments and technology to ensure we are always at the top of our game, and the support we offer our team leads to unrivalled delivery and planning services for our clients.

With Plan Ahead's continued growth and success, we can re-invest to develop new services and products that benefit our clients, ultimately achieving more progress with fewer resources.



Liverpool Skyline - Merseyside

Team Plan Ahead

Our planning consultant team adopts a pragmatic approach to helping our clients move forward at pace on their projects. This commitment, together with their passion and wanting to make a difference, helps build beneficial long-standing relationships.

One of our strengths is our collective knowledge in Planning and Project Controls, with the team having hands on technical experience in delivering planning solutions in a huge variety of sectors and projects.

We have literally been there, seen it, and done it.

Our experienced team has worked both on the client and contractor side of project delivery. This insight facilitates a very balanced approach to programme management solutions. This supports effective communication and agreement with both parties, providing integrated team progress.

The strategic positioning of our regional offices enables us to provide the support required to our clients and their projects, whether remote or face to face. Plan Ahead has ISO9001 certification and we follow a system of continual improvement, which leads to greater consistency of service deliverables.

Our offices are led by regional directors and managers responsible for ensuring that our planning consultants are professionally developed.

Our Directors to help you

Matthew Flack

Founder & Managing Director

Tony Sewell

Regional Director
North West & Midlands

Richard Pang

Regional Director
South West

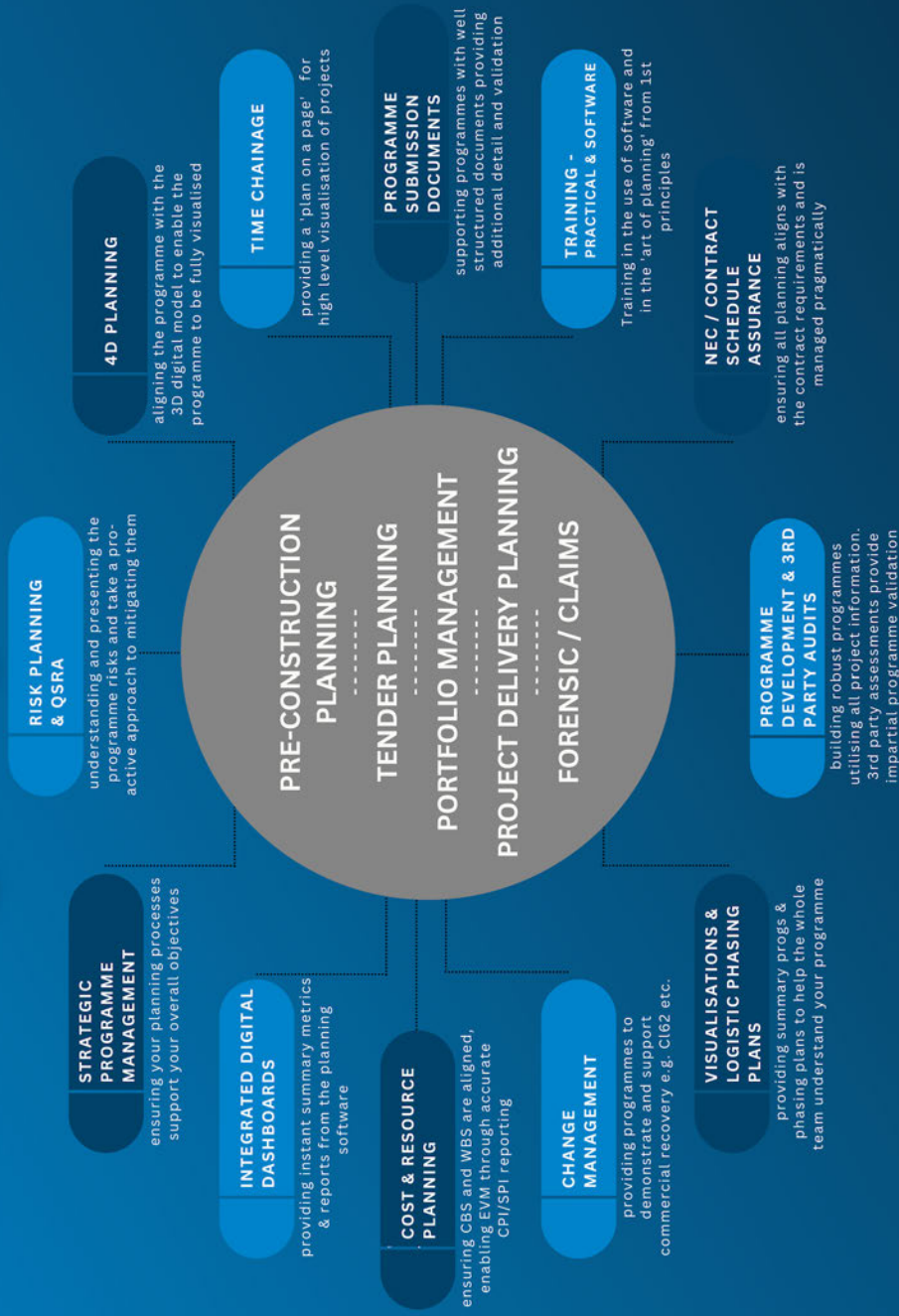
Kirk Sheppard

Director of
Major Projects



The Falkirk Wheel - Stirlingshire

Our Planning & Project Control Services





Thames Barrier - London

Why you'll want to use us



We love nothing more than a challenge

Many of our clients' projects need Plan Ahead to dig deep to find a way to facilitate integrated project delivery.



We believe in proper planning from 1st principles

Software is merely one of many tools to make our working day more efficient.



We encourage our team to dedicate time to their learning

While professional development is always nurtured, what makes us different is that we equally support our team to build their personal development skills.



Plan Ahead only provides planning and project controls services

We are specialists, and we are proud of it.



No job is too big or small

What's important is that we can make a difference and add value.



Plan Ahead provides a managed service

We provide flexible solutions such as part-time, full-time or a blend of skilled resources. We offer planning levels to fit the solution rather than fill the week, managed at all times by our experienced senior team.

Why you'll want to use us



Accountability

We always agree on a defined scope of work with our clients, which we work to. Plan Ahead is accountable for our delivery.



Planning & Project Controls

These should add value to a project and not just be seen as a necessary cost. We strongly identify with this and work hard to achieve it.



Over 15 years of extensive experience

We have developed a suite of templates/forms/guides/tools ready to meet our clients' needs.



Our team are all employees

This ensures we can control the quality, certainty of delivery and continuity of service.



We have a huge pool of in-house experience

Our talents and knowledge ensure our clients get precisely the service and skills they need.

Our Clients

Plan Ahead provides planning and project controls services to project owners, main contractors and sub-contractors.

We have worked for small contractors, multi-national corporations worldwide, and consortiums/joint ventures delivering unique projects.

Since 2006 we have delivered

566 projects

and supported

150+ clients

We have engaged with Plan Ahead to provide support on key projects, tenders and claims. Matt and his team are thorough, proactive, honest and transparent. They differentiate themselves from their industry peers as they are committed to providing outcomes rather than just hired hands. We can rely on them to deliver high-quality planning work from first principles.

Head of Planning, Multi-National Contractor

I have enjoyed a number of years working with Plan Ahead, delivering support to my various teams on key projects, tenders and claims as they excel at engagement and collaboration. They provide valuable input and advice throughout the planning cycle.

Director, Building and Services Contractor

Plan Ahead's extensive programme knowledge and experience greatly benefited our organisation on a major scheme in the North West, as well as another scheme in the Midlands recently. The Plan Ahead team worked well with the site team and their vast experience assisted several members of the site team who weren't familiar with various aspects of the programme.

Plan Ahead were persistent and determined to assist with all aspects of the scheme from start to finish. Would highly recommend and look forward to working with them again.

Regional Director, Main Contractor

The Claerwen Dam - Powys



How can you measure the Plan Ahead value?

When you hire our services, these are some of the returns on investment you will see:



The project identifies cost savings many times greater than the cost of the Plan Ahead services

Our clients can understand the programme's robustness through the supporting base data and documentation provided



The client and contractor are aligned with the programme management strategy and the future forecasted works

The whole project team understand the programme, and all share ownership of its content. Phasing plans, narratives and summary programmes may be used to support this



The team focuses 80% on supporting future works and 20% on reviewing progress. It's this focus that benefits your future progress

The planning is current, up to date and compliant with the contract





Our Projects

We have been fortunate to have delivered planning and project controls on some remarkable and challenging projects, ranging from £2 million to £2+ billion. All have been unique in their own way, but here are a few that we are particularly proud of:

Glasgow Commonwealth Games Delivery

This project involved the 2+ years of preparation works to successfully deliver the Commonwealth Games for a 2 week period in 2014. To ensure that the 2 week event went smoothly, over 100 individual specialist elements had to be prepared over the 2+ years before the event, including accommodation, transport, clothing, security, etc.



QEC Jetty

This design and build contract was to reconstruct the 90 year old existing structure at the tidal berth on the Middle Slip Jetty at Her Majesty's Naval Base Portsmouth to house the new Queen Elizabeth Class Aircraft Carriers.



Barmouth Viaduct Restoration

The programme will see the complete restoration of the 150 year old timber viaduct in a way that doesn't threaten its industrial heritage and its Grade II* listed status. Components will be replaced on a 'like-for-like' basis so that it retains its magnificent appearance. To reduce the impact of the work, it has been carefully planned for it to take place over several years.

Newtown Bypass

The design and build of the Newtown Bypass along the A483 and A489 trunk roads originally converged in Newtown's centre. The bypass consists of 6.5km of a new wide single 2+1 carriageway, 1km of new side roads, 5 new roundabouts, 11 retaining walls, 4 underpasses, 4 underbridges and 3 overbridges. In addition, extensive earthworks and ground improvement works were required.



The Prince of Wales Bridge - South Glos.

Our People

We are a team of experts who empower one another, championing planning as a skill and valuing the significant difference we can make in the delivery of a project.

Our shared values lead every decision and action, guiding us to deliver a more significant impact where and how it matters most.

Values

Some specific qualities we really care about

Excellence. Determination. Passion.
Integrity. Quality. Respect.
Collaboration.





Join Us

By joining us, you'll connect with a team of inspiring professionals who want to support you in becoming the best you can be.

We know that life is more than work. Your well-being matters; that's why we provide a range of well-being and family friendly benefits, trained mental health champions, well-being check-ins and a hybrid working culture. With social and well-being activities planned throughout the year, we are determined to create an environment that supports you.

We promise:

- A varied portfolio of work, no two months are the same
- Mentoring from some of the best in the business
- We will listen - through regular feedback and development conversations
- Peer-to-peer training opportunities
- Alignment to a supportive network of colleagues at one of our regional offices
- Extensive access to online personal and professional development training
- To keep evolving and put learning and development at the heart of what we do



25+ days holiday
plus bank holidays



Benenden
Healthcare



Car
Allowance



Hybrid working



Latest Tech



6% Emp.
Pension



Employee Assistance
Programme



Birthday
Development
Gift & Xmas Gift

If you are interested in joining one of our regional offices, please send your CV to talent@planaheadpm.com



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