



MEET THE TEAM



MANAGING DIRECTOR

DEREK GODFREY MCIOB FinstSMM

With a background originally in Engineering Design and Technical Sales and Marketing Management Derek has established Ellis as a regionally recognised exemplar to the construction industry. From a fledging operation in 1990 it is now a recognised award winning brand with a highly motivated and professional workforce.

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CAREER HISTORY

Prior to Ellis, Derek had a successful career in Engineering and held senior positions for Sussex based local world leading pump manufacturer Alfa Laval and STC leading new technologies to the market in optical fibre.

Looking for a new challenge, in 1990 Derek became partner of Ellis Builders before taking over solely in 1996 and since has developed the business to a multi-million pound turnover and one of the larger privately owned construction companies in East Sussex with an enviable reputation for service and expertise.

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SECTOR EXPERIENCE

New Build housing and commercial
Extensive conversion and refurbishment
Design & Build, Traditional, Framework and Partnering
Grade 1 & 2 Listed Properties, Ecclesiastical
Residential, Commercial, Retail
Schools and Colleges
Hospitals / Healthcare / Care Homes and Fire Stations
Hotels and Leisure
High end finish and specification
Public and Private sectors served extensively

QUALIFICATIONS AND CAREER TRAINING

Derek has extensive Mechanical Engineering qualifications, has been a Fellow of the Institute of Sales and Marketing Management (FinstSMM) for over 27 years and is an appointed Member of The Chartered Institute of Building (MCIOB). Derek has a degree equivalent qualification in Construction Contracts Management and extensive management training and CPD spanning over a career of 38 years.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Derek is passionate about local business and is committed to the South East and Sussex as a business destination. He is a Director of Eastbourne and District Chamber of Commerce and The Eastbourne Education Business Partnership. He is also Vice Chair of the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SE LEP) representing the business interests of East Sussex. Derek also sits on a number of other advisory groups and boards representing local business interests.

For some years Derek was an active member of the Round table holding posts as club Chairman as well as regional posts. Alas age has meant he has moved on to 41 Club for whom he has also served as Chairman. In addition he has 3 children and 3 step children, he is married and enjoys an active social life, travelling, golf, football and skiing.

Throughout his career at Ellis Derek has been closely involved with almost every project and has added value by experience to projects across the South East over 25 plus years.