

Capel C.S Ltd awarded Principal Contractor Licence Management Systems Accepted Status by Network Rail

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Leading construction specialist [Capel C.S Ltd \(Capel\)](#) has been awarded the status of Principal Contractor (PC) Licence Management Systems Accepted (MSA) by [Network Rail](#).

Since 1993, the construction contractor has specialised in the planning, design, refurbishment, and general construction and maintenance of public use building structures and public facilities throughout London and the UK.

In the last decade, it has supported several projects across the nation's rail network, including station refurbishments alongside client Greater Anglia, and building refurbishments for MTR Elizabeth line prior to its opening in 2022.

Management Systems Acceptance and Provisional Licence

On March 13 2024, Capel received official MSA status. This confirmed that it was able to meet the

requirements for certification to trackside Management Systems Accepted status by Network Rail, and represented a significant step towards becoming an official PCL holder.

To achieve this, the construction contractor underwent a series of pre-qualification audits by Network Rail that looked closely at its core competencies and schemes, assessing compliance with the company's management systems.

The audit observations included (but were not limited to) Capel's maintenance of all relevant RISQS qualifications and Sentinel Scheme Rules, Capel's safe system of work planning and emergency plans, competence in planning and management of construction and temporary works including specialist advice. They also covered Capel's staff training and safety culture development, quality management, environmental practice and sustainability management, social management, employee health safety & wellbeing and more.

Paul Coomber, Managing Director of Capel, said: "We are delighted to hold the PC Licence MSA Status with Network Rail and celebrate this achievement as we look forward to obtaining a provisional Principal Contractor Licence in the nearer future."

Network Rail Principal Contractors are contractors appointed by the client to coordinate the construction phase of a project where it involves more than one contractor, and must hold a Principal Contractor Certificate (PCC) or Principal Contractor Licence (PCL) issued by Network Rail to discharge these duties on Network Rail Managed Infrastructure.

During the process of obtaining the PC Licence MSA, Capel agreed to regularly update its systems based on Network Rail's feedback and its own lessons learned. A significant example of 'good practice' was also identified during the process.

Capel's annual declaration to Network Rail holding the PC MSA status also marks its commitment to maintaining the declared organisation and arrangements for safety management, compliance with UK Legislation and relevant Railway Group and Network Rail standards, maintenance of satisfactory performance levels and co-operating with Network Rail on several levels.

Capel is now actively tendering for bids for direct Network Rail contracts that require a PCL, and thanked the infrastructure manager for its time and recognition.