



The division uses Asta Powerproject Enterprise to enable and empower staff at different levels and with different specialisms: "We've got 20 concurrent licenses at present, but we must have over 100 potential users in all. The software is mostly used by designers and project managers, each of whom update progress on their own programmes. It has changed the culture and driven greater engagement and accountability which is helping us monitor progress – and that's why it's been so successful. I will visit one of our project offices and often see 5 or 6 project managers with the software open on their screens."

Maintaining a clear view

When describing how the software supports their ability to communicate and report, Graham explains: "We collect the information from the software, and then manage it visually in our project management and design meetings. In the project office we often map out the overall programme on the wall, using visual management techniques. When

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we hold weekly meetings to discuss progress, the attendees know exactly what is going on in their own programme – but only if they've taken the responsibility on board, and ensured that they have updated it in the software."

Bespoke solutions to specific challenges

Elecosoft has created bespoke software to support various street lighting and highways maintenance contracts. "Street lighting presents different challenges. Before instigating Asta Powerproject Enterprise we used many different spreadsheets to juggle all the information we needed. The numbers of tasks involved can be huge, for example, we might have to replace 40,000 street lights on a single project – and each one involves 7 or 8 tasks, so that could be more than 300,000 tasks."

"We were really happy with the service we got from Elecosoft. They took the time to understand our business and helped us to develop the macros we needed. I can rely on Elecosoft to make something bespoke and know they won't ever leave you in the lurch or charge through the nose for bug-fixing."

Graham explains how Asta Powerproject is used to better manage resourcing and reporting: "We use the software to manage our design and project management resources. Most schemes within a highway maintenance contract needs design. Business Intelligence has

helped us see the peaks and troughs of design needs, and know where we can redeploy resources across the contracts. Business Intelligence also generates two other key reports; one, a traffic-light report so that we can see our key gateways status; and the other one a report to track expenditure."

Is Asta Powerproject something that Graham values? His answer is unequivocal: "Asta Powerproject Enterprise is my preference for project and programme management. I have been using it for over 15 years, and I find it easier to use than alternatives. Also, if I want to cascade a bit of software down to site managers I will always recommend Asta Powerproject Enterprise, because the learning curve is quick and people find it simple to use. One big advantage with Elecosoft is the helpdesk. I know that if ever I get stuck I can just phone them, and they'll help me out. We put our guys through training with Elecosoft and the costs are much cheaper than other routes. Because of its cost effectiveness, I would be happy to send a keen site manager on an Elecosoft training course, and know that they would be able to produce a programme quickly."

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