

CURRICULUM VITAE



NEIL POUNTNEY FRICS, MAPM, FRSA

With forty years experience in the construction industry, Neil Pountney has reached the top of his profession at both local and national level.

Neil has had a lifetime of experience guiding leaders of industry and commerce, as well as major companies, to achieve their particular construction objectives in the UK and overseas.

After seven years as managing partner of a leading firm of construction consultants, six years ago he established his own firm, Emprima (formerly Neil Pountney Consulting), giving personal attention to a varied range of clients.

He is a former past national President of the Quantity Surveyors Division of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, a member of the Board of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and Industry and non-executive Chairman of Jupiter II, an investment company and parent to a group of companies serving the construction industry. Until 2007, he was a member of the West Midlands Regional Assembly's Planning Partnership. He is a Director of development company, Maximus, and a member of the Board and Finance and Estates Committee of Solihull College.

Full Name: Neil Stewart Pountney

Date of Birth: 16 May 1943

Nationality: British

Education: Sharmans Cross High School, Solihull 1955-58
 Lode Heath High School, Solihull 1959
 City of Birmingham Polytechnic, Department of Construction Technology 1975-79
 City of Birmingham Polytechnic, Department of Law 1982-83
 University of Reading, Course in Project Management 1979

Qualifications: Professional Associate of The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors 1979
 Elected to the Fellowship of The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors 1984
 Elected a Member of the Association of Project Management 1997

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

1998 – Date: Managing Director, Emprima Limited (formerly Neil Pountney Consulting)
1991 – 1998: Managing Partner, Wakemans
1984 – 1998: Partner, L C Wakeman & Partners
1978 – 1984: Associate, L C Wakeman & Partners
1959 – 1978: L C Wakeman & Partners

**EMPRIMA LIMITED (formerly Neil Pountney Consulting
1998 – Date**

- 2006 – Date** Project Adviser (subsequently Project Manager) for £120m Aston Student Villages residencies project at Aston University, Birmingham.
- 2003 – 2006** Project Adviser to Royal College of Organists for £5m alterations and refurbishment of the Grade 1 Listed former Curzon Street Railway Station, Eastside, Birmingham.
- 2002 – 2007** Project Manager to Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and Industry for £80m redevelopment of Edgbaston headquarters site.
- 2002 – 2006** Project Adviser to Aston University for development programme including capital projects totalling £25m comprising alterations and extensions to Aston Business School and a new Academy of Life Sciences.
- 2004/05** Construction Director for Maximus Real Estate on construction of 40,000 sq ft office development at Wildwood, Worcester.
- 2004** Providing assistance to BDO Stoy Hayward in carrying out due diligence during acquisition of a construction company on behalf of clients.
- 2003 – 2004** Project Manager for £3m Retail Development at Towcester for Mayfair Land & Developments.
- 2002 – 2004** Providing advice to Orange Retail Limited and creating framework agreement for the shop-fitting of stores throughout the UK, including flagship store at Bullring, Birmingham.
- 2002** Project Manager for commercial development of offices at Albert Street, Birmingham for Mayfair Land & Developments Limited, part of the Mabey Group.
- 2001** Construction Director for Maximus Real Estate Limited on two office developments totalling £5.5m at Coleshill and Bromsgrove, West Midlands.
- 2000** Project Manager for alterations and extensions to Vauxhall Building at Aston University, Birmingham to create a new £2m conference facility.
- 1999 – 2000** Appointed Expert Witness for arbitration, relating to a process engineering contract in Warsaw, being heard before the International Chamber of Commerce, International Court of Arbitration.
- 1999** Special Projects Adviser to Aston University, Birmingham.
- 1998** Special Projects to Aston University, Birmingham in assisting the client, consultants and contractor in achieving the paramount objectives of bringing a £17.5 million Student Residences project to completion on time and within budget.

**WAKEMANS
1991 – 1998**

- 1997 – 1998** Advised Midlands Electricity plc on the structure and operation of partnering agreements, including analysing bids, for £40 million spend on framework agreements.
- 1996 – 1997** Client Liaison Partner for Quantity Surveying Services for £5 million office development at Aston Science Park, Birmingham.
- 1996 – 1998** Ditto for £16 million Monks Cross Retail Park, York for Richardson Developments.
- 1996 – 1997** Ditto for £10 million, 300,000 sq ft high bay distribution centre for Littlewoods Stores at Centrum 100 Business Park, Burton-upon-Trent, Staffordshire.

- 1995 – 1996** Ditto for £13 million, 225,000 sq ft high bay distribution centre for Index - The Catalogue Shop at Moxley, Staffordshire, involving £1.3 million ground remediation, on behalf of Barberry House Properties.
- 1995 – 1996** Executive Project Manager and Client Liaison Partner for feasibility studies on the £35 million second phase, comprising a further 200,000 sq ft of offices with extensive public highway re-arrangements.
- 1994 – 1996** Executive Project Manager and Client Liaison Partner on £30 million conversion of Lewis's Store, Birmingham (now known as Temple Court) into 100,000 sq ft of offices and incorporating seven County Courts and associated accommodation on behalf of developer Richardson Barberry Properties.
- 1991 – 1998** Appointed Managing Partner of the Practice with responsibility for the business management of all professional work undertaken by ninety staff in the quantity surveying, dispute resolution and project management divisions of the practice.

L C WAKEMAN & PARTNERS
1959 - 1991

- 1984 – 1990** Appointed an equity Partner of the Practice.
Continued with contentious business, including dealing with several matters in the West Indies.
Advised the (then) GKN Birwelco on £25 million civil engineering content of Refuse Disposal Incinerator project in Vancouver, Canada including travelling to set-up sub-contracts with local firms.
Undertook project and financial management of a £3 million extension of a department store in Wolverhampton for James Beattie plc. Provided financial management on store projects in Sutton Coldfield, Northampton, Worcester, Solihull and Aylesbury. (1988 - 1993)
Responsible for project and construction management of a £5 million leisure and hotel development in Barbados for Pemberton Resorts.
Provided financial management and advised on procurement and commercial matters to £140 million Waterlinks urban regeneration development in Birmingham Heartlands. Only £25 million constructed.
- 1978 – 1983** Appointed an Associate of the Practice.
Specialised in resolving construction disputes, acting for building owners, contractors, architects, engineers, quantity surveyors, etc. and liaising with lawyers in construction litigation, including acting as expert.
- 1974 – 1978** Senior management surveyor responsible for a team engaged upon the procurement and financial management of new-build and adaptation construction contracts to a current value at the time of in excess of £50 million for the (then) Austin-Rover Mini-Metro manufacturing facility, Longbridge, Birmingham.
- 1972 – 1974** Senior surveyor engaged as project manager on new vehicle manufacturing facility of £10 million in value for Reliant Motors at Two Gates and Kettlebrook, Tamworth, Staffordshire.
- 1965 – 1972** Post-contract quantity surveyor engaged upon the financial management, valuation of work in progress and negotiation and settlement of final accounts for a range of industrial projects for the automotive and associated component industries.
- 1959 – 1965** Assistant pre-contract quantity surveyor engaged upon the preparation of feasibility studies, bills of quantities and other tender documents for a wide range of work including industrial, commercial, housing, leisure and public sector schemes.

OTHER RELEVANT INTERESTS/EXPERIENCE

ROYAL INSTITUTION OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS

West Midlands Branch, Quantity Surveyors Committee

Committee Member 1985 – 89

Honorary Secretary 1986 – 87

Vice Chairman 1987 – 88

Chairman 1988 – 89

West Midlands Branch Committee

Committee Member 1989 – 92

Senior Vice Chairman 1991 – 92

Chairman 1992 – 93

National Promotions and Marketing Board

1989 – 92

National Construction Market Panel

1992 – 1996

National and West Midlands

Regional Spokesman on Construction 1992 – 2002

West Midlands Continuing Professional Development Limited

Director 1992 – 2002

National Communications Support Panel

1994 – 1996

National Quantity Surveyors Divisional Council

1994 – 2001

Quantity Surveyors Division

National Junior Vice Chairman 1997/98

National Senior Vice Chairman 1998/99

President 1999/2000

Member, National Executive Board, 1997 – 2001

General Council

Member, 1998 – 2000

Professional Conduct Panel

Member, 1998 – 1999

Regional Development Agencies Working Group

Member, 1999/2000

Construction Policy Panel

Member, 1999 – 2000

Construction Faculty

Board Member 2000 – 2002

West Midlands Regional Board

Member 2000 – 2002

BIRMINGHAM FORWARD

International Committee 1994 – 2002

BIRMINGHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Council Member 1994 – 2007

Board Member 1998 – 2007

Chairman Property Group 1999 – 2007

WEST MIDLANDS REGIONAL ASSEMBLY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

Member 2006 – 2007

SOLIHULL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

President 2002 – 2004

BIRMINGHAM CHAMBER TRAINING

Non-Executive Director 1999 – 2004

ROYAL INSTITUTION OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS AWARDS

Midlands Assessment Panel 1992 – 1993

Midlands Assessment Panel Chairman 1994 – 2002

BUSINESS IN THE COMMUNITY

Council Member, Professional Firms Group 1994 – 1998

MANAGING EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY published by the Society for Research into Higher Education and the Open University Press

Contributing Author 1994

FAMILY CARE TRUST (SOLIHULL)

(£1million charitable trust providing respite care for elderly, mentally infirm and their carers)

Founding Chairman 1993

Chairman 1994 – 1997

UNIVERSITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON Construction Industry Panel for Curriculum Development

Member 1996 – 2000

JUPITER II LIMITED INVESTMENT GROUP

Non-Executive Group Chairman 2000 – 2003

LB STRUCTURES LIMITED,

Non-Executive Chairman, 2000 – 2003

COLOUR POWDER COATINGS LIMITED

Non-Executive Chairman, 2000 – 2003

C J PEARCE & CO LIMITED

Non Executive Chairman, 2002 – 2003

ADVANTAGE WEST MIDLANDS, ECONOMIC STRATEGY: CREATING CONDITIONS FOR GROWTH

Panel Member 2000

BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

2002 – 2004

SOLIHULL BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

Board Member, 2002 – date

SOLIHULL COLLEGE

Board member and member of Finance and Estates Committee 2005 – date