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Richard is a Director at Hadron and a Chartered Project Manager. He joined Hadron from the All England Lawn Tennis Club, where he was a client-side project manager within the Estates Development team. Prior to this Richard worked in the Sports, Leisure & Hospitality team at Deloitte and Drivers Jonas.

Richard excels in developing strong client relationships and leading wide ranging, large, and often high-profile project teams on complex projects. He has worked with both public and private sector clients in several industry sectors, but his strength lies in the project management of sports projects.

Richard has developed a wide range of experience in all areas of project management, including project and programme management, procurement, contract administration, due diligence, feasibility work, development monitoring and business case support.

### PROJECT EXPERIENCE

#### **Dover District Leisure Centre, Dover**

Project Manager for a new £20m leisure centre. The scheme includes a learner pool, eight lane 25m competition pool with spectator seating, multi-use, dance and spin studios, clip n climb, squash courts, four-court sports hall, external MUGAs and fitness studio. Project challenges included extensive archaeology, high risk of unexploded bombs, new utilities required to service the site and ecology.

#### **Chiltern Lifestyle Centre, Amersham**

Project Lead for a £34million community and leisure facility in Amersham. This project has complex phasing requirements to ensure the current facilities remain open during construction. The new scheme includes a community centre, library, nursery, soft play, climbing and bouldering, squash courts, four-court sports hall, spin and dance studios, fitness suite, learner / diving pool (including dry dive facility), 25m eight lane pool, spa, spectator seating and several external play areas.

#### **All England Club, London**

Working for the All England Club provided Richard a unique opportunity to work client-side for a very high-profile organisation. The site and Championships constraints meant the delivery of the projects Richard was involved in needed to be carefully co-ordinated and programmed, often resulting in 'interim' projects to allow the bigger, more complex projects to develop.

#### **AELTC - Somerset Road Redevelopment**

Responsible for the delivery of the Somerset Road Project, incorporating six indoor courts, six external clay courts, new Club facilities and a 350 space basement car park. The scheme incorporated a significant amount of logistics for The Championships, including the courtesy car fleet, park & ride and player drop off.

#### **AELTC - No.1 Court - Court 19 & Enabling Works**

Project Manager for the Court 19 & Enabling Works package between Championships 2016 & 2017. Sir Robert McAlpine were instructed to deliver the scheme following a Pre-Construction Services Agreement for the enabling works package. The fixed & moveable roof will complete in advance of The Championships 2019.

#### **Wolverhampton Wanderers FC**

Construction phase Project Manager for the North Stand Redevelopment during a Premier League football season. The project was delivered to a challenging programme and budget, incorporating new hospitality facilities, a museum and club shop, and was handed over to the football club in time for the 2012/2013 season.

#### **Flitwick Leisure Centre, Bedfordshire**

Pre-construction Project Manager. A detailed feasibility study and business planning was undertaken to assess several facility mixes for a replacement centre. The scheme included the sale of adjacent land for residential development and Sport England funding.

#### **Splashpoint Leisure Centre, Worthing**

Construction phase Project Manager for a Wilkinson Eyre designed scheme which opened in May 2013. The new facility replaced the adjacent Aquarena and is a landmark building on the seafront adjacent to a Grade II\* listed building. Splashpoint was voted winner of the World Architecture Festival 'Sport' Category 2013.

#### **Other Relevant Experience**

Sovereign Centre, Eastbourne  
 Flitwick Leisure Centre, Bedfordshire  
 Tadworth Leisure & Community Centre, Banstead  
 Centre AT7 Redevelopment, Coventry  
 Natural History Museum Public Realm, London  
 Tate, Liverpool