

## Media Release

Richard's career in construction and infrastructure spans more than thirty years and has included a number of high-profile roles within infrastructure, working as a key member of teams at Faithful & Gould, Network Rail and Mott MacDonald. Prior to joining Gleeds, Richard spent three years as infrastructure director for independent consultancy firm Initiate Project Solutions, providing advisory services for the likes of BP, Network Rail and Atkins.

His extensive experience means he is perfectly placed to support Gleeds in further developing its rail offering, with a focus on building the business' existing relationship with Network Rail across the southern and western regions. The consultancy has provided a range of commercial and project management services for the rail giant since 2015, working across projects including the redevelopment of Leeds train station and a large mixed-use programme at Clapham, as well as Crossrail 1 and 2.

Commenting on his new appointment, Richard said: "The Gleeds rail provision has been expanding at speed over the last few years and I am delighted to be joining the business at a time of such impressive growth. I have gained a wealth of experience over the course of my career to date and I fully intend to harness this expertise as I embark on an exciting new challenge".

Graham Harle, CEO of Gleeds, added: "Richard's appointment is testament to the recent success of our rail division, led by Mark Syrett, and signifies our desire to continue the pattern of growth we have propagated. The business is currently a national lead on transport commercial strategy for the Department for Transport, as well as working in partnership with the Office of Rail and Road. I am confident that Richard will be instrumental in developing these relationships, as well as strengthening the links between Gleeds and Network Rail".

Notes for editors