



CCMS guide - How to get the most out of CAD in your business

- ✓ Look for opportunities for training and up-skilling the team.
Keep the CAD team aware of changes to program dates and scope creep. These things happen in project but as CAD is often at the end of the pipeline then can become a pinch-point through no fault of their own.
- ✓ If possible have back up machines in the store cupboard to mitigate downtime due to machine outages.
- ✓ Know your limitations – if there is part of a project that involves skills that your team don't have then it's best to get an expert in those skills.
- ✓ Work out whether your CAD team are going to be all things to all men (they can all do everything) or if some are more suited to particular skills and parts of the process and play accordingly.
- ✓ Regularly assess your CAD software. Compare to other software on the market. Just because you have always used it, doesn't mean that it's still the right one.
- ✓ Your processes of work – They may be the company 'best practise' years ago, but can they be improved. 'Best Practise isn't best practise'. Every project and client are different, so teams (and team leaders) need to be adaptable.
- ✓ CAD team leaders don't have to be the best. Football Managers aren't the best player.... They just know how to get the best out the team and get them working together.
- ✓ Doughnuts! Doughnuts for the team will always be well received. Whether they are rewarding for a milestone, or a moral booster because things are tough.