RIBA Plan of Work 2020	The RIBA Plan of Work organises the process of briefing, designing, delivering, maintaining, operating and using a building into eight stages. It is a framework for all disciplines on construction projects and should be used solely as guidance for the preparation of detailed professional services and building contracts.	0 Strategic Definition	1 Preparation and Briefing	2 Concept Design	3 Spatial Coordination	4 Technical Design	5 Manufacturing and Construction	6 Contraction of the building.	7 Use
Stage Boundaries: Stages 0-4 will generally be undertaken one after the other. Stages 4 and 5 will overlap in the Project Programme for most projects. Stage 5 commences when the contractor takes possession of the site and finishes at Practical Completion. Stage 6 starts with the handover of the building to the client immediately after Practical Completion and finishes at the end of the Defects Liability Period. Stage 7 starts concurrently with Stage 6 and lasts for the life of the building. Planning Applications are generally submitted at the end of Stage 3 and should only be submitted earlier when the threshold of information required has been met. If a Planning Application is made during Stage 3, a mid- stage gateway should be determined and it should be clear to the project team which tasks and deliverables will be required.	Stage Outcome at the end of the stage	The best means of achieving the Client Requirements confirmed If the outcome determines that a building is the best means of achieving the Client Requirements , the client proceeds to Stage 1	Project Brief approved by the client and confirmed that it can be accommodated on the site	Architectural Concept approved by the client and aligned to the Project Brief The brief remains "live" during Stage 2 and is derogated in response to the Architectural Concept	Architectural and engineering information Spatially Coordinated	All design information required to manufacture and construct the project completed Stage 4 will overlap with Stage 5 on most projects	Manufacturing, construction and Commissioning completed There is no design work in Stage 5 other than responding to Site Queries	Building handed over, Aftercare initiated and Building Contract concluded	Building used, operated and maintained efficiently Stage 7 starts concurrently with Stage 6 and lasts for the life of the building
	Core Tasks during the stage Project Strategies might include: - Conservation (if applicable) - Cost - Fire Safety - Health and Safety - Inclusive Design - Planning - Plan for Use - Procurement - Sustainability See <i>RIBA Plan of Work 2020</i> <i>Overview</i> for detailed guidance on Project Strategies		including Project Outcomes and Sustainability Outcomes, Quality Aspirations and Spatial Requirements	Prepare Architectural Concept incorporating Strategic Engineering requirements and aligned to Cost Plan, Project Strategies and Outline Specification Agree Project Brief Derogations Undertake Design Reviews with client and Project Stakeholders Prepare stage Design Programme	Undertake Design Studies, Engineering Analysis and Cost Exercises to test Architectural Concept resulting in Spatially Coordinated design aligned to updated Cost Plan, Project Strategies and Outline Specification Initiate Change Control Procedures Prepare stage Design Programme	Develop architectural and engineering technical design Prepare and coordinate design team Building Systems information Prepare and integrate specialist subcontractor Building Systems information Prepare stage Design Programme Specialist subcontractor designs are prepared and reviewed during Stage 4	Finalise Site Logistics Manufacture Building Systems and construct building Monitor progress against Construction Programme Inspect Construction Quality Resolve Site Queries as required Undertake Commissioning of building Prepare Building Manual Building handover tasks bridge Stage Strategy	Hand over building in line with Plan for Use Strategy Undertake review of Project Performance Undertake seasonal Commissioning Rectify defects Complete initial Aftercare tasks including light touch Post Occupancy Evaluation s 5 and 6 as set out in the Plan for Use	Implement Facilities Management and Asset Management Undertake Post Occupancy Evaluation of building performance in use Verify Project Outcomes including Sustainability Outcomes Adaptation of a building (at the end of its useful life) triggers a new Stage 0
	Core Statutory Processes during the stage: Planning Building Regulations Health and Safety (CDM)	Strategic appraisal of Planning considerations	Source pre-application Planning Advice Initiate collation of health and safety Pre-construction Information	Obtain pre-application Planning Advice Agree route to Building Regulations compliance Option: submit outline Planning Application	Review design against Building Regulations Prepare and submit Planning Application See Planning Note for guidance on submitting a Planning Application earlier than at end of Stage 3	Submit Building Regulations Application Discharge pre- commencement Planning Conditions Prepare Construction Phase Plan Submit form F10 to HSE if applicable	Carry out Construction Phase Plan Comply with Planning Conditions related to construction	Comply with Planning Conditions as required	Comply with Planning Conditions as required
See Overview guidance. Procurement: The RIBA Plan of Work is procurement neutral - See Overview guidance for a detailed description of how each stage might be adjusted to accommodate the requirements of the Procurement Strategy. ER Employer's Requirements CP Contractor's Proposals CP Marchitecture com	Procurement Route Design & Build 1 Stage Design & Build 2 Stage Management Contract Construction Management Contractor-led	Appoint client team	Appoint design team	ER Appoint contractor	Pre-contract services agreement Preferred bidder	Tender Appoint contractor ER CP Appoint CP Appoint contractor CP Appoint contractor			Appoint Facilities Management and Asset Management teams, and strategic advisers as needed
	Information Exchanges at the end of the stage	Client Requirements Business Case	Project Brief Feasibility Studies Site Information Project Budget Project Programme Procurement Strategy Responsibility Matrix Information Requirements	Project Brief Derogations Signed off Stage Report Project Strategies Outline Specification Cost Plan	Signed off Stage Report Project Strategies Updated Outline Specification Updated Cost Plan Planning Application	Manufacturing Information Construction Information Final Specifications Residual Project Strategies Building Regulations Application	Building Manual including Health and Safety File and Fire Safety Information Practical Completion certificate including Defects List Asset Information If Verified Construction Information is required, verification tasks must be defined	Feedback on Project Performance Final Certificate Feedback from light touch Post Occupancy Evaluation	Feedback from Post Occupancy Evaluation Updated Building Manual including Health and Safety File and Fire Safety Information as necessary

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Further guidance and detailed stage descriptions are included in the RIBA Plan of Work 2020 Overview.