

SCAFFOLDING ANCILLARY SERVICE OF THE YEAR AWARD

NAME OF COMPANY:	Independent Access Inspection Group
COMPANY WEBSITE:	www.iainspections.co.uk
1.	What services/products does your company provide? <i>(Please use bullet points if more than one).</i>
	<p>We provide several pro-active services to NASC members and scaffold companies of all sizes. These include an innovative bespoke scaffold inspection application that enhances the professionalism, safety, and reputation of all stakeholders within the scaffold industry.</p> <p>The principal service we provide is the competent inspection of scaffolds and other temporary works. This service is available to all types of employing organisations and all sizes of scaffold contractors. A sample of other services we provide include,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pro-active advice to employing organisations at the pre-construction and tender stage. This will include selecting competent scaffold contractors (NASC members are always promoted) and suitable scaffold systems for the relevant structure. ➤ Checking all categories of temporary works designs for clients and contractors. ➤ Emergency inspections and support following adverse incidents such as a vehicle striking a scaffold or severe adverse weather that could have compromised the stability of a scaffold.
2.	What benefit do these services/products provide to scaffolding contractors?
	<p>Although the products and services our Independent Access Inspection Group provide fall outside the remit of the NASC design or supplier category of membership, we are very proud of our Ancillary Service NASC membership. We consider ourselves as an integral member of the NASC. We believe our professional services bring numerous benefits to all parties, especially NASC members who want to ensure continual improvement with the delivery of their product.</p> <p>A sample of the benefits our services bring to scaffolding contractors include,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reassurance to scaffold contractors and clients that the structure has been built in accordance with the applicable TG20:21/ bespoke designs, NASC guidelines and industry best practice. ➤ We proactively engage with scaffold contractors of all sizes at the workplace allowing our vastly experienced advanced scaffold inspectors to advise and update them of the latest NASC news and industry best practice. ➤ Our services continually help scaffold contractors maintain high standards. This reassures clients and statutory authorities such as the HSE that due regard is being paid to high-risk structures and peoples wellbeing. ➤ Because we visit vast array of sites and a diverse portfolio of scaffold contractors, we always disseminate lessons learnt and innovations to all sizes of scaffold contractors.
3.	Why do you feel the services/products that your company provides should receive special recognition from NASC members?
	<p>Our services and industry leading inspection app can form the foundation of a successful scaffolding project for NASC members. Scaffold contractors who engage with us give the wider construction industry confidence that that structures are being properly inspected without fear nor favour.</p> <p>Other reasons we hope will merit special recognition include,</p>



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ We are often an integral link between various clients, including PCs and scaffold contractors. We constantly promote the benefits of employing NASC members.➤ We offer NASC members pro-active advice, construction phase engagement and solutions rather than just issuing reports to clients that could harm reputations.➤ Our inspections are conducted by experienced former scaffolders who hold advanced CISRS cards. They engage and mentor young scaffolders while explaining where an adverse issue with a structure has been identified. This understanding and relationship is sometimes absent when general H&S advisors inspect scaffolds.➤ Our comprehensive inspections could contribute to a civil or legal defence should there be a major adverse occurrence. Following initial inspections of NASC member erected scaffolds, many of the faults identified are those attributed to overloading working platforms or interference with critical aspects of a scaffold such as the removal of ties by unauthorised persons.➤ Our inspection reports and the app are tools that help reduce stress on extremely busy scaffold workers and client's managers. They deliver timely, user friendly, statutory information to all parties. The time they save and the responsibilities they help to fulfil for various CDM duty holders are rarely recognised. |
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