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Practice Profile

Napper Architects is a Newcastle based architectural practice which has worked nationally from the northern region since its formation as a partnership by Professor Jack Napper in 1946. The Company incorporated in January 2002 and operates from **3 Waterloo Square**, Newcastle, a purpose designed office and residential scheme designed by Napper.



A multi-talented professional workforce of fully qualified architects, interior designers, technicians, landscape architects and a dedicated 3-d visualisation team allows us to provide the primary Architectural services as well as master-planning, interior design, landscape architecture, 3d computer visualisation and CDM Co-ordination.

We believe each project is unique and to each and every project we commit a depth of skill and quality of design, acknowledged in over thirty architectural and related design awards over the last ten years. This design quality runs throughout our vast experience of significant and major projects we have completed within all sectors for a varied Client base.

Procurement

We have considerable experience in all forms of procurement ranging from; large and small scale traditional contracts, design and build, partnering, management contracts, PFI (**The North East Fire and Rescue Service**) and PPP In addition we have delivered projects under a number of key frameworks using combinations of procurement types.



Civic Architecture

Our civic architecture has made a significant contribution to our city centres both locally and nationally. The **Sunderland Winter Garden**, a Heritage Lottery funded project, is now a key landmark of the city centre where visitor numbers have far exceed those projected. We have completed eight major Law Courts and have gained national recognition as experts in this field and are currently appointed to the HMCS framework. We have also completed refurbishment and conservation work on existing civic buildings including the extensive alterations to the famous Theatre Royal, Newcastle. Our work extends to the Court buildings and the Fire and Rescue Service where we deliver these projects nationally.





Commercial and Retail Projects

In the commercial and retail sector, our experience ranges from master-planning, for example the mixed-used development for Central Park, Darlington, through to the delivery of commercially successful projects such as **Dalton Park, County Durham**. Our retail work ranges from individual units to a small scale £3million development for an historic market town, a £45 million town centre regeneration project in South Tyneside and a major £200 million mixed-use edge of town redevelopment. We have completed varied commercial projects, from bespoke starter units for new companies through to a 150,000 sqft new-build headquarters office fit-out for a blue-chip international client.

Education

Our extensive educational experience ranges from early pioneering work of 1950s through to the current educational themes for 21st century learning. Our completed work covers Primary, Secondary, Tertiary and Further Education, both refurbishment and new-build, and includes the award winning **Venerable Bede School, Sunderland**, featured in the DfES/CABE publication 'Picturing School Design' which explores the successful implementation of Design Quality Indicators (DQIs) in recent school design. We continue to explore new educational design ideas in our projects and are actively involved with consortia bidding for 'Building Schools for the Future' (BSF) programs. We are currently acting as the Client Design Advisor on behalf of the City of Sunderland for the delivery of their Academy program and have been an integral part of the Technical Advisor team for three major local authority BSF projects, totalling over £400 million of capital expenditure. In addition we are a "Creative" with the Arts Council sponsored Creative Partnerships Education programme.



Healthcare

We have delivered a variety of projects for both Public and Private Healthcare providers. The work has ranged from small scale doctor's surgeries through to the refurbishment of hospital wings and a new-build 52 bed Medium Secure Unit in Morpeth. Recently, our work has focussed on the design development and delivery of clinics and surgeries for Primary Care Trusts (PCT), including the **£1.2 million Ampleforth Surgery, North Yorkshire**. Currently we are delivering the Gateshead Team office refurbishment for the Gateshead NHS Trust as well as a £2.2 million healthcare facility in Loftus.



Heritage and Historic Buildings

Parallel to our work on new buildings, we continue to be involved with the repair, restoration and conversion of historic buildings and this is led by our in house AABC accredited specialist. We have acted as consultants in this respect for English Heritage having completed a number of projects through English Heritage's Major Projects North Zone Framework Agreement. This, along with such work as the Theatre Royal, Newcastle and at Alnwick Castle, Northumberland, reflects the trust our Clients have in our expertise in this field. For example, we have an on-going program of work with The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle for the repair and restoration of their historic listed churches, including the **Church of Our Lady & St Cuthbert, Prudhoe**.





Interior Design

On the majority of projects, our services extend to include interior design, so providing a fully integrated design service. However, we have also completed solely interior design commissions ranging from bespoke designs for private clients through to major high-spec office fit outs. Our experience and expertise on all building types has allowed us to deliver the 150,000 sqft fit-out for Procter & Gamble's Regional Headquarters, North Tyneside as well as a more specialist solution for the 300-seat **Guest Hall at Alnwick Castle**, completed as part of a three year masterplan of interior design and refurbishment works to open up parts of the Castle to the public.



Leisure

Projects completed for the Leisure sector encompass perhaps our widest spectrum of building types including swimming pools, hotels, bars and restaurants through to tree-houses and family entertainment complexes. Each has demanded a unique design approach in response to specific requirements of the design brief and site context. For example, Alnwick Treehouse is integrated into the mature woodland of Alnwick Garden and provides an unprecedented award-winning £3 million visitor facility and restaurant. **Seaham Hall Hotel**, created from a derelict Grade 2 listed building provides the only 5-star hotel in the North East, and, together with the adjoining Oriental Spa, provides a sensory experience which has earned it international recognition.



Masterplanning

Master planning work over the years has included development strategies for historic towns, the creation of new villages in outstanding landscapes and the restoration of existing neighbourhoods. Recent work has focussed on regeneration projects and mixed-use commercial developments. Our winning proposal for **Hebburn town centre** employs a cutting-edge mixed-use design to spearhead the regeneration of this 8 hectare site in South Tyneside, whilst our proposals for the £200 million development of **Central Park, Darlington** will provide the vital link between the town centre and its neighbouring community. We have also completed numerous residential master-plans for major national house builders, with our proposals embodying the latest best practice design guidance, such as the 500 unit Stella South development for Persimmon Homes, the first stage in the regeneration of a historically important brownfield site.





Residential

We have extensive experience on all range of residential work from one-off bespoke houses for private clients through to award winning developer led city centre developments and masterplans for major national house builders. Recently our work has focussed on sustainable housing designs as parts of mixed-use developments for bidding consortia and urban developments to provide high quality city-centre living. The **Mowbray Park** development provides a contemporary design solution set within an historic conservation area of Sunderland, whilst the £30 million renovation and extension to the Bonded Warehouse, Newcastle in conjunction with the adjacent 15 storey Forth Banks development, has brought back to life a derelict landmark of the Quayside. Our work with national house builders has led to notable success at Central Park Darlington, Stella Gateshead and Wellesley Blyth and currently at ITSFT stage with the £1 billion Gateshead BIG housing project.



3d Visualisation.

Our dedicated 3d Visualisation team, Napper 3D become involved from the design development stages of a project as well as creating high end finished proposal images and movies. We offer a range of services including Photo-real stills, stylised images, animated **movies** and photomontage. We are currently developing a video-montage service for the ultimate in realistic visualisation. Napper 3D also works directly with external clients and architects providing a visualisation service that has been based on years of experience in the construction and visualisation industries. We continue to develop this knowledge through our collaborative research work with the Universities of Manchester and Bristol.



CDM Co-ordination.

The company is corporately registered as a member of the Association for Project Safety and one operational director is a registered CDM Co-ordinator. We act for all range of Client types, including the smaller “**Not for Profit organisations**” (NFPO) through to Sunderland City Council where we are CDM co-ordinators for £102 million Academy program and new swimming pools at Hetton and Silksworth.



Landscape.

Landscape work ranges from urban regeneration at Elswick Park in Newcastle through to small scale work and landscape settings for the company's buildings. Recent work includes the design of a new civic square in Newcastle upon Tyne associated with the redevelopment of the East Blenheim Street area, including of the formation of Waterloo Square, a new public piazza in the heart of the city.

Services Offered

Architecture

Working with existing buildings

Working with historic buildings

3D visualisations and movies

Landscape Architecture

Interior and Graphic Design

Contract Administration

CDM Co-ordination



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