

## CHRISTOPHER ANDREW RAISON

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### EDUCATION

- BEng Honours Civil and structural Engineering, Sheffield University (1973)
- MSc Foundation Engineering, University of Birmingham (1977)
- CEng (1981)

### AFFILIATIONS

- Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers
- Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and Geotechnical Institute
- Member of British Geotechnical Society
- Member of Midland Geotechnical Society
- Member of International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering

### EXPERIENCE

#### **2002 to PRESENT – DIRECTOR - RAISON FOSTER ASSOCIATES LIMITED**

Specialist geotechnical advice and guidance, design calculations and reporting to the Piling and Ground Improvement industry, Main Contractors, Developers and Consulting Structural Engineers. Projects and design works carried out include numerous basement retaining walls, pile foundations, ground improvement including VCC, slope stability analysis and the provision of specialist design advice.

#### **Principal Current Areas of Specialisation**

Retaining wall analysis and design, design of pile foundations, soil nailing, ground anchorages and ground improvement. Slope stability, settlement analyses, earthworks design. General soil mechanics, foundation engineering, geotechnical, civil and structural engineering works. Trouble shooting and Expert Witness work.

#### Selected major Projects

- Norton Bridge Alliance. Piling Solutions. Responsible for design of piled foundations for new overhead signal gantries and OLE structures constructed as part of the route modernisation carried out by the Norton Bridge Alliance on the Railtrack West Coast Main Line.

- Rugby Alliance. Piling Solutions. Responsible for design of piled foundations for new overhead signal gantries constructed as part of the route modernisation carried out by the Rugby Alliance on the Railtrack West Coast Main Line.
- Nuneaton Alliance. Owen Williams Rail. Final pile design for a large diameter pile foundation for an OLE structure at Nuneaton Station.
- Docklands Light Railway Extension. AMEC. Review of foundation proposals and provision of specialist design and guidance to Main Contractor.
- Mainstream Way, Birmingham. Acting as Expert Witness in a dispute between a Developer and Specialist Ground Improvement Contractor regarding floor slab and building settlements to a warehouse structure founded on vibro stone columns.
- Vulcan Street, Oldham. Provision of Expert Advice in a dispute between a Consulting Engineer and Site Investigation Contractor following settlements to a floor slab to an industrial building.
- Byng Street Redevelopment. May Gurney. Specialist geotechnical design for a deep basement secant pile retaining wall. Provision of advice and guidance.
- Gallions Reach Beckton. Pennine. Responsible for composite VCC, deep concrete foundations and geogrid upfilling for a new commercial development. Design included finite element analyses of the composite foundation substructure and full liaison with the Specialist Contractor and Engineer.
- Falls Swim Centre, Belfast. FK Piling. Final design works for a deep basement retaining wall and foundation piles. Responsible for liaison with Technical Approval authority.
- Bus Link Bridge, Metrocentre, Gateshead. Keller Ground Engineering. Design of piled bridge embankments constructed over soft ground including the geogrid load transfer platform.
- Great Dover Street, London. May Gurney. Specialist design of the basement contiguous piled wall immediately adjacent to a trunk road.
- CTRL Pepper Hill Tunnel Phase 1. Hochtief. Responsible for carrying out slope stability and retaining wall analyses for approach cuttings to tunnel.
- MSIRR Irwell Street Bridge, Manchester. Structures Alliance. Responsible for foundation pile design for a new railway bridge for a road widening scheme. Involved in investigations and remedial works following site problems.
- Numerous other contracts covering deep basement design, pile foundations cutting and embankment analysis, soil nailing and ground improvement. Projects involving office and commercial buildings, bridges, roads and rail infrastructures.

## **1999 to 2002 – DIRECTOR - CHRIS RAISON ASSOCIATES LIMITED**

Specialist geotechnical advice and guidance, design calculations and reporting to the Piling and Ground Improvement industry, Main Contractors, Developers and the smaller Consulting Structural Engineers. Projects and design works carried out include numerous basement retaining walls, pile foundations, ground improvement including VCC and the provision of specialist design advice.

### Particular specialist design projects

- Tally Ho Deep Basement, North Finchley, London N12 .Responsible for the detailed design of a 9m deep basement retaining wall formed using 600mm diameter Cfa bored piles. Design included stability and wall displacement computations.
- Gallions Reach, Beckton. Final design for a composite VCC, deep pad footings and geogrid load transfer platform foundation system for a new retail development. Design included detailed finite element analyses.
- Frogmore Garage, Frogmore, Hertfordshire. Acting as Expert Witness in a dispute between a House Builder and Site Investigation Contractor regarding piling problems during construction of foundations on a Chalk site.
- North Staffs Alliance. Responsible for design for piled foundations for new overhead signal gantries and OLE structures constructed as part of the route modernisation carried out by the North Staffs Alliance on the Railtrack West Coast Main Line.

## **1987 to 1999 – CHIEF ENGINEER - KELLER GROUND ENGINEERING**

Senior Design Engineer to May 1989 then Chief Engineer. Technical support and specialist design to the piling and ground improvement departments, design auditing, checking and validation and specialist software development.

### Particular specialist design projects

- Wimbledon Town Hall Development. Responsible for the final design for large diameter bored piles and contiguous bored pile retaining walls for a two storey deep basement.
- College Road Harrow. Responsible for all geotechnical design relating to an 18m deep basement construction including large diameter bored piles, contiguous bored pile retaining wall and overall performance of the foundations. Responsible for the management and reporting of retaining wall instrumentation to monitor wall displacements during construction.
- North Morecambe Terminal, Barrow. Responsible for driven cast in place and precast pile design for a new gas process plant. Foundations designed for defined levels of earthquake and to overcome the effects of ground liquefaction. Responsible for the planning and interpretation of an extensive pile testing programme.

- Second Severn Crossing, Toll Plaza. Involved in the preliminary and detailed design for a vibro concrete column and geogrid embankment support system.
- A406 North Circular Road, Edmonton, Silver Street Bridge Jacking Pit. Responsible for the detailed design of a 15m deep jacking pit formed using large diameter bored piles. Design included stability and wall displacement computations.

### **1982 to 1987 – SENIOR GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER - OVE ARUP AND PARTNERS**

Project Geotechnical Engineer engaged on the design and supervision of construction of a major structure and deep basement founded in London Clay. Providing of advice and foundation design to external clients.

Particular specialist design projects

- Misr Bank, Cairo, Egypt. Two months on site as temporary Resident Engineer responsible for the supervision of the installation of 1.5m diameter bored piles, ground instrumentation and excavation carried out during construction of a two storey deep basement in silts and sands.
- Houndsditch, City of London. Responsible for carrying out a design check for a 15m deep basement in the City of London. Also required to provide geotechnical advice to Building Surveyors representing adjacent owners for a Party Wall agreement.
- British Library, Euston. Project Geotechnical Engineer responsible for the geotechnical aspects of the final design of a secant pile wall basement, ground anchors and raft foundation. Design included finite element computer analyses and parametric studies to investigate the behaviour of the deep basements. Also engaged in the design and planning of the sequence of construction in conjunction with the Project Management Contractor, and in dealing with all site related queries and problems during the works.
- Resident Engineer responsible for the design and supervision of factory and on site ground anchor trials, and the reporting and back analysis of the trial anchor testing.
- Temporary Resident Engineer supervising the installation of 1.8m diameter underreamed bored piles. Supervision included the descent and inspection of pile underreams, and the installation of instrumentation for monitoring the behaviour of the piles.
- Responsible for the management and reporting of all site survey, ground and retaining wall instrumentation monitoring with the assistance of survey staff and instrumentation technician. Duties also included liaison with the Client, and dealing with owners of adjacent buildings and tunnels both before and during the works.

## **1981 to 1982 – GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER - PETER FRAENKEL AND PARTNERS**

As a Geotechnical Engineer based in their London office providing geotechnical advice to the other civil engineering groups within Peter Fraenkel and Partners, including the preparation of geotechnical specifications and proposals for various contracts.

### Particular specialist projects

- Chao Phya River Crossing, Bangkok, Thailand. Appraisal of site investigation and test results, and the design of large diameter bored piles for the main pylon and junction piers, for a 450m span cable stayed bridge.
- Sha Tin to Tai Po Trunk Road, Hong Kong. Three months on site as the Resident Geotechnical Engineer responsible for the detailed design and checking of dredging and earthworks necessary for the construction of marine embankments on very soft silts and clays.
- Suriname River Bridge, Suriname. Outline foundation design for a large span cable stayed bridge and the preparation of proposals for additional site investigation.
- Sabah Rural Trunk Roads, Malaysia. Geotechnical advice and preliminary foundation design for Kinabatangan Bridge.

## **1979 to 1981 - GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER - OVE ARUP AND PARTNERS**

As a member of one of the geotechnical service groups responsible for providing geotechnical advice on request to the building and structures groups within Ove Arup and Partners and for providing geotechnical input and detailed foundation design for many contracts.

### Particular specialist projects

- M40 Motorway. Four months on site as Resident Engineer responsible for the supervision of fieldwork carried out as part of the site investigation for the Wendlebury to Souldern Section of the M40. Following completion of the fieldwork responsible for carrying out the detailed design and the Specific Recommendations and Materials reports.
- Swindon. Site investigation appraisal and design of earthworks and foundations for an industrial warehouse.
- Farnborough. Site investigation, assessment and detailed design of piled foundations for a multi storey town centre office building, including the installation and testing of a trial pile.
- M25 Motorway. Design check of a reinforced earth retaining wall.

## 1977 to 1979 – ASSISTANT GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER - SOIL MECHANICS

Assistant Geotechnical Engineer. Planning and preparation of contracts.

### Particular projects

- Hong Kong Mass Transit Railway. Two months on site carrying out Menard pressuremeter tests as part of the site investigation for the Tsuen Wan extension to the MTR and the subsequent analysis and reporting.
- Castle Peak Power Station, Hong Kong. Site Agent responsible for installation of geotechnical instruments to monitor the behaviour of a sea wall embankment.

## PUBLICATIONS

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- 9 C. A. Raison, B. C. Slocombe, A. L. Bell, and J. I. Baez (1995)  
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- 14 C. A. Raison (1999)  
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