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Project Engagement Guide

How we turn an idea into a defined, controlled and deliverable project.

CLARITY BEFORE COMMITMENT

Structured outcomes

Controlled iteration

A usable handover

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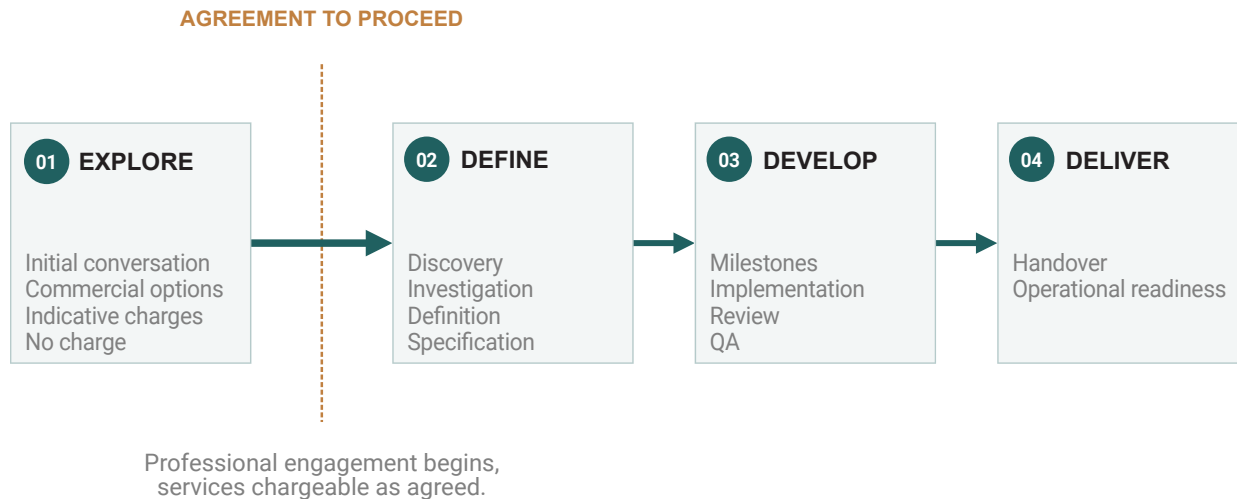
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HOW PROJECTS PROGRESS

A clear journey. Flexible routes.

Not every project needs every stage. The structure scales to the work, while each agreed milestone has a visible outcome and review point.



INSIDE A MILESTONE

Structured checkpoint

The destination is agreed.

The route may include several controlled iterations.



Projects have stages. Stages have defined outcomes. The route to those outcomes may be iterative.

The commercial structure follows the work

One model may be enough. Larger engagements often combine several.

DISCOVERY ENGAGEMENT

Investigation | definition | technical direction

FIXED SCOPE

Defined outcome | agreed price | clear boundaries

MILESTONES

Staged delivery | review points | progressive commitment

TIME + MATERIALS

Flexible scope | evolving priorities | visible expenditure

RETAINED CAPACITY

Reserved availability | continuity | ongoing work

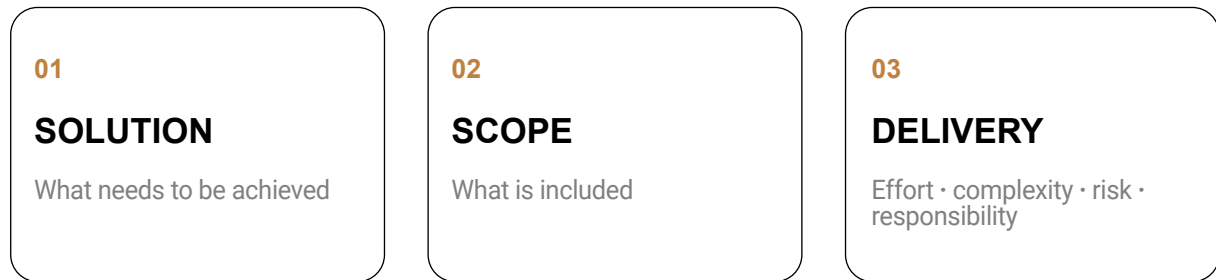
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Discovery engagement > fixed scope > retained support

THE AIM IS APPROPRIATE CERTAINTY, WITHOUT PRETENDING UNCERTAIN WORK IS ALREADY KNOWN.

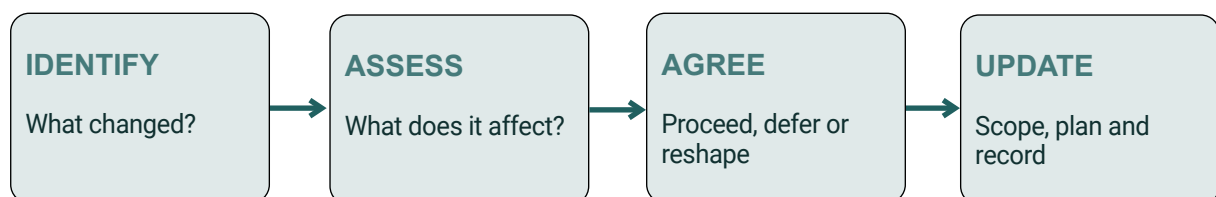
The solution comes first.

Commercial decisions are based on the understood outcome, scope and delivery responsibility - then made explicit before work begins.



CHANGE IS NORMAL.

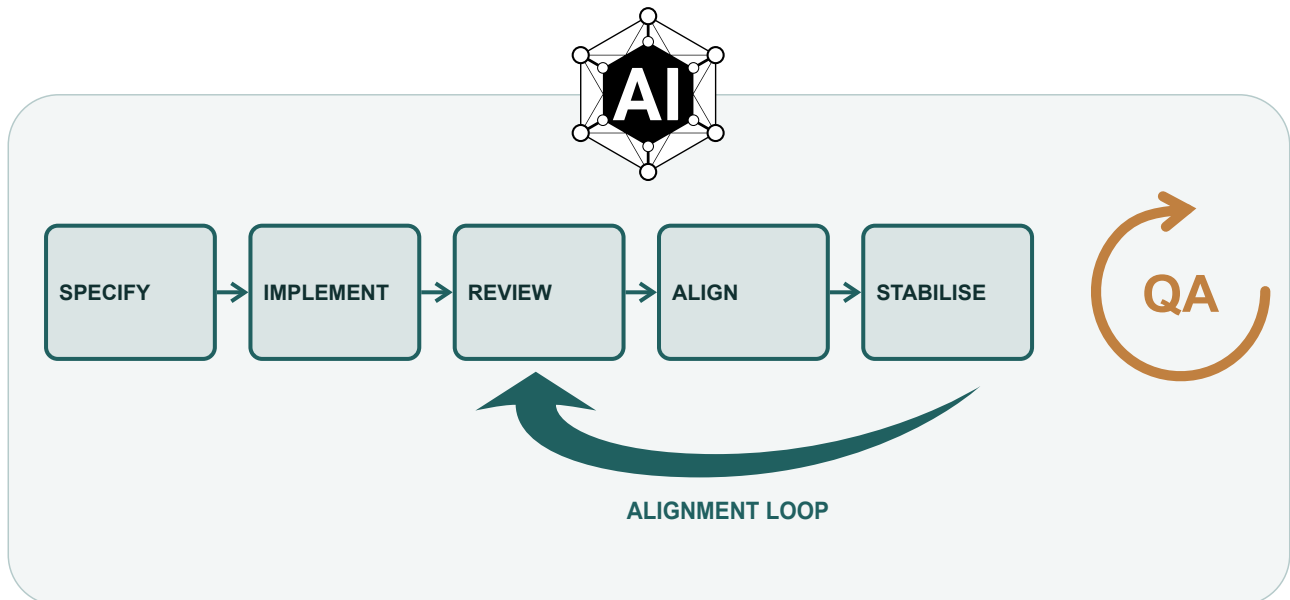
A request may reveal a new requirement, dependency or opportunity. When it materially affects scope, price or delivery, I make the effect visible before it is incorporated.



Scope changes stay visible. Charges are agreed before work proceeds.

Acceleration with controls.

I use AI-assisted tools to accelerate coding, analysis, testing and documentation. Outputs remain guided, reviewed and tested within defined engineering controls.



ALIGNMENT LOOP

Correct mismatch between specification, constraints, implementation and integration.

Test → Identify mismatch → Align → Re-test ↺

QA

Test against the acceptance condition; amend and re-test until it passes.

Test → Amend → Re-test ↺ → Pass

Gates can include

Working software

Automated tests

Reviewed decisions

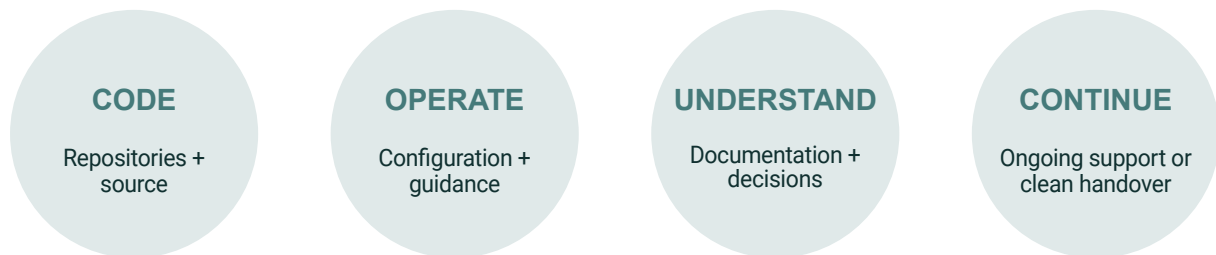
Controlled integration

Operational readiness

DELIVERY + NEXT STEPS

Delivery should leave you able to continue.

The exact handover is agreed in scope. It may include source, configuration, documentation, operating guidance, access transfer, known limitations and future recommendations.



STARTING A PROJECT

A conversation is enough to begin.

- 01** Explore the outcome and commercial options: no charge
- 02** Agree to proceed: engagement begins
- 03** Define and specify the project as required
- 04** Continue through the agreed professional services

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