

New Build

Atkins has been involved in a wide variety of new build projects in civilian and defence sectors, both in the UK and abroad. In the UK, Atkins has had a significant involvement in the new build activities from the point of time that the White paper was published indicating that nuclear could form part of the energy mix going forward.

As the largest consultant in the UK, we currently provide support to potential developers, operators, vendors, regulators and government departments that all have interests in the potential future for nuclear new build in the UK. We are therefore fully conversant with the key challenges and constraints a developer in the UK will face.

Through our ongoing support to the Generic Design Assessment and Rolls Royce Naval Propulsion Programmes, and experience of our staff, we have a formidable design, construction, commissioning and operation experience across all the relevant Generation 3/3+ technologies.

Atkins has developed and implemented a rigorous Conflict of Interest system specifically for nuclear new build work which ensures that we fully identify and avoid not only real, but also potentially perceived, conflicts of interest. In particular, where it is relevant to do so, project teams are kept separate such that no one person will work on more than one such project. We also put in place processes to ensure that information is kept confidential to the individual project team ("Chinese walls") so that others within Atkins do not know what is being done and cannot be open to any suggestion of bias.

That said, we make sure that Atkins' specialist, technical experts are able to advise all clients so that each gets the full benefit of working with Atkins and our skill base of 17,000 people. The way we select people for projects and handle data is fully recorded and open to scrutiny and audit by clients.