

1.10 Guidance - Timing of Principal Designer Appointment

- After RIBA Stage 0-1 and before Stage 2 i.e. with “No Initial Design work undertaken only assimilation of the brief and constraints” is required
- Alternatively it could be expressed as being “before Stage 3 i.e. before Concept design, when design analysis & options are undertaken”
- If we want no misunderstandings we leave it as 1 or preferably 2
- However if we want to allow professional judgement, i.e. “in practice, if the project may not be going to progress beyond an early stage because it is for a competition or planning permission only, someone who has competency from the design or client team can be appointed as PD to discharge the initial duties commensurate with that stage”
- This still equates to a PD appointment before Stage 2, even if he might not take the scheme onward to completion.
- The project pre-construction information simply explains the proposed constructional methodology of the project in parallel with the design. This can be passed on to another.