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## NASC Delivers Second TG20 Presentation To Principal Contractor Temporary Works Consultants

On Tuesday 23 May NASC delivered the second of two complimentary TG20 presentations to temporary works consultants, managers, and engineers employed by or working for principal contractors in the UK construction industry.

The presentation took place at the Chamber of Shipping, London SE1 and was well-received by an attentive audience of 70 temporary works professionals, representing major contractors and design consultancies.

Delegates were welcomed to the presentation by Lee Rowswell (GKR Scaffolding Ltd) Chair of the NASC London & South East region.

Terry Roberts of CADS (Computer and Design Services Ltd) was again the principal speaker at the presentation and gave an engaging and informative talk about TG20:13 Good Practice Guidance for Tube and Fitting Scaffolding.

This included a demonstration of the TG20 eGuide software, incorporating forthcoming updates which will be made available to existing users from June 2017. Mr Roberts also discussed longer term enhancements to TG20 at time of next full review.

Possible enhancements included further updates to software, drawings and calculations, also the possibility of expanding the range of basic scaffolding structures already addressed by TG20, and incorporation of revisions to the operational guide to reflect amendments to NASC guidance since TG20 was first issued as a full suite with accompanying software in 2013.

With a several representatives from the design fraternity present it was little surprise that a number of interesting questions were raised. These included the rationale for data input checking when generating a compliance sheet, inclusion of postcode/location details on the compliance sheet, local wind issues arising from scaffold designs for high rise buildings, use of readylock transoms, and the definition of 'high permeability'.

Mr Roberts's talk was flanked by two shorter presentations by Rick Statham (Safety & Access Ltd). In the first of these Mr Statham discussed the benefits to principal contractors when using NASC members for scaffolding requirements. He mentioned that NASC was a growing organisation and that it had recently been agreed to develop a new membership category to meet the needs of UK design companies.

An international NASC information membership category would also be developed for principal contractors and clients arising from the successful accreditation of overseas

scaffolder training centres to CISRS (Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme) in the Middle East, Asia and Far East.

The presentation concluded with a brief panel discussion during which Terry Roberts and Rick Statham were joined by David Mosley (NASC Director of Training and CISRS Manger). Mr Mosley outlined the background to the development of CISRS CPD training which would be formally launched to the industry from 1 July 2017.

Robin James (NASC Managing Director) thanked all those involved in the two TG20 presentations, noting that a total of 100 delegates had attended the presentations in Leeds and London in May 2017.

Unsurprisingly discussions continued over lunch long after the formal element of the presentation had been concluded.

Temporary works consultants attending the NASC TG20 presentations each received a complimentary TG20 full suite (one full suite per principal contractor or design company represented at the meeting).

For further details on the NASC, a copy of the latest NASC 2017 Safety Report, information on recently reduced prices for TG20:13 publications, to order copies of SG4:15, for information on the latest Technical Guidance (TG) and Safety Guidance (SG) notes and more, including how to join, please visit the <u>website</u>.