

# GRAHAM MITCHEL

## Construction Manager

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Construction manager with ten years of experience delivering residential and commercial builds across Yorkshire and the North West. Managed projects worth up to £38 million at Balfour Beatty and Kier, with a track record of completing on schedule and under budget. Comfortable running sites with 80+ subcontractors and have held a clean safety record across my last four projects.

## EXPERIENCE

### Senior Construction Manager, Balfour Beatty, Leeds

Mar 2021 – Present

Managing delivery of large-scale commercial and mixed-use schemes across West Yorkshire.

- Delivered a **£38 million** mixed-use development in Leeds city centre — 142 apartments and 6 retail units — completed 3 weeks ahead of programme
- Managed a site team of **14 direct staff and 85+ subcontractors** across structural, M&E, and fit-out packages
- Reduced waste disposal costs by **22%** by renegotiating skip contracts and introducing on-site segregation
- Maintained a **zero lost-time injury** record across 2.1 million man-hours over three consecutive projects

### Construction Manager, Kier Group, Manchester

Jan 2018 – Feb 2021

Ran day-to-day site operations for residential housing developments in Greater Manchester.

- Managed the build programme for a **£24 million, 96-unit** housing scheme in Salford from groundworks to handover
- Coordinated **18 subcontractor packages** and resolved over 60 RFIs during the structural phase
- Cut concrete supply costs by **£140,000** by switching to a regional batching plant for a 14-month programme
- Achieved NHBC Pride in the Job Quality Award in **2019 and 2020**

### Site Manager, Taylor Wimpey, Wakefield

Jun 2015 – Dec 2017

Supervised construction of new-build housing estates across the Yorkshire region.

- Oversaw the build of **54 residential units** across two phases on a greenfield site near Wakefield
- Managed daily coordination of **40+ trades** and ensured compliance with NHBC standards
- Reduced snagging items at handover by **35%** by introducing weekly quality audits from the substructure stage

### Assistant Site Manager, Wates Group, Sheffield

Sep 2013 – May 2015

Supported the site manager on a £12 million student accommodation project for the University of Sheffield.

- Managed the internal fit-out programme for **220 student rooms** across 4 blocks
- Coordinated material deliveries and crane schedules for a constrained city-centre site
- Completed the SMSTS qualification and took on independent responsibility for one block during the final phase

## EDUCATION

BSc (Hons) in Construction Management, Leeds Beckett University, Leeds

Sep 2010 – Jun 2013

Upper Second Class Honours. Dissertation on lean construction techniques in UK housebuilding. Completed a 6-month placement with Wates Group during the second year.

## SKILLS

Programme & Project Planning, Subcontractor Management, Health & Safety Compliance, Cost Control & Budget Management, Design Coordination, NEC & JCT Contracts, Asta Powerproject, BIM Level 2 (Autodesk Navisworks), Quality Assurance & Snagging, Stakeholder & Client Management

## CERTIFICATIONS

SMSTS (Site Management Safety Training Scheme), CITB

Mar 2015 – Mar 2030

CSCS Black Card – Senior Manager, CSCS

Jun 2018 – Jun 2028

NEBOSH National Certificate in Construction Health and Safety, NEBOSH

Nov 2019

## LANGUAGES

English (native)

## PROJECTS

Leeds Eastgate Mixed-Use Development – Balfour Beatty

Apr 2022 – Nov 2024

Lead construction manager for a £38 million city-centre scheme.

- Managed the programme from piling through to fit-out and handover across **142 apartments and 6 retail units**
- Coordinated with Leeds City Council highways team for **14 road closures** and managed crane operations on a constrained site
- Handed over **3 weeks early**, saving the client £95,000 in prelim costs

Full lifecycle management of a 96-unit housing scheme.

- Programme value of **£24 million** delivered on budget with only 1.2% cost overrun on preliminaries
- Won NHBC Pride in the Job award — **top 5% of site managers nationally** that year

## REFERENCES

**Stuart Brennan**, Operations Director, Balfour Beatty, [stuart.brennan@balfourbeatty.com](mailto:stuart.brennan@balfourbeatty.com), +44 7700 900 412

**Fiona Hogg**, Project Director, Kier Group, [fiona.hogg@kier.co.uk](mailto:fiona.hogg@kier.co.uk), +44 7700 900 518

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

STEM Ambassador – Leeds Schools Programme

Sep 2020

Visit secondary schools across Leeds to talk about careers in construction. Run mock site planning workshops with Year 10 and 11 students — visited 8 schools so far.

Member – Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB)

Jan 2018

Active member of the Yorkshire hub. Attend quarterly CPD events and contributed to the 2023 panel on modern methods of construction.