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- **Latest Research** from Savills, RICS, CIOB, CBRE, JRF, The Smith Institute, and more.

Happy reading!

## Issue 6 – June/July 2025

Welcome to UCEM's monthly *Knowledge Foundations* publication (formally the library e-bulletin), a compendium of news and views, research and resources relating to the educational sector and Built Environment.

The UCEM Library aims to disseminate information, promote current awareness, and share good practices, to assist in the continual professional development of all those working and aspiring to work within the Built Environment/Property and Construction industries.

**“The mission of librarians is to improve society through facilitating knowledge creation in their communities.”**

(R. David Lankes)

The initial aim of this UCEM Library's current awareness service was to help keep students and staff informed of the education sector and industry-specific news, share current and best practices, highlight the latest research, and identify case studies that will support studying and supplement teaching and learning resources. However, over the years and upon request, the readership has now expanded.

We welcome news and information from readers to include in future editions - please [email us](#).

### Supported Online Learning

The readership of *Knowledge Foundations* has expanded (to include Alumni) and is now promoted further afield, with the latest version appearing on the UCEM Website.

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## UCEM News

### **LATEST** UCEM News

#### **Announcement of new name**

In July 2024 University College of Estate Management (UCEM) applied to the Office for Students (OfS) to change its name to 'University of the Built Environment'.

We are delighted to announce that, after a targeted consultation, **the OfS has approved the new title**, signalling a significant milestone in our history.

#### **Why are we changing our name?**

Our vision is to be 'the centre of excellence for built environment education' and with the expansion of our portfolio to encompass a wider offering to professions in the sector, our new name **University of the Built Environment** better reflects our broadened scope and ambition.

Access further information and the article, **'Announcement of new name'** in full.

**Also:**

#### **Other UCEM News**



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#### **UCEM Vice Chancellor calls for targeted changes to support degree apprenticeships**

UCEM Vice Chancellor Ashley Wheaton was invited to speak at the recent Westminster Higher Education Forum 'Next Steps for Degree Apprenticeships' virtual conference. In his talk, he highlighted funding shortfalls, regulatory burdens and the need for flexibility, while stressing the crucial role of degree apprenticeships in tackling skills gaps and driving economic growth in the built environment.

Access further information and the article, **'UCEM Vice Chancellor calls for targeted changes to support degree apprenticeships'** in full.

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## Other UCEM News

### UCEM appoints a new Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees – April 2025

UCEM is delighted to announce that its new Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees will be Professor Nick Braisby with effect from 3 April 2025. Nick takes over the role from Dr Stephen Jackson who stands down after 9 years on the UCEM Board of Trustees, the latter 6 of which were as UCEM's first ever Vice Chair.

Professor Braisby joined UCEM's Board of Trustees in November 2020. He stepped down from his role as Vice-Chancellor of Buckinghamshire New University in 2025, having successfully led the University since 2018. He holds non-executive roles across the higher education and health and social care sectors, and has been a steadfast champion of equality, diversity and inclusion initiatives, including the creation of the national pledge scheme in support of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities.

Access further information and the article, ['UCEM appoints a new Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees'](#) in full.

#### Related Links

- [New Appointment to UCEM Board of Trustees](#) (03/25)
- [UCEM appoints a new Chair of the Board of Trustees](#) (02/25)

### UCEM Associate Dean co-chairs GCHU Public Seminar at Kellogg College

In March 2025, Dr Graeme Larsen, Associate Dean (Sustainability) at UCEM, co-chaired with Dr David Howard, Co-Director of Global Centre on Healthcare & Urbanisations a GCHU public seminar titled **'Building our way out of the housing crisis: can regions work?'** held at Kellogg College, Oxford University.

Access further information and the article, ['UCEM Associate Dean co-chairs GCHU Public Seminar at Kellogg College'](#) in full.

### UCEM and DiverseCity Surveyors launch mentoring scheme for ethnic students

UCEM launched its fourth year of its Widening Participation mentoring scheme collaboration with DiverseCity Surveyors.

This scheme looks to supporting students from ethnic minority backgrounds. Normally mentoring takes place online, but this inaugural and in-person event was hosted at the RICS in London.

Access further information and the article, ['UCEM and DiverseCity Surveyors launch mentoring scheme for ethnic minority students'](#) in full.

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## LATEST UCEM Research News

### UCEM awarded research funding by the British Council for EcoBrazil workshop

In November of 2024, UCEM was awarded £53,200 by the British Council under the International Science Partnerships Fund for an EcoBrazil workshop.

This hybrid workshop, titled: **‘Adapting Ecosystems: Bridging Biodiversity and Climate Resilience in Brazilian Landscapes through capacity building, knowledge exchange and simulation modelling; EcoBrazil’**, aim to gather 20 UK and 20 Brazilian participants from a diverse range of areas.

Access further information and the article, [‘UCEM awarded research funding by the British Council for EcoBrazil workshop’](#) in full.

Also:

- [UCEM research recognised at prestigious academic conferences](#)
- [UCEM hosts Research & Scholarship Engagement Day](#)
- [UCEM awarded research funding from the Royal Academy of Engineering](#)

## LATEST UCEM Sustainability News

### UCEM achieves fourth consecutive SOS-UK Responsible Futures accreditation

- UCEM has again been re-accredited with the [Students Organising for Sustainability UK \(SOS-UK\) Responsible Futures](#) certification, marking its fourth success.

Access further information and the article, [‘UCEM achieves fourth consecutive SOS-UK Responsible Futures accreditation’](#) in full.

Related Link:

- [UCEM takes part in fourth sustainability accreditation audit.](#)

### UCEM Student and Vice Chancellor contribute to major UK sustainability summit

- UCEM is committed to driving sustainability and inclusivity in the built environment forward. [UCEM’s Sustainability Strategy](#) underpins this commitment, providing a clear roadmap to embed sustainability into everything we do.

Access further information and the article, [‘UCEM takes part in fourth sustainability accreditation audit’](#) in full.

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## UCEM celebrates receiving ISO 14001 certification

The awarding of an ISO 14001 certification (an internationally recognised global standard) is just one part of our wider sustainability strategy and fits into the **How we operate** stated of the UCEM's ongoing [Globe initiative](#).

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Access further information and the article, '[UCEM celebrates receiving ISO 14001 certification](#)' in full.

**Also:** Please visit the '[Sustainability Hub](#)' within *Knowledge Foundations* for further supporting information.

### Further UCEM articles:

[UCEM launches website to raise awareness of engineering in schools](#),

[UCEM INSPIRE event brings together sustainability leaders, and related articles](#) – UCEM's 'INSPIRE' series, "INSPIRE - so that we can together INfluence for Skills, Productivity, Industry, Research and Education"

- [Collaboration highlighted as key competency at fourth UCEM INSPIRE conference](#)

[UCEM joins campaign to drive better gender balance at board level](#), and

- [Access more information on UCEM's diversity and inclusion objectives](#).

### **Note:** [Keep abreast of the latest UCEM News and events](#)

– Read our blog to keep updated on Building Environment industry insights, student case studies, and thoughts from UCEM Principal: Ashley Wheaton.

- [For more on UCEM's ambitions, take a look at the Institution's Vision and Strategy brochure](#)
- [Build a better future with UCEM videos](#)

Further information and the latest developments can also be found via the [UCEM Website](#), & don't forget that the UCEM [e-Library](#) can be accessed 24/7 (via the VLE-Virtual Learning Environment) with a wealth of valuable resources to help 😊.

If you have any further questions, please contact for **Student enquiries** – Student Central (via our VLE); **Employer enquiries** – [businessdevelopment@ucem.ac.uk](mailto:businessdevelopment@ucem.ac.uk) and **other enquiries** on [reception@ucem.ac.uk](mailto:reception@ucem.ac.uk).

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## Other News

### **Things you need to know this week: Delivery of build-to-rent homes faces safety “blockage”**

- The latest call to tackle ongoing delays in the new safety approval process for taller buildings leads Placemaking Resource’s digest of the latest news.

The number of build-to-rent homes under construction fell by 14 per cent in the first quarter of this year (2025), compared to the same period a year ago, as the industry has struggled to bring taller building designs through the new building safety regime, according to latest analysis by property body the British Property Federation (BPF) and consultant Savills. London has seen the steepest decline in build starts, with an 18 per cent drop compared to the first quarter of 2024, the analysis finds. Between the first quarter of 2024 and 2025, more than 17,000 homes were completed, the research finds. “Completions remain robust, and planning activity is holding up well,” said Melanie Leech, chief executive of the BPF. But she continued, “Urgent action is needed in particular to deal with the pipeline blockage currently being caused by the Building Safety Regulator”. Viability challenges and continuing uncertainty around project timelines were also slowing momentum, she added. Under the new building safety regime, introduced in the wake of the Grenfell Tower fire, new residential buildings of at least 17 storeys or 18 metres high deemed higher risk and must be approved by the Building Safety Regulator at key gateways. Gateway 2 for the assessment of pre-construction design has been a particular sticking point in the new safety approval process and the BPF chief executive is the latest in a number of industry players to call for remedial action. In a trading update issued in March, developer Berkeley Group stated, “Alongside the rest of the industry, including the G15 group of housing associations, we believe a review of this process [the gateway 2 approval process] is necessary to ensure it meets its objectives without incurring further delays to delivery”.

### **Also, this month –**

- Government agency Homes England has completed the acquisition of 34 hectares of land in Warrington to create its largest residential development site in the north of England.
- Homes England and investor Octopus Real Estate have committed £150 million of finance to support SME housebuilders in the second phase of their alliance.
- Blocwork, a joint venture of Network Rail property and developer block, has been selected to deliver the 400-home residential phase of the planned Cambridge North development around Cambridge North state.

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- A practical framework on how developers and housing associations can best work together in Section 106 agreements is set out in a new report from the G15 group of London's largest housing associations. The report, called, **[Building together, building better: Rethinking S106 for affordable housing delivery](#)**, and authored by housing association L&Q, highlights how early engagement and collaboration are essential for success.

**[Read the article, Smit, J. \(2025\) 'Need to know: Delivery of build-to-rent homes faces safety "blockage", 23 April, in full.](#)**

(Please note that you will need to register to access these stories in full, although you can 'Register free for limited access.' Visit the **[PlacemakingResource](#)**, scroll to the base of the homepage, and access route within 'Subscription and Registration').

**Case Study: Embedding health in design codes**

- A Hertfordshire local authority is promoting health and wellbeing through the design code for a regeneration area, and new guidance is showing how others can follow its example", writes the author of this article.

Assorted statistics chart the relatively poor health and wellbeing of citizens in many parts of the UK – and the consequent cost to people, the NHS, central and local government and the broader economy. The lived reality behind the statistics is evident in many urban areas. There are the streets with too many polluting vehicles and too few safe pedestrian and cycling routes, sparse and uninviting play parks and open spaces, poor amenities leaving little opportunity for social interaction, unhealthy housing and chicken shops on every parade.

New guidance launched this month (March 2025) sets out the potential to give new and transforming neighbourhoods a better future, by embedding health and wellbeing into the design coding process. The guidance has been produced by the Quality of Life Foundation in partnership with consultancy Tibbalds, the Town and Country Planning Association, academic network Tackling Root Causes Upstream of Unhealthy Urban Development (TRUUD) and Henley Business School, and is supported by local authority body, Urban Design Learning (UDL).

The report, **[Design codes for health and wellbeing](#)**, draws on example from initiatives including the government's Design Code Pathfinder programme. Among the pathfinders featured is Dacorum Borough Council's design code for the Paradise area on the edge of Hemel Hempstead's town centre, which was developed by Tibbalds.

**Challenges** – When it comes to bringing health and planning together, Katja Stille, director of Tibbalds, says, "There is a challenge in engaging health officers across the board. When they have already fed into the high-level policy there can be a sense that they've already done their job, but their extra input day-to-day

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is really important”.

Each location brings its own specific challenges. Hemel Hempstead’s Paradise was an industrial district, and so relatively unfamiliar to many local people. “Although it was right next to the town centre, the design of a large shopping centre and multi-storey car park meant that it was a 10-minute walk away, and treated as if it were more remote, for instance in terms of parking standards” says Stille. Added to that, she continues, “Not a lot of people visited, so local people weren’t really that aware of it and initially there was little interest in its future from landowners, developers or local communities.”

Of the code she says, “Because it was a code, it was seen to be technical without giving a tangible visual of the proposal, but in fact it was an important stepping stone to the proposal in terms of principles.”

Another obstacle in Hemel was the fragmented land ownership of the Paradise area. Getting existing landowners on board was “probably the most challenging element,” says Stille, because initially they could not see the potential of neighbourhood-scale change. The co-ordinating role of a design code was essential to ensure that site-by-site development would result in a neighbourhood offering a high quality living environment, she explains.

**Solutions and learning** – The design code for Paradise plots a course for its transformation from low density commercial and industrial area to an intensified, sustainable, mixed-use neighbourhood. The code enables healthier behaviours by promoting active travel and social engagement, envisaging employment opportunities, leisure and community uses alongside homes. It identifies new and improved pedestrian links to nearby schools and the town centre, as well as pedestrian routes to open space. The council formally adopted the design code as a supplementary planning document in 2023.

The pathfinder was one of the earliest in the government programme and produced learning which has since fed into practice, says Stille, including a need for early, positive engagement and for viability and delivery representatives to be included in stakeholder discussion.

**Looking ahead** – The current government has adopted a slightly different stance on design coding to its predecessor. It closed the arms-length body Office for Place, which drove the code pathfinder programme, and its revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) move away from the previous focus on district-wide design coding, shifting the emphasis to local design codes, informed by the National Model Design Code.

“In the latest revision of the NPPF it’s clear codes are here to stay,” says Stille. “The government has given more flexibility now,

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which is a good thing. Codes are still seen as an important tool in terms of delivery good places. But there's still a lot of learning that needs to happen."

**Read further information and the Case Study in full. Source: Smith, J (2025) 'Embedding health in design codes'.**

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**Review: High density housing in London**

- The Clarendon development in Wood Green achieves a balance between height and density without compromising an open space, finds the author of this article.

Located on a former gasworks, Clarendon is one of a number of high-density regeneration projects on brownfield land at the edge of central London. Clarendon is mainly housing and is close to Wood Green in north London. It is led by developer St William which is part of the Berkeley Group, working with a team of consultants including architects Panter Hudspith and Sheppard Robson, landscape architect LDA Design and planning consultancy Quod.

When finished, the development will have 1700 homes and nearly 10,000 square metres of local centre activities, which are planned over three phases. The first two phases were completed in 2021 and 2023 respectively and the third phase – known as Moselle Gardens after the River Moselle that passes under the site – is nearing completion and already partially occupied.

The overall scheme is made up of a series of detached apartment blocks on either side of a central road, with the mixed-use cluster of Moselle Gardens at the northern end. The blocks are loosely arranged to create a depth in perception. There is an increase in height from four floors alongside existing buildings to 14 floors overlooking the new part and the local centre.

**Height and density** – Having previously reviewed three similar high density regeneration schemes recently (in south, west and north west London), it is interesting to consider how Clarendon compares. Firstly, the maximum height of 14 floors was constrained by the height of the former gasworks and as such, is considerably less than the 20-30 storey towers of other schemes. However, this has not impacted the overall density, which, at 360 dwellings per hectare (dph), sits between densities of 380 and 330 dph on the schemes I looked at in south and north west London. The scheme in west London was a colossal 550 dph.

Nor has the Clarendon development compromised on open space provision, which represents 40 percent of the overall site area. This deft balancing act between height and density has been

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achieved through compactness and design efficiency – in effect, a similar floor space is spread over a greater number of lower buildings.

**A model Scheme** – Perhaps Clarendon’s greatest feat is the public realm design. Here, every element has been carefully curated to create a unifying impression, whilst reflection pools and foundations relate to the underground river and achieve a sense of peace in the middle of north London. A well-equipped play area provides a forum for social cohesion between the new and existing community, a small snack kiosk encourages activity, vegetation stimulates the senses, and a range of benches, chairs and recliners are informally placed in sun traps and shade.

The architectural design is another component of the overall impression, offsetting the public realm with subtle changes in brick tones and elevations that are interesting without attempting to dominate.

**For further information and access to the article, Edwards D. (2025), ‘Review: High density housing in London’, 21 April, in full.**

### **Analysis: Delivering Ox-Cam’s key infrastructure**

- The chancellor says the Oxford-Cambridge corridor could provide a big boost to the UK economy but realising that ambition requires the delivery of major infrastructure alongside homes and workspace, the author of this article writes.

Two decades after the idea first sparked the interest of policymakers, the Ox-Cam Arc is making a comeback. The ambition to build on the scientific, research, business and academic strengths of an area spanning from Oxford to Cambridge in chancellor Rachel Reeves’ quest for economic growth.

In **a speech in January**, Reeves said the Oxford-Cambridge Growth Corridor had the potential to be “Europe’s Silicon Valley”, boosting the UK economy by up to £78 billion by 2035. Like previous housing secretary Michael Gove, she spoke of growing its science and technology base, improving transport links and facilitating the housebuilding needed to enable businesses to better access and retain talent. She pointed to the appetite to deliver, with the 100 submissions made to the **government’s new towns initiative**, which aims to drive the delivery of new 10,000-home settlements, including 18 flanking a new east-west rail route planned to connect Oxford and Cambridge. There was also news of measures to help unlock development, including establishing a Growth Commission for Oxford, mirroring the Cambridge Growth Company now chaired by former Homes England chair Peter Freeman and itself mooted to evolve into a development corporation.

Delivering the infrastructure needed to support growth has become a critical issue for the sub-region. “It is true that issues associated

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With water infrastructure have held up significant strategic developments at the Cambridge end of the Ox-Cam Arc for several years,” says Matt Clarke, director of planning consultancy Boyer. “With regards to water scarcity, as recently as last March (see publication date) the government acknowledged that over 9000 homes and 300,000 square metres of commercial space were unable to proceed through the planning system due to the Environment Agency’s intervention.”

**Addressing water scarcity**

Over the past year the majority, if not all, of this capacity has been released. That has followed a number of different interventions, notes Clarke, “including secretary of state’s appeal decisions, and positive multi-agency actions, such as the [Water Scarcity Group](#), announcements on funding of water supply infrastructure and a proposed water credits system”. This led to outline planning consent being issued last December for 4500 homes at Waterbeach Development Company, following withdrawal of the Environment Agency’s previous objection.

“It does appear that the biggest recent obstacle to progression of the allocations in the adopted local plans in the Cambridge area at least – the water scarcity issue and the associated stance of the Environment Agency – appears to have been overcome,” says Clarke. Beyond this, the government’s efforts, he says, appear to have “established a framework – through a varied package of measures – for future development”. Clarke sees the establishment of Cambridge Growth Company – as positive, “as long as its remit and powers are clearly defined” and “does not simply add a further tier, and certainly no additional bureaucracy to an already congested structure”.

But Richard Seamark, partner with property consultancy Carter Jonas in Cambridge, believes that the picture differs according to timescales. Over a 10–15-year timeframe, water supply options including proposals for a new reservoir, efficiency measures to reduce demand and steps to improve the resilience of water courses, are helping to enable major applications to progress in the city, he says. But he continues, “The bigger challenge will be delivering a sustainable water supply for the longer term – 2040 onwards, one that can match the significant development aspirations for Cambridgeshire and the chancellor’s growth plans for the water Oxford and Cambridge area”.

**[Speculation and unknowns, further information and read the article, Smit, J., ‘Analysis: Delivering Ox-Cam’s key infrastructure’ 26 February, in full.](#)**

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## Education Latest [May 2025]

### [Access the latest Education news](#)

Lewis, B. (2025), '[Cardiff university strikes dropped as job cuts paused](#)' – Planned strike action at Cardiff University has been called off after a pledge there will be no compulsory job losses this year.

Members of the University and College Union (UCU) have approved a deal which has reached after discussions between unions and university management in a special meeting. The agreement does not rule out job losses beyond 2025 and a consultation over proposed cuts in some departments will continue, with details finalised in June.

It comes after the union warned [there would be a “summer of chaos” if the university did not back down on its proposed slashing of staff and courses.](#)

**Also:**

**For Education sector-related articles, see also:** UCEM student, Turner C (2022) '[Apprentice shares experience as she learns](#)', *Built Environment Journal*, London: RICS. #Apprentice

[School forced into daily Raac inspection](#) , and UCEM article (2023) '[The concrete crisis: what's being done to address RAAC risks](#)', 13<sup>th</sup> September. Reading: UCEM.

## BBC Latest – Climate [May 2025]

### [Access the BBC News, Latest Climate reality check](#)

#### [Attenborough at 99 delivers ‘greatest message he’s ever told’](#)

- Sir David says his new film Ocean is one of the most important of this career.

Sir David Attenborough is launching what he says is one of the most important films of his career as he enters his hundredth year. He believes his new, cinema-length film Ocean could play a decisive role in saving biodiversity and protecting the planet from climate change. Sir David, who will be 99 on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025, says: “After almost 100 years on the planet, I now understand the most important place on Earth is not on land, but at sea.”

The ocean is the planet's support system and humanity's greatest ally against climate catastrophe, the film argues. It shown how the world's oceans are at a crossroads.

Access [BBC News – Climate](#) [online].

Also: [A really simple guide to climate change.](#)

**Note:** Please visit the '[Sustainability Hub](#)' within **Knowledge Foundations** for further information and related articles.

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**Latest News: *Construction Management* (CM)**  
**(formerly *Construction Manager*) [May 2025]**  
**'There is a skill deficit in quantity surveyors'**

- Ken Hubble MCIQB sent CM a letter about an important challenge facing the industry and what he believes would fix it.

**What can we do about the shortage of quantity surveyors?**

From Ken Hubble's experience working in the construction industry, there is a skill deficit in quantity surveyors being able to take off and produce bills of quantities.

Ken makes this statement from his own experience. At KS Associates Quantity Surveyors, which he founded in 1999 with his two sons and was incorporated in 2005, they prepare bills of quantities for many of the top players in construction. Increased workloads meant that we had to look for more quantity surveyors with substantial experience. It was at this point that we identified a skills shortage in this area. For example, they had qualified surveyors who did not understand the need to look at both plan and elevation drawings for dimensions and openings. Surprisingly common, others didn't understand site levels, calculations for reduced level excavations or the construction sequence of operations. My question is, what are we going to do to address this problem (as I can assure you it is a major problem)? The answer is starting us in the face: employ young people and teach them to take off quantities from limited information, understand construction methods and operation sequences, and, of course, bill of quantities production.

Further information, as well as access to read the article and comments in full – CM Readers (2025) 'There is a skill deficit in quantity surveyors', *Construction Management* [online], 27 April 2025. Available at: <https://constructionmanagement.co.uk/there-is-a-skill-deficit-in-quantity-surveyors/> [accessed 7 May 2025]

**Also:**

**RAAC Guidance -**

- [Institution for Structural Engineers: RAAC investigation and assessment guidance page.](#)
- [Office of Government Property: RAAC safety briefing notice.](#)

**The concrete crisis: what's being done to address RAAC risks**, 13<sup>th</sup> September. Reading: UCEM.

**Also, in *Construction Management* – Articles by UCEM staff**

**I'm working with construction SMEs to boost their innovation**

Source: Larsen G (2025) 'I'm working with construction SMEs to boost their innovation', *Construction Management* [online], 13 January 2025. Available at: <https://constructionmanagement.co.uk/ucem-graeme-larsen-construction-smes-innovation/> [accessed 22 April 2025]

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## **Latest News: *Global Construction Review* (GCR)** **[May 2025]**

**California turns to AI to speed up wildfire reconstruction** – As builders and homeowners in Los Angeles worry about President Trump's tariffs **raising the costs** of rebuilding after the wildfires, they can take some comfort in California's new high-tech approach to planning approvals.

The state plans to use AI to speed up approvals to help the city and county build back faster.

Software company **Archistar** is giving the app free to officials and those submitting planning applications. The initiative is a partnership between the state and philanthropic partners including LA Rises and Steadfast LA, with contributions from Autodesk and Amazon.

The app uses computer vision, machine learning and automated rules to check designs against local zoning and building codes. It lets owners see if their building plans are compliant before they submit them.

Further information, as well as access to read the article in full – Rogers, D., (2025) '**California turns to AI to speed up wildfire reconstruction**', *Global Construction Review* [online], 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Available at: [www.globalconstructionreview.com/california-turns-to-ai-to-speed-up-wildfire-reconstruction/](http://www.globalconstructionreview.com/california-turns-to-ai-to-speed-up-wildfire-reconstruction/) [accessed 7 May 2025]

Further Reading:

- **Japan, Philippines strike historic deal to ease severe skills shortages**
- **Philippines suspends reclamation projects after US criticism**

## **Shoosmiths UK law firm Insights and Articles**

- Read the latest insights, articles, and commentary from Shoosmiths UK law firm or explore their content library, or listen to the latest podcasts **[May 2025]** surrounding sectors such as **Living (Sector) incl. Commercial, Corporate, Real estate, Dispute resolution & litigation**, covering:

- **The impact of delays at the Building Safety Regulator on high-rise developments** (04/25) – Recent delays at the Building Safety Regulator (**BSR**) are causing significant disruptions in high-rise residential development across England. The **2022 Building Safety Act (BSA 2022)** introduced a new regime specifically targeting high-rise residential buildings, care homes or hospitals over 18 metres in height, or over seven storeys (HRBs). These buildings are now subject to stringent "gateway" checks at three critical stages: planning approval, prior to construction, and prior to occupation.

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**Also:**

- [A look ahead at building safety for the construction industry](#) (01/25) and
- [UK real estate eyes potential market rebound in 2025](#) (12/24).

**Podcast Series:**

**How developers can prepare now for the Building Safety Act series:**

**[How developers can prepare now for the Building Safety Act: Part 1 of 3](#)**

The Building Safety Act received Royal Assent on 28 April 2022. With aspect of the new regime unclear, this series of articles looks at what steps developers can take now.

**[How developers can prepare now for the Building Safety Act: Part 2 of 3](#)**

In Part 2, Shoosmiths discuss the duty holder regime and look at the steps developers can take now to prepare.

**[How developers can prepare now for the Building Safety Act: Part 3 of 3](#)**

In this final part of this series, Shoosmiths take a look at the new gateway regime for higher risk buildings.

Keywords – Real estate, ESG, New How Perspectives, New How,

**[The future of build-to-rent market Real Estate Podcast series Podcast – Government policy BTR \(Build to Rent\)](#)**

**The future of the BTR market from Shoosmiths' Living team:**

**[Podcast series #1 – The future of BTR \(Build to Rent\)](#)**

Issues discussed in this podcast include:  
Performance of the sector; Rent collection rates; Challenges of lockdown restrictions; How buildings and amenity space will change as a result of the pandemic; and where the market is going.

**[Podcast series #2 – The future of BTR \(Build to Rent\)](#)**

Issues discussed in this podcast include:  
Ongoing attractiveness of the sector; Top three things to look for in a BTR scheme; Future challenges for BTR; The role of technology, and BTR housing.

**[Podcast series #3 – The future of BTR \(Build-to-Rent\)](#)**

In this podcast, the last in this series, issues discussed include:

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Planning reforms; Permitted development rights; Rise of residential in the high street; Fire Safety; and Rent controls / regulations.

## **The Pathway to Lifelong Education: Reforming the UK's Skills System**

- The UK has a longstanding skills problems which is impacting on economic growth. Adult participation in learning has declined, particularly among part-time students, while fewer people in work are taking up training to reskill or upskill. More generally, there is a shortfall in vocation and higher technical qualifications.

In this first report, with Ashley Wheaton, Principal, University College of Estate Management acknowledged as one of the contributing experts, the Lifelong Education Commission seeks to recommend how the barriers to adult learning can be removed; what future investment is needed to support this; and what change is needed to ensure the maximum flexibility that will benefit learners and deliver on the promise of a whole system change for lifelong education.

**The Report makes a series of recommendations for reform, including:**

- A single source of careers advice, to 'professionalise' and regulate careers information, advice and guidance
- Means-tested Maintenance Grants for learners over and above the Lifelong Loan Entitlement, in order to subsidise costs and encourage uptake, particularly among those for whom debt is a barrier
- The abolition of the Equivalent or Lower Qualification (ELQ) rules, to support retraining at higher levels
- Extending the Apprenticeship Levy to cover a wide range of high- quality training, including short modular courses, in order to provide additional flexibility and incentivise employer investment in skills training
- Stronger HE-FE partnerships to provide integrated pathways to higher-level skills; and alignment with industry and online providers to enable better coordination between schools, colleges, universities, and employers.
- Reform of the regulatory framework to simplify the jurisdiction between multiple qualification bodies;
- Learning lessons from Scotland, where 'articulation agreements' offer clear routes between FE and HE allowing students with Higher National Certificates and Diplomas to access the second or third years of degree programmes.

**Access the summary and report,**

**'The Pathway to Lifelong Education: Reforming the UK's Skills System' in full.**

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#### Related Links:

FE news.co.uk (2021) '[Reforming the UK's Skills System – First Report from the Lifelong Education Commission](#)'[online].  
Available at: [www.fenews.co.uk](http://www.fenews.co.uk) [accessed 7 May 2025]

**Learning and teaching reimagined** - Exploring the 2020 experience as well as the changing aspirations of the nature and shape of learning and teaching for the future.

Maguire D, Dale L, and Pauli M (2020) [Learning and teaching reimagined: a new dawn for higher education?](#) Bristol: JISC

### New guidance from CIRIA - Construction Industry Research and Information Association

**Latest update [May 2025]** CIRIA is pleased to announce new [free CIRIA practice guidance](#) and publications that include:

#### [Code of practice for property flood resilience \(C790\)](#) –

This guidance provides confidence on the use of the standards within the code of practice that provides a benchmark for those procuring and delivering property flood resilience (PFR).

#### [The Management of advanced numerical modelling in geotechnical modelling \(C791\)](#) -

This guide provides a framework for those who oversee the process, provide the information needed for this task and use the results of the numerical modelling.

#### [Methodology for quantifying the benefits of offsite construction \(C792\)](#) -

This guidance proposes a framework for comparing construction approaches, making it possible to keep consistent records across projects and identify all the possible benefits available.

#### Other guides and resources include:

##### [Retrofitting ground gas protection measure \(C795\)](#)

##### [Grouted anchors and soil nails \(C794\)](#)

##### [CIRIA Resources \(incl. Case Studies\)](#)

**Note:** CIRIA Resources can be accessed via the [VLE e-Library](#) > [OpenAthens Library login](#) & [Construction Information Service](#).

### Grenfell Tower Inquiry – Final report published

- The Grenfell Tower Inquiry was created to examine the circumstances leading up to and surrounding the fire at Grenfell Tower on the night of 14 June 2017.

[Statement from the Panel](#) – [The Inquiry statement as the final report is published.](#)

[Read further information and access Phase 1 and 2 reports\) from the 'Grenfell Tower Inquiry' website.](#)

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### Related Links:

By visiting the 'Built Environment Research' section of *Knowledge Foundations* and House of Commons Library, you will note under 'Housing and Planning' and within 'Social policy,' the top research briefings include - **The Cladding External Wall System (EWS)**.

### Also:

#### **Cladding: Panels failed fire tests 13 years before Grenfell -**





Leaked test results suggest the government and construction industry had early evidence of the dangers posed by cladding, 13 years before the Grenfell Tower fire.

Panels, commonly used on buildings in the UK, failed fire tests carried out in 2004 at the Inquiry venue at 13 Bishop's Bridge Road, London, W2 6BU. The results marked "Commercial in confidence," were circulated within an industry advisory group. They were recently passed to the BBC (see publication date) and, until now, never made public. Hundreds of thousands of flat owners are now threatened with large bills because of construction materials which pose a risk in fires.

The 2004 results were among the first from a British test of full-scale building systems, developed in the late 1990s when there were growing concerns in Parliament about the risks of cladding. The tests were part of research commissioned by the then Labour government to determine what standards building systems should have to meet.

Symonds T (2021) '[Cladding: Panels failed fire tests 13 years before Grenfell](#)', *BBC News* [online], 16 September. Available at: [www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-58584348](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-58584348) [accessed 7 May 2025]

### Related Topics:

-  [Construction industry](#)
-  [UK fire safety](#)
-  [Grenfell Tower fire](#)
-  [Grenfell Tower Inquiry](#)

### Also:

**[RICS Fire safety Hub \[online\]](#)** - containing advice for the public, building owners, landlords, corporate occupiers and RICS professionals and information on fire safety on buildings with external wall systems.

**[Shoosmiths Insights](#)** [online] - **[Lessons from Grenfell: New fire safety responsibilities](#)**

Amendments to the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 will add to the existing responsibilities of Responsible Persons under the Order which were expanded earlier this year (2023) by The Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2021[1].

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## Government details fire safety-related changes to planning system

- The government has released details of new requirements in the planning system to bolster fire safety in high-rise residential buildings, in response to the Grenfell Tower Fire.

The changes come in the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government's (MHCLG) plans to introduce '[planning gateway one](#)', which it said would deliver on one of Dame Judith Hackitt's recommendations following her independent review of Building Regulations and fire safety.

The new requirements aim to ensure fire safety matters as they relate to land use planning are incorporated at the planning stage for schemes that involve high-rise residential buildings.

The changes, which came into effect from **1 August 2021** will:

- involve the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) becoming a statutory consultee before permission is granted for development which involves or is likely to involve a high-rise residential building.
- require relevant applications for planning permission to include a fire statement to ensure applicants have considered fire safety issues as they relate to land use planning matters such as layout and access.
- help inform effective decision-making by local planning authorities or the secretary of state so that those decisions reflect and respond to the needs of the local community.

The new requirements will be introduced by making amendments to the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015.

As announced in the Queen's Speech (11 May), the Building Safety Bill is also expected to be introduced this year, which will establish a new building safety regime in England.

[Further information and access to the \*Construction Manager\* article, 'Government details fire safety-related changes to planning system,' in full.](#)

## [RIBA Stirling Prize 2024](#)

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) Stirling Prize is the UK's most prestigious architecture award. The award is given to the architect of the building thought to be the most significant of the year for the evolution of architecture and the built environment.

**RIBA Stirling Prize winner 2024: The Elizabeth Line.** [The Elizabeth Line](#) by Grimshaw, Maynard, Equation and AtkinsRéalis **Award** RIBA London Award 2024, RIBA London Building of the Year, RIBA National Award 2024, and RIBA Stirling Prize 2024.

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Founded in 1695, Modern College is a charity dedicated to providing older people in need with a home for life, including the provision of residential and nursing care. Further information (including a video of the project) is available via RIBA, [Architecture.com](#) [online].

### **Skills Agenda: Concerns for Skills Shortages in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: A Review into the Construction Industry, Australia**

This research paper addresses the underlying, influential factors concerning skills shortages in the Australian construction industry. The influential factors addressed include funding, training statistics, employer expectations, financial limitations, Industrial Relations and immigration.



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[Read the full research report 'Concerns for Skills Shortages in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.'](#)

**Related Link:** Sellers K (2024) '[Talent: where will tomorrow's skilled workers come from?](#)' [accessed at 18 September 2024]

### **Tomorrow's Engineers**



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Tomorrow's Engineers brings together resources and evidence to support the engineering community in getting the most out of their engagement activity. It includes information and guidance on a range of topics curated from across the STEM community.

[Access the Tomorrow's Engineers website](#)

### **RICS insight report: [Women in surveying](#)**

- Women in surveying and the wider built environment sector face recurring challenges through their careers due to discrimination, bias (whether unconscious or intentional) and inequity in opportunities and systemic practices. This '23 [Women in Survey insight report](#) analyses existing RICS membership data and the results of their flagship 2022 Survey of women in the profession.

RICS's aim is to offer insights on why women are not progressing in their careers and remaining in the profession. This will enable individuals, teams and organisations to reflect and further examine their own behaviours, policies and practices, and more importantly, begin their journey in taking positive action to deliver change with lasting impact.

Also: [Access Women in construction: building a career in a challenging environment.](#) Twelve case studies of women working in the construction industry and their experiences.

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## **RICS Market surveys – leading indicators in the real estate industry**

**Market surveys** from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) include:

- **UK Residential Market Survey** – Used by government and key institutions, the Resi. Market Survey is a key indicator of conditions in UK residential sales and lettings.
- **Hong Kong Residential Market Survey** – The Hong Kong Residential Market Survey is a leading sentiment indicator of conditions in the Hong Kong residential sales and lettings markets.
- **UK & Global Construction Monitor** – The leading sentiment indicator of the construction markets.
- **UK Facilities Management Survey** – The UK Facilities Management survey is a quarterly indicator of activity and sentiment across the facilities management industry.
- **UK & Global Commercial Property Monitors** – The global commercial property monitors are leading indicators of conditions in commercial property occupier and investor markets around the world.
- **UK Economy and Property Market Update** – The Economy and Property Market Update is a new quarterly assessment of key macro, real estate and construction trends.
- **Market Surveys and Economic Analysis** – Used by governments, central banks, investors and other key stakeholders across the built environment, RICS market surveys provide a source of market intelligence.

**Note:** Further updates are provided within the 'Latest Property and Construction Statistics' section of *Knowledge Foundations*.

## **RICS – The Future of Surveying**

- We know the challenges facing the built environment and the surveying profession – now it's time to act. We know the challenges facing the built environment and the surveying profession – now it's time to tackle them.

For over 150 years, RICS has led our profession through change, enabling our members to take advantage of the opportunities and manage the risks it presents. This change is now happening faster than ever, requiring us to think strategically about how we deploy our expertise and resource. To continue to provide leadership, we are constantly assessing our role as a standard setter, regulator, educator, and global professional body – to deliver confidence to governments, markets, and the public.

**RICS Futures Report 2020** is our action agenda to keep up in a changing world.

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Access and download the Futures report to read RICS' full agenda for effecting change and responding to the biggest issues facing the natural and built environment, in full.

[Read the article, 'Future of Surveying' and gain access to the Futures report in full.](#)

## **GOV.UK, National Statistics - UK House Price Index: reports [[Last updated April 2025](#)]**

- The [UK House Price Index](#) is a National Statistic.

The [Northern Ireland House Price Index](#) is calculated and published quarterly.

The UK House Price Index (UK HPI) captures changes in the value of residential properties. The UK HPI uses sales data collected on residential housing transactions, whether for cash or with a mortgage.

### **Contents include the following:**

- Northern Ireland sales volumes
- Data revisions
- Methodology change for new build property
- February 2025
- About the UK HPI
- Archived reports and data

Data is available at a national and regional level, as well as counties, local authorities, and London boroughs.

### **The summary report contains:**

- Headline statistics
- The economic statement
- Price changes
- Sales volumes
- The property status
- The buyer status for Great Britain (excludes Northern Ireland)
- The funding status for Great Britain (excludes Northern Ireland)
- Housing transactions distributions

[Read the GOV.UK, National Statistics: 'House Price Index: reports.' Last Updated 16 April' in full.](#)

### **Related Content:**

1. UK House Price Index for January 2025
2. UK House Price Index: data downloads January 2025
3. UK House Price Index: data downloads September 2022
4. UK House Price Index: reports 2022
5. UK House Price Index: data downloads October 2022
6. UK House Price Index for October 2022
7. UK House Price Index

### **Collection:**

[Land registration: Data](#)

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## Tackling mental health and wellbeing within the construction industry



The construction industry reports some of the highest levels of workplace mental ill health.

Over the last three years (see publication date) Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) England has been working with Building Mental Health, the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) and the Lighthouse Club Construction Industry Charity to create a freely available, industry-wide framework and charter to tackle the mental health crisis in the construction industry.

[Find out more about the social value of the programme](#)

### Related Links:

#### **Q&A with Harold Samuel Research Prize (HSRP) recipient, Dr Katharine van Someren**

Research is a fundamental aspect of university life. It is used to gain a further understanding for assignments and dissertations and by academics to explore topics that will broaden our understanding of society and the world around us. The HSRP is an annual opportunity for those interested in the building environment to submit a research proposal on a topic that could offer sector-changing insights.

What is the relationship between job and financial security and mental health in the construction workplace? UCEM spoke with HSRP recipient Dr Katharine van Someren, about her research on UK construction workplace poverty. You can access [UK construction workplace poverty: the impact of financial and job insecurity on mental health](#) on UCEM's publication page to learn more about Katharine's research.

Access the article '[Q&A Harold Samuel Research Prize \(HSRP\) recipient, Dr Katharine van Someren](#)' in full.

### **UCEM mental health strategy**

UCEM published its first mental health strategy on 10 May 2021.

The strategy is designed to benefit both UCEM students and staff, having been written with input from both stakeholder groups.

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At the core of the document is the vision which states: UCEM will take a whole institution approach to develop one community that enables students of all levels along with staff to prioritise mental health and wellbeing.

**There are five strategic aims supporting this vision which are:**

1. to create a supportive whole university community that promotes positive mental health, and ensures mental health is a key strategic priority.
2. to ensure the UCEM community is informed and aware of the importance of good mental health and works to tackle the stigma surrounding mental health.
3. to ensure appropriate and timely support is provided to those who need it.
4. to develop links with external support services and stakeholders
5. to use data to evaluate and monitor the effectiveness of mental health interventions and inform future strategic development.

For more details, take a look at [UCEM's mental health strategy document](#). Access the article '[UCEM launches mental health strategy](#)' in full.

### **Understanding Mental Health in the Built Environment**

In May 2020, the CIOB published their report on Understanding Mental Health in the Built Environment. The report, which surveyed people across the globe, presented harrowing statistics of high numbers of workers experiencing extreme levels of stress over a prolonged period, with many people reporting that they had considered taking their own life in 2019.

Access the CIOB's latest report *Understanding Mental Health in the Built Environment*, including the results from the CIOB survey of over 2,000 professionals. [Access CIOB online Policy Portal](#), & '[CIOB surveys the sector to gather data on mental health & stress](#)'

### **How can buildings have positive impact on wellbeing?**

BSRIA's Henry Lawson discusses the importance of designing buildings that promote 'Wellbeing.' The theory sounds compelling but in practice, creating such building is complex.

[Access and read 'How can buildings have positive impact on wellbeing' in full.](#)

[Read Construction Manager article\(s\) entitled, 'Samaritans to work with roofers on mental health' in full,](#) and

[Banner artwork highlights construction suicides](#)

### **Sustainable outcomes for buildings**

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) has published

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guidance on targeting, designing, and evaluating sustainable outcomes for buildings, defining concise measurable set of eight sustainable outcomes that correspond to key UN Sustainable Development Goals and can be delivered on building projects of all scales.

### **Access the RIBA Sustainable Outcomes Guide**

## **National Trust planning principles**

**National Trust (NT)**, a charity that works to preserve and protect historic places and spaces – for ever for everyone.

The National Trust protect historic houses, gardens, mills, coastline, forests, woods, fens, beaches, farmland, moorland, islands, archaeological remains, nature reserves, villages, and pubs. While they are very passionate about open spaces and historic places, they also work hard in other areas too, including the environment, food, farming, transport, and heritage – to name but a few.

Most of the work they do though is affected by much wider global issues, which is why their interests extend far beyond just bricks and mortar.

## **National Trust (NT) – “Our planning principles”**

The National Trust principles are used to guide them in their decision-making on the way land is developed and managed and include:

1. **Seeking to influence** – The NT seek to influence the planning system at local, regional, and national levels,
2. **Supporting spatial planning** – The NT support spatial planning which takes a holistic approach to its environment and its resources,
3. **Sensible management** – The NT promotes the wise management of the natural environment and built and cultural heritage,
4. **Protecting our environment** – The NT will seek to protect wild and remote landscapes from built development or urbanisation.
5. **Using property management plans** – In managing its land through management plans, the NT will support and help to achieve objectives,
6. **Objecting to proposals, where appropriate** – The NT object to land use or marine-based proposals that have a significant adverse impact on its properties and their settings and context, or in its wider interests.
7. **Using a sustainable construction approach** – When proposing development on their land to meet justified needs, the NT will use a sustainable construction approach. This will include the following:

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- Minimising resource use and generation of waste,
- Being energy efficient,
- Minimising or preventing all types of pollution and risk of flooding,
- Safeguarding important wildlife, landscape, and historic interests,
- Respecting local/regional distinctiveness, supporting local sources for goods and services where practical, and
- Encouraging community involvement and access.

### **The National Trusts' conservation process**

The NT have developed the following criteria to ensure online suitable projects proceed:

- Adhere to the policies in the relevant local plan,
- Deliver energy efficiency and reduce carbon dioxide emissions,
- Build in harmony with the local environment, built and natural,
- Involve the local community throughout the process.

#### **Read the National Trust Land use and planning.**

**Access the National Trust website and our cause** (including Nature and climate, History and heritage, and Communities).

### **Foster + Partners Projects**

Foster + Partners Projects – one of the most innovative architecture and integrated design practices in the world. Over the past four decades the practice has pioneered a sustainable approach to architecture through a strikingly wide range of work, from urban masterplans, public infrastructure, airports, civil and cultural buildings, offices and workplaces to private houses and product design. By visiting their website, you can gain further information about their current and past work, upcoming projects, and gain access to their-

- Image gallery,
- Sketches and drawings,
- Construction, - Facts and Figures, and
- Project downloads.

#### **Access Foster + Partners Projects**

### **New RIBA Plan of work 2020**

**RIBA Plan of Work 2020.** This blog takes a look at the new RIBA Plan of Work 2020.

**What is the RIBA Plan of Work?** The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) first published the RIBA Plan of Work.

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in 1963. It originally provided a matrix to show the roles of participants in the design and construction processes.

It has since been updated in several editions, most recently in 2020. This has allowed it to adapt to the complexity of modern projects, industry demands and legislative and regulatory requirements.

**What changed in 2020?** In 2020, key changes were made to reflect the importance of sustainability and Building Information Modelling (BIM) in construction. The Plan of Work now also incorporates issues such as digitisation of the industry, Modern Methods of Construction, ethical issues, the value of aftercare and timing relating to planning applications and procurement.

This has included restructuring and renaming of the work stages from the 2013 Plan of Work:

**0 – Strategic definition** – no change

**1 – Preparation and briefing** – brief amended to briefing

**2 – Concept design** – no change

**3 – Spatial coordination** – formerly Developed design

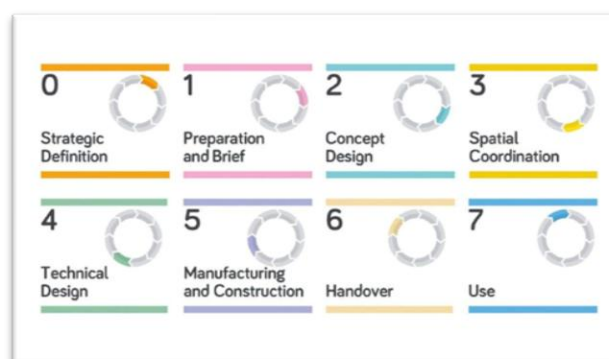
**4 – Technical design** – no change

**5 – Manufacturing and construction** – formerly Construction

**6 – Handover** – formerly Handover and close out

**7 – Use** – formerly in use

**RIBA Plan of Work 2020:**



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Source: Royal Institute of British Architects (2020) 'RIBA Plan of Work'

**Note:** The author of this blog, Jen Lemen-Hogarth is an Associate Tutor – UCEM and Partner – Property Elite.

**[Access Property Elite's, Building Better Property Professionals, 'New RIBA Plan of Work 2020' \[Blog\], in full](#)**

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## **Autodesk and CIOB map the digital construction journey**

Autodesk and the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) have prepared an infographic to help construction businesses visualise their position on the digital journey.

[Access more information, view the infographic and read the article, entitled 'Autodesk and CIOB map the digital construction journey' in full.](#)

[Access further information from CIOB 'Digital Construction'](#)

- Digital technologies are now an integral part of our built environment. The choice is not when or if built assets will use technology, but rather how much will be used.

## **Building Information Modelling (BIM)**

[UK BIM Framework – BIM Standards, Guides and Resources](#) - the overarching approach to implementing BIM in the UK, brought together by UK BIM Alliance, BSI and CDBB. The guidance is structured as indicated below:

**Guidance Part 1** and **Guidance Parts A-F** support the implementation of the overall published ISO 19650 series. **Guidance Part 2 and 3** pick up on content specific to ISO 19650-2 and ISO 19650-3, respectively. Additional **guidance** is also available as part of the **UK BIM Framework** to support the transition to ISO 19650 and Government Soft Landings

[Access UK BIM Framework - Resources](#)

[Latest: CIOB Digital - News and Projects](#)

**NOTE:** [BIMPlus becomes CM Digital](#)

**[May 2025] –**

- **Digital Construction Awards 2025: Digital Construction Project of the Year shortlist**

- The Digital Construction Awards attracted 170-plus entries this year, 85 of which have been shortlisted. Here, CM Digital detail the finalists for the Digital Construction Project of the Year award.

**1) 40 Charter Street, Canary Wharf | KPF/Canary Wharf Group/Aecom/Revizton/Dome Group/Disperse** – 40 Charter Street is a 52-storey, 552-unit residential tower within the Wood Wharf masterplan at Canary Wharf. Projects there have the inherent challenges of waterfront sites, ambitious timelines and the large scale of each building. In addition, 40 Charter Street underwent a major redesign to reflect increased work-from-home requirements post-pandemic.

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Using Canary Wharf Contractors, its in-house construction delivery group, **Canary Wharf Group** benefited from early contractor engagement and CWG's knowledge of coordination and delivery. Its involvement, alongside consultants committed to digital workflows, allowed an efficient method of capital asset delivery, with each party fully engaged with the digital approach.

## **2) Belfast Grand Central Station | Translink/Farrans Sacyr JV/Babcock**

Translink, Northern Ireland's public transport body, faced major challenges with the construction of **Belfast Grand Central Station** (BGCS), the island's largest integrated transport hub with a footprint bigger than London's King's Cross station.

With five major contracts running in parallel – enabling works, bridgeworks, rail, station construction and utilities – the digital challenge included managing vast amounts of data and ensuring real-time collaboration between contractors, the Department for Infrastructure, regulatory bodies and local communities.

## **3) National Rehabilitation Centre | IHP (Vinci Building/Sir Robert McAlpine) /Buildots**

The **National Rehabilitation Centre** (NRC) project is a landmark initiative being designed and constructed by **Integrated Health Project** (IHP), the Sir Robert McAlpine (SRM) and Vinci Buildings JV, for Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust. With a £105 investment, this ambitious project is set to deliver a state-of-the-art, energy-efficient facility with 70 beds, as part of the government's New Hospital Programme later this year.

## **4) Woodham Academy | Department for Education/Galliford Try/Space Group/RLB Digital/Space Architects**

Last year Galliford Try delivered the Woodham Academy in County Durham for the Department for Education (DfE). The mixed secondary school opened at the start of the 2024/25 academic year.

The contractor took a rigorous information management approach on the project, with a particular focus on assessment and need, procurement and handover.

## **Celebrate with the best**

The winners will be revealed at a gala dinner on 1 July at the Brewery in London.

Gain access to further information on each of the finalists and full access to the article by CM Staff (2025), entitled, **'Digital Construction Awards 2025: Digital Construction Project of the Year shortlist'**, 7 May, CM Digital.

[Back to top](#)**Other CM Digital (formerly BIMPLUS) Projects include:**

- **Projects – Maber answers East Midlands cadets' call to arms**, 11 April 2025

- Maber faced a challenge designing a training facility for the East Midlands Reserve Forces and Cadets Association.

Gain access to further information and full access to the project case study article by BIMplus Author (2025), entitled, '[Maber answers East Midlands cadets' call to arms](#)', 11 April, BIMPLUS Projects.

- **Projects – Welcome home, planetarium**, 5 December 2024

- Digital solutions were important not only in the construction of a new planetarium in Nottinghamshire, but also in its funding.

Gain access to further information and full access to the project case study article by BIMplus Author (2024), entitled, '[Welcome home, planetarium](#)', 5 December, BIMPLUS Projects.

- **Projects – Dublin university uses campus twin to test smart city tech**, 10 September 2024

- Dublin City University is using a digital twin of its campus to test smart city technology, bringing AI and a digital twin together.

Gain access to further information and full access to the project case study article by Gawde P (2024), entitled, '[Dublin university uses campus twin to test smart city tech](#)', BIMPLUS Projects.

- **Projects – Digital collaboration drives Altu and Elliott on Dublin project**, 10 September 2024

- ALTU Architects and Elliott Group worked together to deliver the Eglington Place residential scheme in Dublin, with Archicad and BIMx driving their digital collaboration.

Gain access to further information and full access to the project case study article by BIMplus Author (2024), entitled, '[Digital collaboration drives Altu and Elliott on Dublin project](#)', BIMPLUS Projects.

- **Projects – Sir Robert McAlpine's role in the world's smartest museum**, 31 May 2024.

- Can a heritage museum be smart too? That's the plan for the new Museum of London in London's historic Smithfield market, opening in 2026 under the name of London Museum.

Gain access to further information and full access to the project case study article by Smith, K., (2024), entitled, '[Asir Robert McAlpine's role in the world's smartest museum](#)', BIMPLUS Projects.

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## **BIM in action: 2020's top five projects**

22 December 2020

- Hospitals, housing, hotels: **BIMPLUS** covered case studies of BIM in action in all sorts of construction projects across the world. Given what happened in 2020, it's not surprising that three of the most read case studies focus on hospitals.

**2020's top five projects** (and all covered within this and previous issues of *Knowledge Foundations*) incl.

1. [Sisk reap rewards of high-tech approach at Wembley](#)
2. [Finland's Hospital Nova uses VR to involve staff in building](#)
3. [NHS Nightingale Hospital, East London – how BIM played its part](#)
4. [Mace uses AI tech on Mayfair project to meet covid-19 safety challenges.](#)
5. [AI tracks work quality at Norway's Stavanger Hospital.](#)

[Access BIM+ that include project entitled, 'BIM in action: 2020's top five projects' available in full.](#)

### **Related BIM+ Projects**

- **(1) Project: [John Sisk relies on BIM best practice to deliver Malmo data centre](#), 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020.**

- John Sisk & Son is nearing completion on a data centre project in Malmo, Sweden. Adopting BIM best practice has been crucial to keep construction on programme given a fast-tracked programme amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

The John Sisk & Son team has nearly 40 years of experience in data centre construction and has brought a digital project delivery approach to the Malmo project.

#### **Sisk highlights some significant outcomes:**

- The Sisk team-built dashboards that stored live clash trend reports to track progress weekly, resulting in a 50% efficiency increase in the BIM management process compared to traditional, manual methods of construction coordination without the automating power of the cloud.
- The tight integration between BIM 360 Docs, Microsoft Power BI, and Sisk's own "Design Changes Control" dashboards provided the commercial teams with a faster way to visualise the cost and/or schedule impacts, reducing the overall take-off by a potential 40%
- By using BIM 360, the project continued uninterrupted as construction continued in Sweden during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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- **(2) Project: [Finland's Hospital Nova uses VR to involve staff in building](#), 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020.**

Lead Contractor: The Central Finland Health Care District  
BIM Tools: Tridify

- Innovative processes have been used in the co-design of Finland's new Hospital Nova using BIM models and involving more than 350 staff.

- **(3) Project: [NHS Nightingale Hospital, East London – how BIM played its part](#), 5th May 2020.**

Client: Barts Health NHS Trust, Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust

Lead Contractor: Lead Designer: BDF

BIM Tools: Autodesk Revit

- The UK's newest (see publication date) and largest hospital, based at the ExCel conference centre in London's Docklands, is designed to care for up to 4,000 people affected by Covid-19. The hospital is now in standby mode and will be used should cases in the London area rise again.

- **(4) Project: [Mace use AI tech on Mayfair project to meet Covid-19 safety challenges](#), 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020**

- Work was already underway on Lodha's No 1 Grosvenor Square flagship project when the lockdown and then social distancing added to the normal construction challenges.

Client: Lodha; Main contractor: Mace

Balancing the many requirements of a building project – cash flow, cost, quality, and timelines – is always a significant challenge for project leadership. The Covid-19 pandemic made the balancing act even more intense, costing projects valuable time at the start of lockdown and requiring adjustments to ensure the health and safety of all personnel on site as production restarted.

- **(5) Project: [AI tracks work quality at Norway's Stavanger Hospital](#), 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020.**

Client: Stavanger University Hospital

BIM Tools: 100% International open standards, compatible with Revit, ArchiCAD, Solibri and others

- Oslo-based BIM developer Imerso has been given responsibility to monitor work progress in one of the biggest public construction projects in Scandinavia.

**[Access the Chartered Institute of Building's \(CIOB\), BIM+ articles, projects, case studies and more, in full.](#)**

**Latest BIM news – 10<sup>th</sup> annual BIM report 2020 available**  
**NBS 10<sup>th</sup> National BIM Report 2020** - It illustrates how usage and perceptions of BIM have changed since 2011, progress made as an industry, and anticipated changes in the next decade.

### **Construction Information Service (CIS) Insights**

The latest edition [**May 2025**] of NBS CIS *Insights* focuses on – NBS Guide - **Best Practice Guide to Specification Writing**, and covers -

- Develop a robust, standardised approach to specification,
- Best practice principles for the construction industry, and
- For clients, contractors, architects and engineers.

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## **Property and Construction Statistics**

### **Latest Property and Construction Statistics from RICS:**

- Input from RICS Professionals ensure RICS surveys are leading indicators in the real estate industry.

#### **Latest: Market Surveys - RICS** [**May 2025**]

#### **UK Economy and Property Market Update, February 2025**

- Uncertain macro picture continues to impede real estate and construction recovery.

**Summary:** A weak macro environment has led to downgrades to GDP projections for 2025. Interest rates are seen as likely to fall further in response, but long-term borrowing costs will remain somewhat more elevated. This is not helping the mood in the commercial real estate market, notwithstanding the jump in activity at the back end of last year (2024). Meanwhile, the housing market faces a near term challenge with the expiry of the stamp duty breaks at the end of March. Construction workloads remain flat for now but are expected to pick up modestly through the year with infrastructure activity seen as continuing to have the strongest momentum.

**Construction Sector** – Official data points to a flat picture in construction activity with a monthly increase in output of 0.4% in November, following October's drop of 0.3%. The feedback from the Q4 2024 iteration of the RICS *UK Construction Monitor* echoes this sentiment with the latest workloads net balance reading coming in at -1%. Chart 10 shown overleaf displays a sectoral breakdown of activity within the industry based on feedback to the RICS survey. Infrastructure remains the most buoyant sector, albeit that sentiment is slightly less positive than in Q3 (+12% net balance vs +17%).

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Somewhat ominously, the responses from contributors are most cautious when it comes to private and public housing.

**Note:** Previous quarters have been covered extensively within *Knowledge Foundations*. Current and archived copies are available via section 6 of the VLE e-Library as well as the Research Repository.



Source: RICS Economics Research: *RICS UK Economy and Property Market Update* (February 2025), London: RICS, p5 - Chart 10.

### [Read the full piece of research 'RICS UK Economy and Property Market Update, February 2025](#)

#### **Also:**

#### [UK Economy and Property Market Chart Book, Q4 2020](#)

- Output is likely to drop again the last quarter of the year (see publication date).

#### **UK Residential Market Survey: March 2025**

- Market conditions weaken amid an increasingly challenging macro backdrop.

- Buyer enquiries and agreed sales indicators move deeper into negative territory,
- House prices largely flat at the headline level,
- Near-term expectations now consistent with a weaker outlook for activity.

The March 2025 *RICS Residential Survey* results signal a further deterioration in sales market conditions, with both domestic and global macroeconomic concerns seemingly starting to weigh more heavily on sentiment. In keeping with this, respondents have turned increasingly cautious on the near-term sales outlook, even if twelve-month expectations are still mildly positive for now.

Looking at new buyer demand, the headline net balance slipped to -32% in March, down from a reading of -16% last month.

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What's more, the latest results marks the weakest return for this indicator since September 2023. When disaggregated, virtually all parts of the country are now seeing a softer buyer demand picture coming through.

For agreed sales, the March net balance of -16% represents a further deterioration from the figure of -13% returned in the previous iteration of the survey. Again, the latest out-turn is the most subdued since the end of 2023. Looking ahead, three-month sales expectations point to a further dip in activity over the near term (returning a net balance of -18% vs -6% in February). At the twelve-month time horizon, views are not quite as downbeat, with a net balance of +11% of survey participants expecting sales volumes to rise. Nevertheless, this series has softened consistently during the past few reports and the latest reading is the least optimistic going back over the last sixteen months.

In terms of backdrop for supply, a net balance of +6% of contributors noted a modest pick-up in the flow of fresh listings coming onto the market. That said, this is lower than the average reading of +17% seen over the past six months (suggesting the rate of growth may now be slowing). Notwithstanding this, a net balance of +20% of respondents continue to report that the number of market appraisals undertaken over the month is higher than during the comparable period of last year (see publication date).

[Read the latest RICS UK Residential Market Survey: March 2025 in full.](#)

**RICS - SPACIOUS 千居 Hong Kong Residential Monitor / Market Survey: March 2025**

- Sales market activity suffers a further setback amid global trade tensions.

- Headline confidence index deteriorates over the month,
- Buyer enquiries and sales fall across all regions, and
- Respondents foresee further weakness in activity over the months ahead.

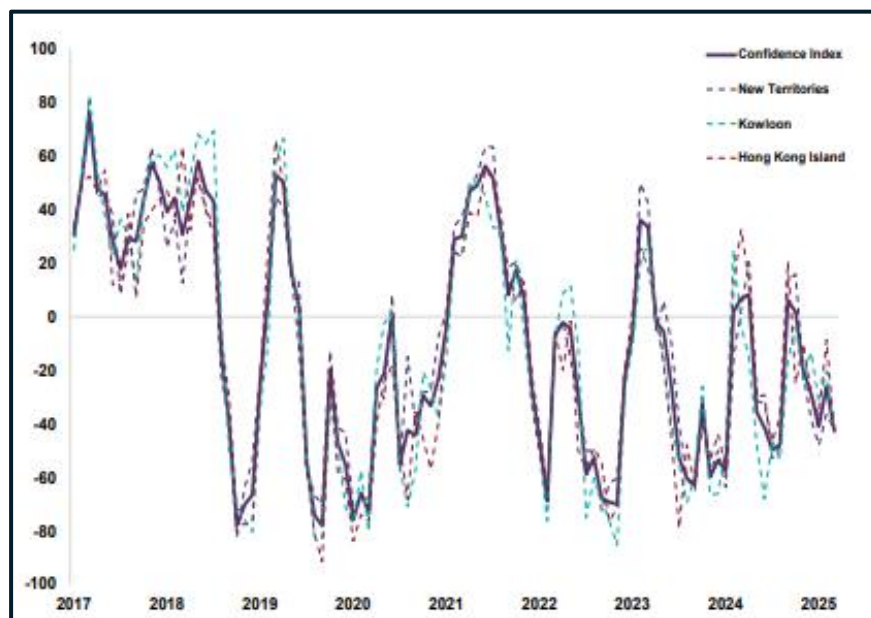
The March 2025 *RICS-Spacious Hong Kong Residential Property Monitor* results point to another setback for the market, with deteriorating sentiment (at least in part) attributed to economic concerns related to US trade policy. Reflecting this, Chart 1 (as illustrated overleaf) displays the headline confidence index posting a reading of -43 this month, down from -26 in the previous iteration of the survey.

**Fall in buyer demand feeds through into a more subdued near-term sales outlook** – Across Hong Kong in aggregate, the new budget enquiries indicator posted a net balance of -23% this month. Having seemingly stabilised in February (when the net balance came in at -6%), the latest results represent a fresh

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disappointment for the market. Furthermore, demand fell across all categories of buyers (owner-occupiers, investors and mainland buyers), with these declines also noted in each region. In terms of supply, the March net balance of -9% for the new instructions series is consistent with a slight drop-off in the volume of new listings coming onto the market.

**Chart 1: Confidence Index\*:**



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Source: RICS Economics Research: *RICS Hong Kong Residential Monitor – March 2025*, London: RICS, p1 - Chart 1.

\* The Confidence Index is a composite measure capturing overall market momentum, encompassing variables on short-term price and sales expectations.

**Read the latest RICS HK Residential Monitor: March 2025 in full.**

- *RICS-Spacious HK Residential Monitor* is a monthly guide to the trends in HK's housing market. The report is available from the [RICS website](#) along with other surveys covering global housing, commercial and land markets, as well as construction industry.

**Global Commercial Property Monitor (GCPM), Q1 2025**

- Market conditions remain generally subdued although faint signs of improvement are visible in some areas.

- Office and industrial sectors see a marginal pick-up in occupier demand,
- Investment enquiries series registers a small improvement amid stable credit conditions,
- Prime office and industrial properties expected to deliver solid growth in rents and capital values over 2025, while may alternative CRE sectors display positive projections.

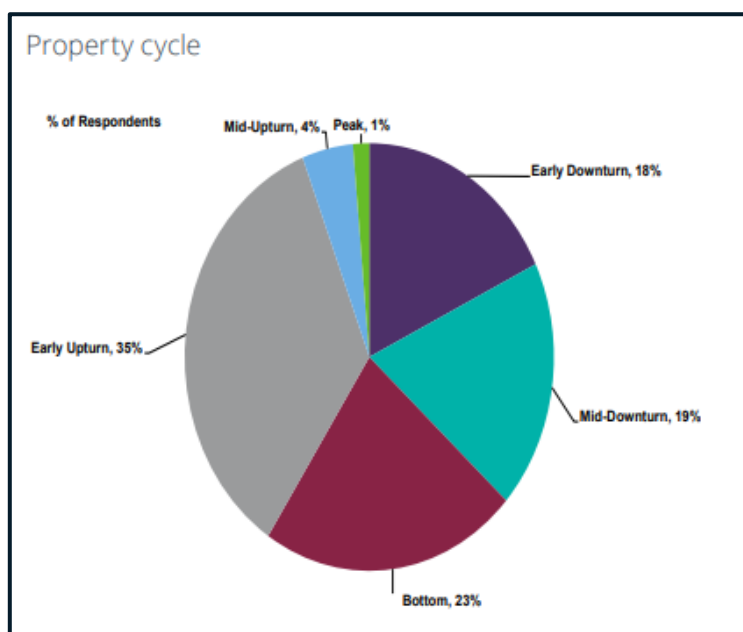
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## The Global Commercial Property Monitor (GCPM) Q1 2025 continued.

The Q1 2025 *RICS UK Commercial Property Monitor* results remain symptomatic of a generally cautious mood across the market. Contributing to this, anecdotal evidence points to recent tax changes, domestic economic uncertainty and global trade tensions as factors weighing on occupier and investor decisions at present. Having said that, some elements of the latest feedback are slightly improved relative to last quarter, with one example being a marginal rise in the share of respondents that now feel the market has shifted into the nascent stages of an upturn (35% vs 33% beforehand).

**Occupier conditions remain varied across sectors** – Across the occupier market, the all-property tenant demand series posted a new balance of +1% in Q1. This was minimally changed from a figure of zero last time around and remains consistent with a flat headline picture. When disaggregated, both the office and industrial sectors saw a small uplift in tenant demand, returning net balances of +6% and +9% respectively (both of which mark a minor improvement compared to last quarter). Conversely, occupier demand reportedly fell across the retail sector according to a new balance reading of -13%. Alongside this, space available to lease rose across all mainstream sector over the quarter, albeit this pick-up was more prominent for retail and only modest for industrials.

### Commercial Property – Property Cycle



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Source(s): RICS Economics Research: RICS Global Commercial Property Monitors, Q1 2025, London: RICS, p5 – Commercial property – Property Cycle

**[Read the latest RICS Global Commercial Property Monitor, Q1 2025 in full.](#)**

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## Latest Statistics from the Office for National Statistics (ONS)

**UK economy latest** – A roundup of the latest data and analysis on the UK economy, business and jobs following Brexit and during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

### Construction Industry highlights

**Construction Industry highlights include** –  
**Construction output in Great Britain: February 2025.**

- Short-term measures of output by construction industry in February 2025.

#### **What's covered in the latest bulletin?**

- Monthly construction output is estimated to have grown by 0.4% in volume terms in February 2025; this follows a downwardly revised decrease of 0.3% in January 2025.
- This increase in monthly output came from increases in both new work (0.3%) and repair and maintenance (0.5%).
- Anecdotal evidence from survey returns noted the mixed effects of the weather; with rain and cold temperatures at the start of the month, followed by more settled, warmer weather towards the end of the month.

**Read the full statistical bulletin, 'Construction output in Great Britain: February 2025.'**

**Also:**

**Latest release - Construction statistics, Great Britain: 2021** - A wide range of statistics on the construction industry. including the value of output, new orders by sector, number of firms and total employment, insolvencies and Output Price Indices.

## Latest Statistics from HSE – Health and Safety Executive

### **Latest Key figures for Great Britain (2023/24)**

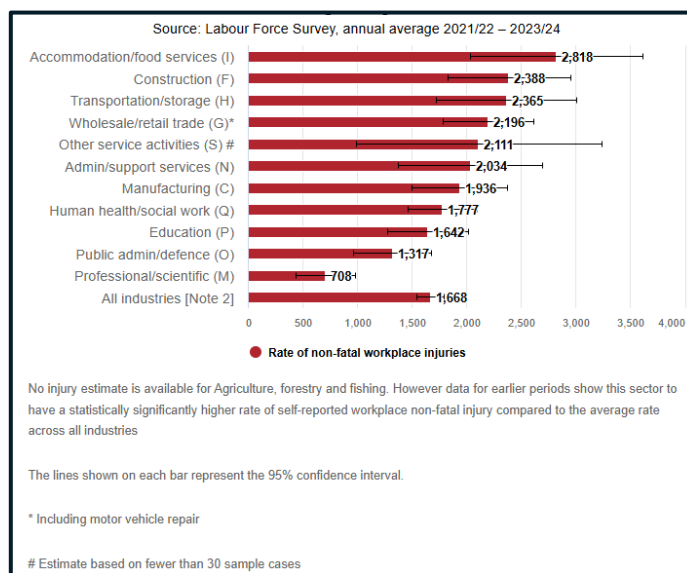
In 2023/24 an estimated 1.7 million workers were suffering from an illness they believed was caused or made worse by their work and 604,000 workers sustained (N.B. **561,000** in **2022/23** and **441,000** in **2020/21**) a non-fatal injury at work [Source: Self-reports from the Labour Force Survey]. However, the risk of injury and work-related ill health varies across industry, being more likely in some industries than others.

The chart overleaf shows how the overall **rates** of self-reported work-related ill health and workplace injury vary between industry groups. While the chart shows the overall picture for each industry group, this may be masking differences at more detailed levels (for example, illness type or more detailed industry sub-groups).

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From the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), 'Self-reported work-related ill health', and covering 'Construction':

**Rate of self-reported work-related health by industry for people working in the last 12 months (per 100,000 workers)**  
**[Note 1], [Note 2], [Note 3]**



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**Note 1:** Industry groupings based on the section level of the 2007 Standard Industrial Classification (SIC), **Note 2:** Restricted to injuries/ill health in current or most recent job.  
**Note 3:** These estimates are based on results from a survey and are subject to sampling error.

Source: HSE (2025) 'Self-reported work-related ill health', Bootle: HSE [online]. Available at: [www.gov.uk/statistics/industry](https://www.gov.uk/statistics/industry) [accessed 10 March 2025]

**Access further information on health and safety statistics from HSE – Health and Safety Executive.**

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## Built Environment Research

**Latest Policy and Research from:**

### **1) Savills Research**

- LATEST: Market Trends: Savills.com [**May 2025**]

### **Market Demand Insights: England's Housing Challenge**

**"Delivering 1.5 million homes in England – Where is the market demand?"** Increasing housing delivery in England is one of the key objectives of the Government, but to date, policy interventions have been largely focused on the supply side.

Source: Savills (2025) Publication – '**Market Demand Insights: England's Housing Challenge**' [online], May 2025. Available at: [www.savills.co.uk/research\\_articles/229130/375672-0](https://www.savills.co.uk/research_articles/229130/375672-0) [accessed 14 April 2025]

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**Also: [Market Trends 2025](#)**

- [Offices in equilibrium: Spotlight on London](#)
- [Offices in equilibrium: Spotlight on New York City](#)
- [Europe and Middle East investment outlook and tips](#)
- [US investment outlook and tips 2024](#), and
- [Asia Pacific investment outlook and tips 2024](#).

## **2025 Forecasts - Global real estate investment: 2025 and beyond**

- After a sharp downturn in real estate capital markets, sentiment is starting to turn. But how quickly will recovery follow? Savills project global real estate investment will rise by 7% to US\$747 billion in 2024, with further growth to US\$952 billion forecast for 2025.



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The past 18 months (see publication date) has been notably quiet for global real estate capital markets. In 2023, investment fell to US\$699 billion, the lowest level since 2012, with the first half of 2024 following a similar trend. Much of this downturn is due to cyclical factors, particularly a generational shift in interest rates in most major markets.

But these cyclical factors are starting to reverse. Central banks across major economies have begun to cut policy rates, fears of a global recession have largely been quelled and occupational markets remain resilient. The fundamentals of real estate **continue to attract institutional investors**.

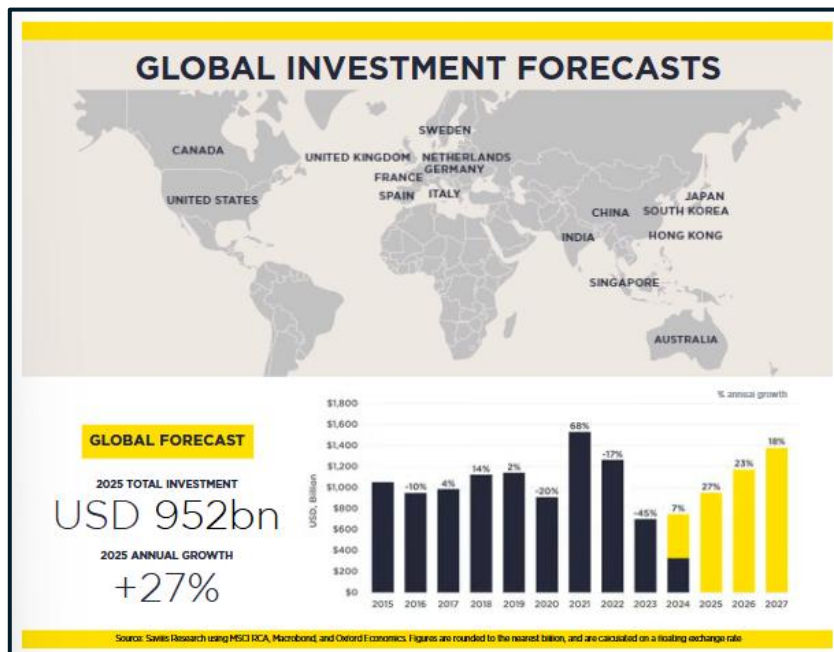
### **So what do these positive signs mean for future global real estate investment?**

We've already seen some early signs of this optimism coming through capital markets. Investment turnover has stabilised, with institutional investors starting to return to the market, increasing their market share to the highest level since 2021.

Savill's forecasts, which cover over 90% of the global market, expect turnover to increase by 7% by the end of 2024, reaching US\$747 billion. This recovery is anticipated to gather momentum in 2025, with investment forecast to rise by 27% to US\$952 billion. By 2026, global activity is expected to surpass the US\$1 trillion mark for the first time since 2022.

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### Future global real estate investment



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**Source:** Savills Research using MSCI RCA, Macrobond, and Oxford Economics.

Global investment throughout this article refers to investment in Australia, Canada, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, and United States. In total, this represents over 90% of global investment.

**Regional investment forecasts** – Much of this initial growth is supported by a recovery in Europe. With all major central banks in the region having started rate cutting cycles in the summer, commercial real estate is looking for a lot more attractive. Pricing plays a role here too – values across Europe have corrected quickly, allowing buyer expectations to be met. However, it is important to take base effects into account for context; Europe experienced the largest decline in investment in 2023.

**Access further information and the article ‘[Global real estate investment: 2025 and beyond](#)’, in full.**

**Source:** Rushton, C., and Salmon, O, (2024) *Global real estate investment: 2025 and beyond*, Savills [online]. Available at: [www.savills.com/impacts/market-trends/global-real-estate-investment-2025-and-beyond.html](https://www.savills.com/impacts/market-trends/global-real-estate-investment-2025-and-beyond.html) [accessed 12 November 2024]

**Also:** [Market Trends – ‘The total value of global real estate’](#), in full.

**Read Savills Investment tips and trends by region -**

- [Read more EMEA tips](#), ○ [Read more Asia-Pacific tips](#)
- [Read more North America tips](#)

[Read Savills World cities prime residential forecasts](#)

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[Read the full Savills Impact Publication, 'The Impact of Covid-19 on real estate', 2020'](#)

## **2) CBRE Insights and Research**

The CBRE Research blog showcases a variety of informed viewpoints, spanning all major property sectors that include –

- **Offices** – Discover up to the minute and future looking trends in the Office sector for occupiers, landlords, investors and developers
- **Retail** in detail,
- **Industrial** – CBRE 'shed' light on all things industrial,
- **Residential** – CBRE's 'house' view on all things residential, and
- **Investment** – addressing the challenges and opportunities facing commercial real estate property investors

**LATEST:** [Access the CBRE website: Insights and Research](#)

**Also:** [Sustainability in real estate decision-making: views from the coal face'](#)

[CBRE UK Real Estate Market Outlook 2025](#)  
[UK Real Estate Market Outlook 2024](#)

## **Other commercial real estate market reports –**

**Carter Jones** - [Commercial Market outlook 2025](#)

**JLL** - [Trends and Insights incl. Global Real Estate Outlook 2025](#) and [Property Perspectives 2025](#)

**Knight Frank** - [The Key Trends Shaping Commercial Real Estate in 2025](#)

**Lambert Smith Hampton** - [UK Investment Transactions \(UKIT\) Report. Q4 2024](#) Note: Select Solutions: Property Investment

**Note:** Further reports are available via: **VLE e-Library > Section 5 > INFABODE** – the daily resource for Real Estate professionals.

## **Built Environment Research continued –**

### **3) Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) –**

- Inspiring Social Change: The Joseph Rowntree Foundation is an independent social change organisation working to solve UK poverty.

[UK Poverty 2025: The essential guide to understanding poverty in the UK](#)

**Keywords and related topics:** Report; Child poverty; Housing; Social security; and Work.

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- This report sets out the nature of poverty in the UK in the run-up to 2024's General Election. It also sets out the scale of action necessary for the Government to deliver the change it has promised.

This is the first UK Poverty report to be released under the new Labour Government. Much of the latest data on which this report is based ends before the election. However, using JRF's cost of living tracker, we see the unacceptably high levels of poverty we referred to in last year's report persist, with economic security out of reach for millions of people. This is an urgent problem that the new Government needs to address. There were some helpful pledges in its manifesto on child poverty and ending the need for emergency food parcels, but much more will be needed if they are to be successful in 'Driving down poverty in every part of the country.'

**Access the JRF(2025) '[UK Poverty 2025](#)', in full.**

**Also gain access to the following free downloads that include: Research Findings and Related Links surrounding:**

- **Community and place**
  - [Climate change](#),
  - [Housing](#),
  - [Imagination infrastructures](#),
  - [Neighbourhoods and communities](#),
  - [Race and ethnicity](#)
- **Changing society**
  - [AI for public good](#),
  - [Narrative change](#),
- **Living Standards**
  - [Cost of Living](#),
- **People**
  - [Child poverty](#), and
  - [UK Poverty](#).

**[JRF \(2022\) UK Poverty 2022: The essential guide to understanding poverty in the UK \(3.71 MB\)](#).**

**[Read the JRF report entitled, 'UK Poverty 2020/21' in full](#)**

**[Read the article 'UK Poverty 2019/20 Housing' in full](#)**

**[UK Poverty Statistics from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation](#) - The latest UK poverty data, statistics and analysis from JRF's Analysis Unit. This **online toolkit** can be used to find information about poverty rates and related issues in the United Kingdom.**

**[JRF Spring Budget 2021 analysis](#)**

**[JRF Analysis of the 2020 Spending Review](#)**

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#### **4) The Smith Institute**

- The Smith Institute is a leading independent ‘think tank’ which promotes progressive policies for a fairer society. They provide a high-level forum for new thinking and debate on public policy and politics. Through research, reports, briefings, monographs, events, lecturers, education, and their website, the Institute offers a platform for thought leadership on a wide range of topics.

#### **Making retirement living affordable: the role of shared ownership for older people**

APPG on Housing and Care for Older People (2023)

*The Smith Institute supported the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Housing and Care for Older People inquiry and report into the role of shared ownership housing for older people.*

The report from the Inquiry Panel highlights and evaluates the key issues concerning the development of the market for shared ownership for older people, with particular regard to the government’s current Older People’s Shared Ownership (OPSO) scheme. It then, in respective sections on the key issues, comments on the current situation and set out recommendations for improving the offer and supporting the growth of the sector.

**[Read the full piece of research, ‘Making retirement living affordable: the role of shared ownership housing for older people.’](#)**

#### **Temporary accommodation at crisis point: Frontline perspectives from London and Greater Manchester**

Farrelly, M., and Hackett, P, The Smith Institute (2022)

- This report examines statutory homelessness and temporary accommodation (TA) in London and Greater Manchester.

It is a public policy facing report to shed light on what is currently happening with the supply and demand of TA and to open up a wider discussion around what can be done to improve the situation going forward. It is not intended as an academic or technical comparative analysis of the different boroughs homelessness activities.

The findings and evaluations are based on extensive desk research and one to one interviews with housing officers and other housing professionals, housing providers, investors, politicians, experts, homelessness charities and campaigners. We also hosted two virtual roundtable discussions in the Spring of 2022 on Greater Manchester, chaired by Paul Dennett, Salford City Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Greater Manchester, and on London,

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chaired by Tom Copley, London Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development.

Where relevant we have highlighted what specific boroughs are doing and have included examples of best practice and new ideas and approaches. We have laced the report with anonymised quotes from the interviews and made reference to the work of the GLA, London Councils, GMCA and other relevant organisations. We have evaluated the data and opinions and on the basis of what we've offered a series of talking points and policy recommendations. The concept of a TA system as used in this report combines the boroughs' statutory duties under the Homelessness Reduction Act (2017) and their responsibilities under relevant housing legislation and regulations.

The report covers the GLA and the 32 Greater London boroughs and the GMCA and its boroughs (Bolton, Bury, City of Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford, Wigan). The data was drawn mainly from DLUHC, GLA, GMCA and other official statistics, as well as information collated by the boroughs, housing charities and professional bodies.

**[Read the full piece of research, 'Temporary accommodation at crisis point: Frontline perspectives from London and Greater Manchester.'](#)**

**Understanding the impact of almshouse charities in the pandemic.**

Hunter, P., The Smith Institute (2022)

- This independent study, commissioned by The Almshouse Association, seeks to understand the impact of the pandemic on almshouse charities and their residents, examine the difference almshouse charities have made, identify the lessons that can be drawn from the past two years; and highlight challenges the sector faces going forward.

**[Read the full piece of research, 'Understanding the impact of almshouse charities in the pandemic.'](#)**

**Housing allocations and the vacancy chain: how coordinating chains can better meet housing needs and tenant choice.**

The Smith Institute (2022)

- This report is an exploration into the factors influencing vacancy chains in London's social housing, covering general needs stock held by councils, ALMOs and housing associations, with interplays from supported and specialist housing. The report is in five sections, including a set of recommendations.

**[Read the full piece of research, 'Housing allocations and the vacancy chain: how coordinating chains can better meet housing needs and tenant choice.'](#)**

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**Pulling at the Roots: A report by the Southwark Council Housing Resident's Working Part on understanding and mitigating the economic and financial impacts of Covid for residents of council housing in Southwark**

Southwark Council Housing Residents' Working Party (2021)

*The Smith Institute provided support for the Southwark Council Housing Residents' Working Part on understanding and mitigating the economic and financial impacts of Covid for residents of council housing in Southwark.*

To get a better understanding the Council helped establish a Council Housing Residents' Working Party (RWP), comprising tenants and homeowners in June 2021. The Working Party was tasked to examine the economic and financial impacts of the COVID pandemic, including paying special attention to who has been worst affected, what support the Borough's council housing residents have had, and what is needed to improve this morning forwards.

The RWP took oral and written evidence from Council officers, housing and debt experts, and representatives from the community and voluntary sector, considered government and Council held data on rent arrears and the impact of Covid; and conducted its own survey of over 1,800 tenants and leaseholders.

**Read the full piece of research, 'Pulling at the roots: A report by the Southwark Council Housing Residents' Working Party on understanding and mitigating the economic and financial impacts of Covid for residents of council housing in Southwark.'**

## **Other Publications – The Smith Institute**

**- A Just Transition: Ensuring responsible investment for a just transition to net zero.**

**- The Living Wage Dividend: maximising the local economic benefits of paying a living wage.'**

**- Planning for the recovery and the shift towards homeworking: implications for poverty in outer London.**

**- A National Housing Conversion Fund: buying properties to boost affordable housing supply.**

**- Falling behind: The impact of Universal Credit on rent arrears for council tenants in London.**

**- Making Housing Affordable after Covid-19: A follow up report from the Affordable Housing Commission.**

**- Making Housing Affordable Again: Rebalancing the Nation's Housing System: The final report of the Affordable Housing Commission.**

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## **5) CABE – Chartered Institute of Building Engineers**

### **Latest news: Fire Safety Act and Regulations**

- **Changes to Building Regulations for fire safety in specific types of buildings**
  - On 1 June 2022, the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC) announced the outcome of its consultation on extending controls on use of combustible materials, and additional fire safety measures in higher risk buildings. These will come into force on 1 December 2022.
    - [Further information on the Changes to the Building Regulations](#) and
    - [More details can be found in the Amendment Document issued by DLUHC](#)
- **Coming into force of Schedule 1 of the Fire Safety Act relating to Fire Risk Assessments**
  - The Fire Safety Act 2021 will come into force in 2023, but ahead of this Section 1 – Premises to which the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order (FSO) applies and Section 3 – Risk-based guidance about the discharge of duties under the FSO of the Act commenced on 16 May 2022.
    - [Fire Safety Act Commencement Prioritisation Advice](#)
    - [Information on commencement of Section 1 and 3 of the Fire Safety Act](#)
    - [Fire Risk Assessment Prioritisation Tool](#)

### **Key publications from CABE**

***Setting the Bar*** – a blueprint to improve competence for those working on higher risk buildings and drive culture change has been set out by a cross-industry group representing more than 150 organisations, including CABE, in the fire and built environment industries. [Access \*Setting the Bar\* – Final Report](#)

Also: [Access \*Safer people, safer homes: Building Safety Management\*](#)

[Access the Chartered Association of Building Engineers for further information.](#) and [Access \*Building Engineer\* website](#)

## **6) RICS – Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors**

- RICS recognise the huge importance of property, land, construction and the built environment. Through their market surveys and research, they aim to advance the thinking of the profession and raise the profile of the industry.

Note: Latest research published by RICS is covered earlier within *Knowledge Foundations* and under **Other News > RICS Market Surveys**.

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As of **May 2025**, the [latest news & insights](#) include:

- **News, Insights & Opinion –**
  - o [Building Safety Act FAQs](#) and [Information \(5/25\)](#)
  - o [Protect the profession: shape the financial crime standard](#) (04/25)
- **Digital Transformation / Tech Partner Programme –**
  - o [AI and Automation in Residential Property Valuation \(3/25\)](#). [Related link - Wicked problems in construction: managing risk posed by using AI](#),
  - o [Flood Risk Impact on UK Commercial Properties](#)
- **Urbanisation –**
  - o [The planet of cities: peak population and urbanisation in the next 100 years](#) (11/24)
- **Fire Safety –**
  - o [Cladding External Wall System \(EWS\) FAQs \(5/25\)](#),
  - o [RICS Fire Safety Hub](#) – read the latest guidance and development from RICS in the area of fire safety,
- **Also: [The future of BIM](#)** – An overview of what BIM is and how it is evolving.

## **7) CIOB – Chartered Institute of Building**

The quality of the built environment affects every member of society. As a professional body that represents the leaders and managers who work at every stage of the lifecycle of a construction project, The CIOB seek to influence government, industry and other stakeholders around the world with the aim of promoting the construction management discipline and addressing the challenges that the sector faces.

**LATEST** - NEW [CIOB Client Guide, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition](#), with Christine Gausden RD FCIOB, UCEM Academic Delivery Manager L7 and Programme Leader for MSc Construction Management, acknowledged for her dedication and technical expertise in reviewing this work.

As of **May 2025**, the latest CIOB Policy and [Research](#) incl.

### **Future of Construction**

**Latest Research: [Attitudes Towards Construction Careers](#)** – A CIOB survey of young people and parents' attitudes, perceptions and views towards construction careers in 2025 (03/25). **Also,**

- *CIOB Artificial Intelligence (AI) Playbook 2024* (06/24)
- *Modern Methods of Construction: barriers and benefits for Irish housing* (01/24)

### **Quality**

- Research: New-build housing – how regulation can improve the consumer journal (12/23)

### **Economic and Social Impact**

- Research: *Balancing the tax system with climate goals* (10/23)

### **Ethics research**

- *Understanding Mental Health in the Built Environment*; and *The State of Well-being in the Construction Industry*.

[Access the Chartered Institute of Building's Policy and Research website](#)

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## **8) [House of Commons Library](#), 9) the House of Lords Library and 10) the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST)**

**About the House of Commons Library** - The House of Commons Library is a research and information service based in the UK Parliament. Their impartial analysis, statistical research and resources help MPs, and their staff scrutinise legislation, develop policy, and support constituents.

### **[Watch this quick video to find out how the House of Commons Library works](#)**

Source: UK Parliament (2020) 'How the House of Commons Library works', YouTube [video]. Available at: youtube.com.

As of November 2022, the House of Commons Library updated their website that is now broken down into the following sections or subject areas:

**Services** that include [Research](#), Resources, Training & Events,

**Brexit and UK-EU relations** – Research covering key Brexit moments negotiations the EU and its institutions and UK-EU relations after Brexit.

**Coronavirus** – Research relating to Covid-19 from the Commons Library and other parliamentary research services.

**Economy, Business and Transport** – Research on the economy, business transport and work and incomes. Also includes Economic Indicators and monthly economics updates.

**Home Affairs** incl. Research on communities, crime, family & civil law, justice, immigration, security, and culture, media & sport,

**Parliament & Elections** that include devolution, elections, government, parliament, and local government,

**Science, Environment and Technology** that include **Energy**, **Environment**, **Climate Change**, Sciences, **Local Data**

**Social Policy** that include **Education**, Families & Social Services, Health, **Housing & Planning**, and Welfare & Pensions,

**World Affairs** that is broken down into Africa, Americas, Asia Pacific, Defence, Europe, Institutions, and Middle East, and more.

As of **May 2025**, the latest House of Commons Library, [Research publications](#) incl.

1. Research for Commons business,
2. Data (Use and Access) Bill [HL]: progress of the bill,
3. How is a pope elected?, and
3. US trade tariffs.

### **[Review House of Commons Library, Research for this week](#)**

As of **May 2025** the latest [House of Commons Research](#):

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Under '**Education**' and within 'Social policy,' the top research briefings incl.

1. **Degree apprenticeships** – This briefing explains what degree apprenticeships are, how they are regulated and funded, and how many people start one.

**Also:**

2. **Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (Transfer of Functions etc) Bill [HL]** – The bill would abolish the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education and transfer its functions to the Department for Education.
3. **Autism policy and services: Education** – Autistic people experience education inequalities. Find out about government policy and support in schools, colleges, and higher education for autistic people.
4. **Student mental health in England: Statistics, policy and guidance**, and
5. **Higher education around the world: comparing international approaches and performance in the UK.**

Under '**Housing and Planning**' and within 'Social policy,' the top research briefings incl.

1. Cold and damp homes,
2. Helping tenants with damp and mould in their homes (England),
3. Housing market: Economic indicators,
4. Stamp duty land tax: Current situation and developments since 2020, and
5. Potholes and local road maintenance funding.

Under '**Energy**,' '**Environment**' and '**Climate change**,' and within 'Science, Environment and Technology' include:

1. Cold and damp homes,
2. Water Bill 2024-25,
3. Future water resources,
4. Government policies to limited global deforestation, and
5. Energy efficiency of UK homes.

[House of Commons Library search](#) on '**construction industry**' identifies 18 key documents, that incl. 'Taxation in the construction industry', 'CITB – Construction Industry Training Board Levy', and '**The construction industry: statistics and policy, Dec. 2019**' -

Abstract: Construction industry – employment, new orders, output. [Construction 2025](#), [The Farmer Review](#) and the [Construction Sector Deal](#) (part of the government's [Industrial Strategy](#)).

**Key statistics** – In 2018, the construction industry contributed £117 billion to the UK economy, 6% of the total.

Economic output in 2018 was slightly down on 2017, the first fall since 2013.

There are 2.4 million construction industry jobs in the UK in Q2 2019, 6.6% of all jobs. There are more construction jobs now than at any time since 2007, although throughout this period, roughly the same proportion of jobs have been in construction.

The construction industry is unusual because of the high proportion of self-employment in the sector – 36% in Q2 2019, compared to the average for the whole economy of 13%.

New orders to the construction industry were worth £61.7 billion in 2017. This is 13% down in 2017, the first fall since 2011. New housing orders accounted for 35% of all construction orders, commercial orders accounted for 25% and infrastructure orders accounted for 19%.

[Access and download the full report, 'Construction industry: statistics and policy'](#)

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## e-Journal Review

### Built Environment Industry Journal titles reviewed by UCEM e-Library

#### MODUS

**MODUS** - the RICS magazine that brings you the latest news and views, expert advice and in-depth features spanning the breadth of the surveying profession around the world.

In the latest digital [MODUS](#) ([May 2025](#)),

**Deluge defence: smart solutions for when the rain comes** – As severe weather events become more frequent and affect wide areas, expertise in flood resilience is becoming a key part of the surveyor's skillset.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Environmental management; Natural disasters; Water management.

#### **Latest articles within *Modus*:**

- **'Here comes the sun: 8 remarkable solar farms'** – As the world attempts to decarbonise without hampering growth, solar farms are increasing in size and importance. *Modus* presents the most notable examples.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Energy; Infrastructure and services; Land and resources; Rural; and Sustainability.

- **'When dams fall, rivers flow: balancing heritage and habit'** – The obstruction of American rivers had huge repercussions for the environment and indigenous peoples. Now many of those rivers are flowing free again. *Modus* follows the epic story of the Klamath.

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- **'Return to the office or head for the door?'**. – The pandemic made working from home a sensible default but getting employees back to the office has proved a challenge. Why does management want workers to return – and what's in it for them?

- **From runway to work, rest and play – reimagining Singapore's airport** – Singapore is running out of land. Could the redevelopment of an old air base not only provide crucial new homes and commercial spaces, but reset the culture of the city state?

- **Taking in the sea air: why pleasure piers prevailed** – Many Victorian-era UK piers are still standing strong and remain viable commercial assets, even though leisure habits have changed enormously in the past 150 years.

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**The most shared articles on Modus this year.** – Profiles of chartered surveyors with fascinating jobs were a big hit this year (2024), highlighting the wide of career paths out there for those entering the profession.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Building surveying; Cities and placemaking; Facilities management; Housing; Projects and people; and Valuation.

**What were the most-read Modus articles of 2024?** – As another eventful year in the built environment draws to a close, *Modus* brings a roundup of the most popular features RICS published in the last 12 months.

- This year *Modus* has covered topics spanning the built and natural environment, ranging from staircase design to spaceport construction and even surveying shipwrecks.

1. How much are you paid – and should you get more?
2. Sphere, Las Vegas: how green is that screen?,
3. Building Everton's new stadium: 'the people's project',
4. Boring tunnels: the Las Vegas loop,
5. How Luton Town revamped its stadium in just three months,
6. Could filling empty homes solve the housing crisis?,
7. Stephen Radford MRICS: the pub surveyor,
8. Why AssocRICS paves the way for a career in surveying,
9. Could 3D printed houses transform the built environment?, and
10. Preserving a national treasure: the Royal Albert Hall.

**And as a comparison ...**

**What were the most popular stories of 2023 on Modus?** – Topics related to climate change and architecture have it into our top 10 most-read articles in 2023.

[Back to top](#)**The Top ten most read articles include the following:**

11. Which real estate sector pays the most?,
12. Future-proof: retrofitting commercial property,
13. Brutal or beautiful? The Barbican Estate,
14. Alexandra Revell MRICS: renovating the Royal Albert Hall,
15. At your convenience: the importance of good toilets,
16. From soldier to surveyor,
17. Alan Bainbridge FRICS: transforming the BBC's estate,
18. Buildings that elevated cities: The Shard, London,
19. What are the most important features of office design?, and
20. How to ensure biodiversity net gain in developments.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Commercial property; Commercial valuation; Corporate real estate; Economics; Residential; and Sustainability,

and more.

Please note: In addition to *MODUS*, RICS publishes other journals that are free to view online incl.

1. **Construction Journal** - The journal helps **quantity surveyors** and project managers with the technical and professional aspects of their day jobs and keep up to date with developments and practical matters in the profession. It covers topics including contracts, cost management, procurement, construction law and regulations, communications, and project management skills.
2. **Built Environment Journal** (Incl. Building Surveying, Building Conservation, and Building Control) - Coverage keeps practitioners in the disciplines of building surveying, building control, and building conservation up to date on the latest developments, products, standards, and guidance.
3. **Land Journal** - The journal emphasises the crossovers in these practice areas and their global nature, with articles contributed by experts from all over the ...
4. **Property Journal** - The journal contains high-quality technical material in clearly defined sections, as well as some material that crosses professional groups to reach a wider audience.

Further information can be accessed via the RICS Website, Home > **News & Insights** > **RICS Publications** [online].

The Heritage Alliance's (HA) **Heritage Update**, the latest edition, **March 2025 - Issue 539** focusing on – **Planning and Infrastructure Bill Published**; New Evaluation of Heritage-Led Regeneration of England's High Streets; **Heritage Creates Report** Launched; Sustainable Farming Incentive Scheme Frozen, and more.

Also: **Engaging Digital Audiences**, available on the **HA project portal** - access webinars on diversifying digital audiences, how to plan great webinars, how to use exceptions to copyright in

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your digital activities & how to encourage your audience to create user-generated content.

**Institute of Workplace and Facilities Management (IWFM)**

*Facilitate*, - This latest **March/April 2025** edition of *Facilitate* focuses on 'The near future.' For one thing there's a shift in the scale and necessity for new data centres as the growth in artificial intelligence introduces a new, more localised demand for facilities. Read more related articles on the [IWFM Insight webpage](#).

***Construction Management*** (CM) and ***Global Construction Review*** (GCR) are magazines of the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB). **Note:** Latest articles from both journals are covered earlier within this issue of *Knowledge Foundations*.

**Subscriptions available via the VLE e-Library include:**

- The UCEM e-Library is accessible via the secure library section of the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). The library contains access to academic journals (via for example, Taylor and Francis Online, Emerald Publishing, Henry Stewart Publications and others), books and industry specialist resources via OpenAthens Authentication. In addition, the library provides access to UCEM-specific material (dissertation library, study material library, UCEM research and publications, and helpful web links) and real estate and construction-specific resources through vendor-specific gateways including RICS isurv, BCIS, BSRIA, CIOB, and **CIS – The Construction Information Service**.

**Note:** Further information is provided within the UCEM e-Library Portrait later in this publication.

***Construction Information Service (CIS) Insight 2025***. The Latest Edition [**May 2025**] focuses on – NBS Guide – **Best Practice Guide to Specification Writing**, and covers: ▪ Develop a robust, standardised approach to specifications, ▪ Best practice principles for the construction industry, and ▪ For clients, contractors, architects and engineers.

- The NBS Guide – *Best Practice Guide to Specification Writing* provides guidance on editorial style, classification systems, publishing and more to help architects, engineers, and construction professionals develop a robust, standardised approach to specifications.

***Taylor & Francis Online*** contains high quality, rigorously peer-reviewed academic journals and Open Access (OA) research across all disciplines. **Note:** UCEM subscribes to the entire 'Geography, Planning, Urban and Environment' collection and three key individual scholarly titles that include

- 1) *Construction Management and Economics*,
- 2) *Building Research and Information*, and
- 3) *Journal of Property Research*.

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**Henry Stewart Publications** publishes peer-reviewed, vocational journals that support employability and career development.

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**Marketing** include-

- 1) *Journal of Digital & Social Media Marketing*, and
- 2) *Journal of Brand Strategy*.

**Finance** include-

- 3) *Journal of Business Continuity & Emergency Planning*, and
- 4) *Journal of Data Protection & Privacy*.

**Digital** including-

- 5) *Cyber Security: A Peer-Reviewed Journals*,
- 6) *Journal of AI, Robotics & Workplace Automation*, and
- 7) *Advances in Online Education: A Peer-Reviewed Journal*

**Real Estate / Property** include-

- 8) *Building Survey, Appraisal and Valuation*,
- 9) *Journal of Urban Regeneration & Renewal*, and
- 10) *Corporate Real Estate*

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**Advances in Online Education: A Peer-Reviewed Journal** is a peer-reviewed title with an interdisciplinary approach, publishing best practice articles as well as theoretical and applied research and analysis, covering developments in virtual, distance, online, blended and e-learning in a variety of technology-enhanced educational settings.

In-depth articles and case studies scheduled for the new volume, **Vol 3, Number 3 (2024-2025)** of **Advances in Online Education: A Peer-Reviewed Journal** incl.

**Vol 3, Number 3 (2025)**

**Opinion piece(s)**

1. Celebrating quality in online learning.

**Online Education Papers**

1. Pedagogical innovation in strategic management education: A case study of course redesign for virtual-hybrid delivery 204-216.
2. Evidence-based online content design.
3. Global citizenship education via experiential blended learning.

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4. Pay attention to the chatbot behind the curtain when AI 'is no place like home': A framework and toolkit for integrating critical thinking and information literacy in educational and professional settings.
5. Navigating seas of change: Surfing higher education's wild generative AI wave.
6. Education as a service: Unlocking new possibilities.

**Also:**

**Vol 3 (2024-25)** of [\*Advances in Online Education: A Peer-Reviewed Journal\*](#)

**Vol 2 (2023-24)** of [\*Advances in Online Education: A Peer-Reviewed Journal\*](#)

**Vol 1 (2022-23)** of [\*Advances in Online Education: A Peer-Reviewed Journal\*](#)

***Corporate Real Estate Journal*** is the essential peer-reviewed, professional journal for corporate real estate executives.

Each quarterly 100-page issue publishes high quality articles and real case studies on new thinking, strategies, and techniques in corporate real estate. It cuts through the deluge of information facing corporate real estate professionals to deliver content, which is authoritative, practical, and relevant by providing a blend of genuine thought-leadership – which expands what can be achieved with corporate real estate – with detailed, actionable advice and 'lessons learned' from industry peers.

In-depth articles and case studies scheduled for the new volume, **Vol 14, Number 3 (2024-2025)** of [\*Corporate Real Estate Journal\*](#) incl.

**Vol 14, Number 3 (2025)****Research Paper**

1. Driving progress in corporate real estate with artificial intelligence and machine learning.
2. How to structure next-gen contracts and deals: A corporate real estate and integrated facilities management perspective.
3. Efficiently divesting special assets: Strategies for documenting a clean sale.
4. Realising the value of smart buildings with enterprise agility.
5. Full circle corporate real estate: The transformative power of the Stewardship Strategies programme.
6. Sustainability: The risk management category.

**Book Review**

1. Corporate Real Estate Management: Integrating organisational, individual, and social values and needs by Jan Gerard Hoendervanger, Theo van der Voordt, and Jaap Wijnja.

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### Vol 14, Number 2 (2024-2025)

#### Case Study

1. A blueprint for great workplaces: Integrating brand identity, regional diversity and inclusive design.

#### Also:

Vol 14 (2024-25) of [\*Corporate Real Estate Journal\*](#)

Vol 13 (2023-24) of [\*Corporate Real Estate Journal\*](#)

Vol 12 (2022-23) of [\*Corporate Real Estate Journal\*](#)

Vol 11 (2021-22) of [\*Corporate Real Estate Journal\*](#)

Vol 10 (2020-21) of [\*Corporate Real Estate Journal\*](#)

Vol 10 (1) (2020-21) Special issue: COVID-19, CRE and workplace response

Vol 9 (2019-20) of [\*Corporate Real Estate Journal\*](#)

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### Educational Journal titles and Open Educational Resources (OERs) reviewed by UCEM e-Library

[\*Open Praxis\*](#) – peer-reviewed open access scholarly journal focusing on research and innovation in open, distance and flexible education. It is published by the [International Council for Open and Distance Education – ICDE](#).



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This latest *Open Praxis* special issue **Vol 17(1)** includes nine research papers, two innovate practice articles and one book review.

**Keywords:** open education, distance education, e-learning, online education, quality, internationalisation, autonomy, personality traits, scale, textbook, engagement, accessibility, inclusion.

**Editorial:** Introduction to *Open Praxis* **Vol 17(1)**

'Mapping Minds in Motion: A Scholarly Voyage and Evaluation of Research Trends and Patterns in *Open Praxis*'.

**Innovative practice article(s) include:**

1. 'Examining Multiple Layers of Course Materials Cost: Experiences of Private College Students'.

**Research article(s) include:**

1. 'Students as Co-Authors: Achievement Emotions, Beliefs About Writing, and OER Publishing Decisions',

2. 'How Do AI Educators Use Open Educational Resources? A Cross-Sectoral Case Study on OER for AI Education',

3. 'A Framework for Establishing Social Presence Through the Combination of AI-generated Text with Human-created Video',

4. 'Potential Societal Biases of ChatGBT in Higher Education: A Scoping Review'.

5. 'Student Teachers' Leveraging GenAI Tools for Academic Writing, Design, and Prompting in an ODeL Course',

6. 'Bridging the Gap: ChatGPT's Role in Enhancing STEM Education.

**Book review(s):**

1. 'Book Review of *Critical Digital Pedagogy in Higher Education* - by Moreno, C.E.F

Source: Köseoğlu, S., Veletsianos, G., & Rowell, C. (2023). *Critical Digital Pedagogy in Higher Education*. Athabasca University Press. <https://doi.org/10.15215/aupress/9781778290015.01>

**Keywords:** Digital education, social justice, critical theory, digital classrooms, distance education, critical digital pedagogy, technology in education, high education, digital tools, social justice in education.

[European Journal of Open, Distance and E-Learning](#)

(EURODL), an electronic, multi-media, open access journal. It publishes the accounts of research and presents scholarly work and solid information about open, distance, online and e-learning in technology-enhanced education and training in its most inclusive definition.

Published in the [Latest Issue of EURODL](#), **Vol. 27 (2025): Issue S1 (January 2025)**, article titles include:

- 'Flipped Classroom Combined with Drama in Education: A Case Study.' (**03/2025**)

- 'Exploring the Use of Generative AI in Computer Science Education in a Technological University in Ireland.' (**02/2025**)

[Back to top](#)**Also, in EURODL – Articles by UCEM staff, incl.**

- 11) 'Transcript and Accessibility: Student Views from Using Webinars in Built Environment Education,' Vol 23(2), and
- 12) 'Massive Open Online Courses and Economic Sustainability,' by Liyanagunawardena, T.R. [et al.] UCEM, Vol 18(2). Also,
- 13) 'Open Badges: A Systematic Review of Peer-Reviewed Published Literature (2011 – 2015)', by Liyanagunawardena, T. R., Scalzavara, S [et al.], UCEM, Vol 20(2)

**Online Learning Journal (OLJ)**, the official journal of the Online Learning Consortium (OLC)

The **Online Learning Consortium's** premier journal dedicated to the development and dissemination of new knowledge at the intersection of pedagogy, emerging technology, policy, and practice in online environments. **Note:** OLJ is indexed in the **Web of Science** (ESCI) with a **Journal Citation Indicator** of 1.32, and **Scopus** citescore of 5.7 for 2021, ranking it in the 93<sup>rd</sup> percentile of all journals in **Education**. OLJ is ranked among the top 3% of all open-access journals in the field of Education.

The OLC **Online Learning Journal**, latest edition,

**OLJ 2024, Vol 29(1)**

**Published: 2025-03-01**

**Editorial** - Introduction to OLJ Volume 29(1).

**Empirical Studies include:**

1. Active learning and the development of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills in online STEM education – a large-scale survey.
2. Development of Computer-Assisted Language Learning Literacy Framework for Foreign Language Teachers.
3. Sequentially Structured Dissertation Model: Implications for Timely Student Completion among Online Psychology Doctoral Students.

**Blended Learning include:**

4. Investing the Effects of Direct Instruction and Facilitating Discourse on Social and Cognitive Presence in Blended learning.
5. Predictive Model to Analyse Real and Synthetic Data for Learners' Performance Prediction Using Regression Techniques.
6. What is the De facto? Implementation of the Flipped Classroom Method in Higher Education: Veteran Professors Share Their Experience over Multiple Years.
7. The Greek Version of the Blended Teaching Readiness Instrument (BTRI).

**EADTU-Conference** – Written assignments in technology

Enhanced Post Graduate courses in TESOL.

### Students, Community, and Online Learning

8. Elementary STEM Teachers' Open Educational Resources and TPACK in a Professional Learning Network: A Case Study.
9. Setting the Stage for Success: Readiness and Connectedness as Antecedents of Learning Continuance Intention in Online Learning.
10. Social capital in online environments: Effects of Social Structure on Academic Performance in an Online University.
11. Encouraging Self-Regulation in an Online University Course for Preservice Teachers: An Intervention Study, and more.

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*Higher Education Pedagogies*, an Open Access Journal.

Henry Stewart Publications, Management e-Journal collection incl. *Journal of Education Advancement & Marketing*.

The Open Education Research Hub (OER Hub), and

The Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)

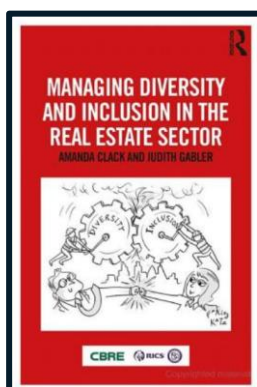
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## e-Book Review

### Managing Diversity and Inclusion in the Real Estate Sector

Clack A and Gabler J (2019) *Managing diversity and inclusion in the real estate sector* [e-book], Oxon: Routledge. e-ISBN-13: 9780429428975



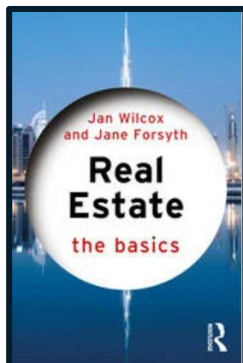
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- *Managing diversity and inclusion in the real estate sector* is the first to place D&I at the centre of successful real estate and construction organisations. It provides guidance to, and most importantly, actions for professionals in the sector who want to make D&I an inherent part of the culture of their organisation. This book has been written to bring the sector up to speed with what D&I is all about and how a D&I strategy can be implemented to secure future success.

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## Real Estate: The Basics

Forsyth, J. and Wilcox, J. (2022) *Real Estate: The Basics*, Oxon: Routledge. ISBN-13: 9780367725433



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*Real Estate: The Basics* provides an easy-to-read introduction to the core concepts of the industry to students new to the subject or professionals changing direction within the sector. The book encapsulates the key 'need to know' aspects of Real Estate including the 'language' of real estate; its value and contribution to countries' GDP; its primary purpose, whether as an asset or as a resource; valuation concepts; asset classes; basic concepts of land law, and of landlord and tenant law; the increased role and importance of sustainability and technology; and an overview of the wide range of professionals involved in the industry.

## Studying at a Distance

Talbot C (2010) *Studying at a Distance* [e-book]. Maidenhead: Open University Press, e-ISBN-13: 9780335238057

This essential guide provides practical help and support for those who have not previously studied at a distance and is ideal for students returning to study after a break. It covers fundamental issues such as motivation, goal setting, time management and coping strategies. Additional coverage in this edition includes specific information on the use of new technologies in distance learning; detailed coverage of referencing, citation, and plagiarism; description of using mind maps and other techniques for planning and writing essays or reports; support for disabled students, particularly those with dyslexia; and a further resources section.

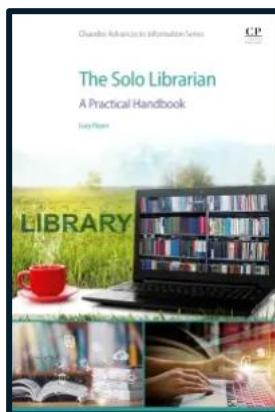
## Adding some Tec-Variety: 100+ Activities for Motivating and Retaining Learners Online

Bonk C J, and Khoo E R (2014) *Adding some Tec-Variety: 100+ Activities for Motivating and Retaining Learners Online* [e-book]. CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, e-ISBN-13: 9781496162724. [Access the free online book Adding Some TEC-VARIETY](#). Please note: The authors have made an online version of this work available under a [Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Licence](#).

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## The Solo Librarian: A Practical Handbook

Roper, L. (2024) *The Solo Librarian: A Practical Handbook* [print book and eBook], Cambridge MA: Chandos [online]. Further information is available at: <https://shop.elsevier.com/books/the-solo-librarian/roper/978-0-443-15795-0> [accessed 14 April 2025]

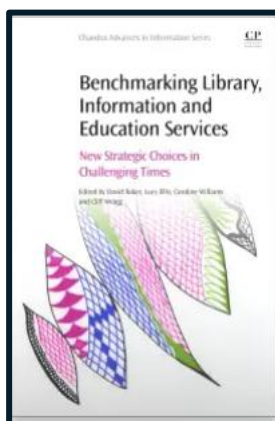


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Actively diversifying the content to increase its relevance to an international audience, this practical handbook provides a single point of reference with accompanying time-saving templates that can be easily adapted to help aid the daily activities and processes often faced by those working in information, knowledge, libraries and related disciplines.

## Benchmarking Library, Information, and Education Services

Roper, L. (2023) 'Benchmarking the impact, quality, and value of an academic online e-Library', in Baker, D., Ellis, L., Williams, C. and Wragg, C. (eds) *Benchmarking Library, Information, And Education Services* [print book], Cambridge MA: Chandos



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## Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB)

The primary aim of DOAB is to increase discoverability of Open Access books.

[Access the Directory of Open Access Books \(DOAB\)](#)

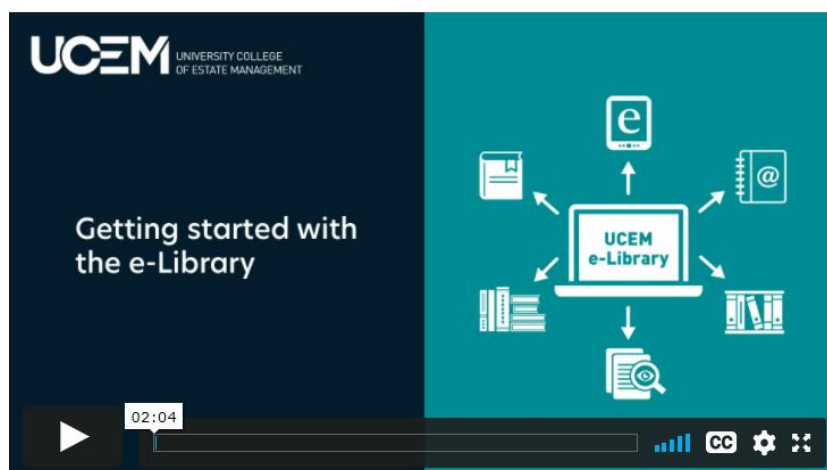
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## UCEM e-Library Portrait

### The aim of the e-Library

The aim of the e-Library is to:

- disseminate information, share good practices, and promote current awareness to assist in underpinning written work,
- add value and depth to our students' study experience, and
- support the continuing professional development of all those working and aspiring to work in the built environment.



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Source: UCEM (2023) *Getting started with the e-Library* [video], YouTube. Available at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=iEg8DFUFiY&t=5s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iEg8DFUFiY&t=5s) [accessed 14 April 2025].

At UCEM, we recognise that in an information-rich age and when everyone is pressed for time, it can be a challenge to find good-quality information when you need it.

Whether you are obtaining a qualification, undertaking CPD or researching a particular field, having access to a well-equipped library is essential.

The UCEM e-Library (accessed through the Virtual Learning Environment - VLE) is a comprehensive and valuable online resource, enabling students to access a wealth of subject-specific and credible information to support them throughout their studies and career development.

### What resources are available in the UCEM e-Library?

The e-Library is made up of eleven sections and provides students with around the clock access to online searchable databases from key industry and educational sources, thousands of journals, books, and resources, UCEM's entire collection of study materials and published work and UCEM's dissertation library.

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**The sections that make up the UCEM e-Library:**



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**Resources available within the UCEM e-Library include** Up-to-date information and online searchable databases from –

**Key educational sources** that include- Taylor and Francis Online, Ingenta Connect, Henry Stewart Publications and HS Talks, vLex | Justis, Westlaw EDGE UK, EBSCO Business Source Ultimate, Emerald Insight - access to around 2600 e-Book titles and their entire 'Property Management and the Built Environment' collection of journals, and

**Industry-specific sources** that include- IHS's Construction Information Service, *Estates Gazette* (EG) digital journal and EG Radius, *Property Week*, BCIS – Building Cost Information Service and RICS's ISURV online information service, NEC (New Engineering Contracts) Academia, BSRIA – Building Services Research and Information Association, and more.

**Where to find help - Overwhelmed by the sheer amount of information out there?**

Not only do libraries provide us with books to read, but they are valuable tools and resources. The UCEM e-Library is continually striving for improvement and changing to meet the demands of today's technology and ever-expanding volumes of knowledge creation.

The e-Library is here to help make finding up-to-date, credible, and relevant information easier. Access the [2023 e-Library interactive brochure](#) for further information.

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Emerald works in close collaboration with numerous academic (including UCEM) and corporate organisations worldwide. Emerald Publishing endorses the e-Library's tailor-made research reports – a service provided to UCEM tutors to help supplement teaching and learning materials on subject-specific areas.

**LATEST [May 2025]** – Global academic publisher Emerald Publishing Limited has acquired (05/25) **now publishers**. Founded in 2004, **now publishers** is a leading source of academic content, publishing research monographs, journals and Foundations and Trends® (FnT) with strengths in the areas of Business, Economics, Computer Science and Engineering. The sale comprises over 50 books, 14 peer-reviewed journals and 28 Foundations and Trends® serials.

**Note:** The following article example is freely available via **Emerald Publishing Open Access** around the theme of:

**'The use of Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education'**

**Source:** Kumar, A., Kumar, A., Bhoyar, S. and Mishra, A.K. (2024), 'Does ChatGPT foster academic misconduct in the future?', **Public Administration and Policy: An Asia-Pacific Journal**, Leeds: Emerald Publishing Ltd, Vol. 27 No. 2, pp. 140-153. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1108/PAP-05-2023-0061> [accessed 06 May 2025]

**Note:** Access further **Emerald Insight Open Access** articles.



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**Remember:** “A Librarian is a powerful search engine with a heart, that listens and understands the library and information requirements of others and provides a response in a format that suits their needs” says Lucy Roper, UCEM Information Governance Manager and who can be contacted on the [library@ucem.ac.uk](mailto:library@ucem.ac.uk) email address

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## Student Career Services

### UCEM Career Service

UCEM Career Services offer careers Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) to potential, current and past students. The service is confidential, non-judgmental, and impartial. **Access and read the UCEM Careers interactive brochure** and **Access UCEM Career Services**

### LATEST: UCEM Careers Week 2025

- The UCEM annual Careers Event took place (3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025) with a week of live speakers and workshops on topics from business and finance strategy to networking and managing your social media professionally.



Sessions covered the following:

- Around the World in 5 days: International Student Podcast,
- How does the world see me: Professional Identity and Social Media,
- Connecting with the Future: Trends and Innovation,
- Navigating University and launching your career, and more.

**Note:** To gain further information, visit the **UCEM Careers Service and VLE Careers Pages – Careers Week, Inform, Connect, Inspire**, via the UCEM secure VLE.

**Related link:**

- **Build a better future with UCEM videos**

### Building Better Property Professionals

Property Elite's sole aim is to build better property professionals – supporting your career every step of the way, whether you are completing a RICS accredited degree course, your RICS Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) or simply seeking engaging Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

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**Property Elite** provides training and CPD services for property professionals, including students, APC candidates and corporate clients. Their Hot Topic Highlight blog posts will arm you with the information on the hottest topics – ready to tackle an important client meeting or begin revising for your RICS APC final assessment.

This month **[May 2025]** the **Hot Topic Highlight/Blog – Building a Better You**

In this week's blog, *Property Elite* will explore a top tip for writing your RICS APC or AssocRICS final assessment submission: using the active voice.

This tip is crucial as you need to present your submission concisely and clearly. This involves telling a logical and coherent story about your actions (level 2) an advice (level 3). Using the active voice helps you achieve this goal.

**What is the active voice?** The Cambridge Dictionary defines the active voice as: *“the grammatical form in which the subject performs the action of the verb.”*

In contrast, the passive voice indicates that the subject has the action of the verb done to it. Here's an example: **Active voice:** I am sitting for my APC interview in March. **Passive voice:** The APC interview will be sat by me in March. Which version is more succinct? Which is easier to follow?

**The article covers** – Why should I use the active voice?; How do I know which voice I am using?; and Which do you prefer?

**Access further information, register for a webinar, and Hot Topic Highlight/Blog – [‘Building a Better You’](#)**

**[Access the Property Elite blog](#)**

**Also – RICS Property Journal Article on [An A-Z of the Landlord & Tenant Act 1954 for APC](#), and [An A-Z of Inclusive Environments](#).**

**Estates Gazette – APC Series -**

- **[RICS APC Pathways, & APC Lifeline 2024 Update](#)**
- **[Rent Reviews and Calderbank Offers](#).**

**- [Property Elite Hot Topic Highlight blog: A-Z of Investment Terms](#), and [Access Property Elite’s ‘Building Better Property Professionals’](#), [Latest Blogs](#)**

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**Note:** The author of most of these blogs, Jen Lemen-Hogarth is an Associate Tutor – UCEM and Partner – Property Elite.

**Lucy's Top Tips** – If you are planning to sit your RICS APC/AssocRICS, make sure you are aware of Property Elite's APC Support services, including submission reviews, question packs, revision quizzes and e-mock interviews (available via the e-Library). You can also download this blog [in audio format](#) and listen whilst on the move. When you're done, you can request further information and a free CPD certificate.

### Other related web-links



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**Note:** *Estates Gazette* regularly publishes a yearly supplement to support EG including a yearly special issue entitled '**Starting out in Real Estate**'.

This publication highlights the many varied and interesting career opportunities in real estate and has a number of contributions from UCEM. It's an interesting and informative read, covering areas such as:

- **What is Real Estate?** The asset classes, sectors and careers in the industry explained
- **A Day In The Life** – EG ask 19 professionals about their roles and skill sets
- **In Conversation with..** For example, Crown Estate CEO on how young people can change the world for the better, &
- **All About Apprenticeships** – How a degree apprenticeship works and why one could be right for you.

**GoConstruct.org** website highlights the many career opportunities available in construction & the built environment.

**TARGETjobs** (incl. **Construction and Property**) include graduate career guides and directories available for you to view online and download for future reference covering: **Explore Property**, **Explore Engineering**, and **Careers Survival Pack**.

**House Building Careers** – Part of Home Builders Federation (HBF), here you will be able to learn about the home building industry and how it benefits you, your community, and the country as a whole.

**Access to: RICS Careers** – What is surveying? See how surveyors shape our communities and tackle global issues like climate change – and discover how you can improve the world around you.

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## Building People

### Enabling connections for a competent, diverse, and valued built environment workforce

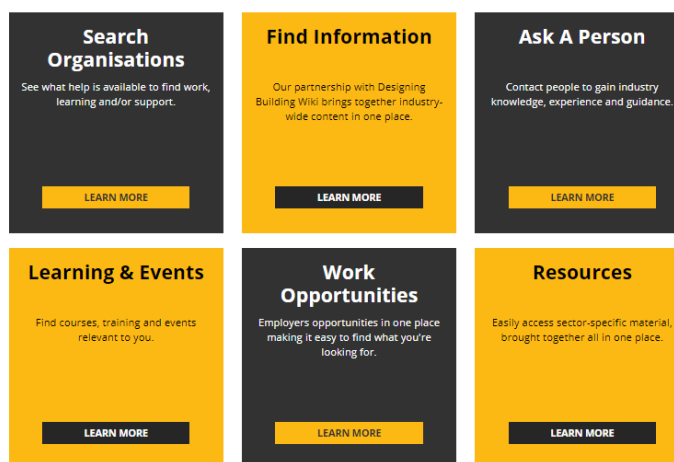


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The aim of 'Building People' was to create a technology platform and collaborative network, which enables connections and seeks to reduce the skills shortages across the Built Environment. 'Building People,' a social enterprise that aims to connect people traditionally not involved in the Built Environment sector with employers seeking to plug the skills gap via an online platform.

### People Wiki:

#### What are you looking for?



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The UK needs to build, but there is a shortage of competent and experienced workers, and the workforce we have lacks diversity. Building People joins the dots to help people find employers, opportunities, and resources, and to help employers engage with a more diverse range of talent.

People Wiki (a free, open access knowledge sharing platform for diversity and inclusion, skills and careers, and social value.) is a crucial part of Building People's ambition to create a single platform that brings together a multitude of previously fragmented information, knowledge, resources, opportunities, and needs focused on diversity and inclusion, skills and careers, and social value.

**Related Link: UCEM incubated social enterprise, Building People, becomes a fully-fledged success story**

- It is an exciting time for Building People as it announces its three-year plan, which focuses on five key areas:

1. **Profile:** Positioning Building People as the go-to source for equality, diversity and inclusion best practice and activities, and though leadership in the built environment,
2. **Partnerships:** Delivering maximum joined-up impact through the growth and development of Building People's supply and demand networks,
3. **People:** Enabling equality of opportunity through the provision of a simpler and more supported user experience in a fragmented careers landscape,
4. **Policy:** Aligning with and supporting the achievement and enhancement of relevant national sector policy and activity, and
5. **Planning:** Establishing a secure future of Building People as a sector-backed movement for collaborative change across the built environment.

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## UCEM Sustainability Hub

Sustainability supports UCEM vision and core purpose to provide truly accessible, relevant, and cost-effective education, enabling students to enhance careers, increase professionalism and contribute to a better sustainable built environment. **Note:** UCEM has a Sustainability Hub within the VLE e-Library where you will find interesting resources, news, articles, projects and publications which support and information 'future skills' for sustainability within the construction, surveying, and property industries.

### **LATEST: UCEM staff and students can now access the Supply Chain Sustainability School**

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The Supply Chain Sustainability School represents a common approach to developing sustainability competence in the supply chain and is part of a continued commitment to lead the industry into a brighter, more sustainable future.



(**Note:** UCEM staff/students can freely register with their UCEM email address)

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## UK sets 'most ambitious' climate target to cut emissions by 78% by 2035



[Image: courtesy Ed Hawkins]

(Climate stripes as shown in this image are sometimes referred to as warming stripes, or climate timelines and are data visualization graphics that use a series of coloured stripes chronologically ordered to visually portray long-term temperature trends.)

[Access further information and the \*PBC Today\* article, 'UK sets 'most ambitious' climate target to cut emissions by 78% by 2035', in full.](#)

## Water Quality and work of The Rivers Trust

[Raw Sewage in our rivers](#) - A map showing an amazing representation of the extent of the sewage problem

## Building Research Establishment (BRE) Sustainability

The BRE provides leading edge information and advice on all aspects of sustainable that include – Sustainable construction of buildings, Communities, Infrastructure, Sustainable organisations, Materials, products and services, Waste management, Energy management services, and Training and publications.

[Access BRE Sustainability](#): Practical guidance and support for delivering genuine sustainability benefits.

## Building Cost Information Service (BCIS)

The BCIS has launched a free-to-access benchmark tool – [Built Environment Carbon Database \(BECD\)](#), for infrastructure carbon assessment in the UK construction industry.

## The Routledge Sustainability Hub

The Routledge Sustainability Hub is an innovative Knowledge Centre for the global sustainability community, this Hub offers a wide range of resources for everyone – whether you are a teacher, a student, a professional or a citizen of the earth curious to discover more about the many facets of sustainability.

[Access the Routledge Sustainability Hub](#)

## QSAND and the Sustainability Goals

The UN Sustainable Development Agenda, adopted by world leaders in 2015, maps out a 15-year plan to fight inequality, end poverty and tackle climate change challenges. Quantifying Sustainability in the Aftermath of Natural Disasters (QSAND) is a self-assessment tool to promote sustainable approaches and contributing to aid the achievement of several of these 17 goals in disaster affected global communities:

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### Libraries' contribution to SDGs

**Agenda Vision:** Universal literacy

**Goal 3:** Good health and wellbeing

**Goal 4:** Contribution to quality education

**Goal 5:** Culture

**Goals 5, 9, 7:** ICT skills and access

**Goals 8 & 10:** Decent work, economic growth, reducing inequality

**Goal 16:** Access to information

**Note:** Information plays a vital role in just about everything we do.



(UN.org 2022)

Source: Designing Buildings .co.uk Wiki\* (2021) '[Forgetting the big picture when considering sustainability](#)' [online], last edited 19 January. Note: "The Sustainable Development Goals icons and colour wheel are free to use" (UN.org 2021)

#### **\* Note: Use of Wikis as a reference site**

Wikipedia and use of other Wikis are increasingly being used by people in the academic community, as an easy source of information about anything and everything. However, citation of Wikipedia may not be considered acceptable, because Wikipedia is not a creditable source. It is important to note that whilst Wikipedia may be one of the Web's most popular reference sites, it is not classed as a credible resource because anyone can be a contributor to the website.

This can be avoided by following two simple rules:

**1)** Remember that an encyclopaedia (which includes Wikipedia and any other Wiki) can be a good starting point for research and not an ending point.

**2)** An encyclopaedia can be good for getting a general understanding of a subject before you extend your study of the subject further. But you then must consider the subject in more depth using books, journals articles and other appropriate and credible resources. What you find in these other sources of information will be more detailed, more precise, and more carefully reasoned than the summary you found in an encyclopaedia. The sources you reference/cite in your work will therefore be these more detailed sources you have used.

(Connors State College 2022)

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## UCEM BE Sustainable articles

### UCEM signs up to CIC's new 'carbon zero' climate action plan

UCEM is one of the institutions which has signed up to the Construction Industry Council's (CIC) new climate action plan.

CIC's Climate Change Panel, chaired by its deputy chairman, Stephen Hodder MBE, led on the initiative, with signatories to the plan agreeing that:



The document, entitled 'Carbon Zero: the professional institutions' climate action plan,' was released last week and coordinates the efforts of built environment institutions in meeting the UK government's 2050 net zero emissions target.

To read the plan, head to the [CIC news story – 'CIC launches a Carbon Zero climate action plan for Professional Institutions'](#).

[Access the article 'UCEM signs up to CIC's new 'carbon zero' climate action plan' in full.](#)

### 5 practical tips for saving energy costs

- The cost-of-living crisis has spread across the globe. Significant increases to the cost of food and energy have outstripped worker's salaries, and spiralling inflation has plunged countless into poverty. While the tenth day of COP27 focussed on the decarbonising our energy systems, UCEM looked at practical ways to save energy that can be actioned without spending too much money.

**1. Avoid leaving appliances on standby** - The average UK household spends around £65 a year on appliances that are left on standby. This is the energy consumed by an appliance when it is not in use and not switched off at the socket. You may not think about the devices that have low-level usage when not in use, such as broadband, smart speakers and telephones, but these are the ones that are usually turned on for 24 hours a day and the amount of electricity they consume adds up.. By remembering to switch off devices more often or buying a standby saver, you could be saving yourself electricity you didn't even know you were consuming.

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**2. Draught-proofing windows and doors** - Draught-proofing is one of the most affordable and effective ways to save energy costs. It allows you to keep the warm air in your home by blocking out unwanted gaps that let cold air in – ultimately requiring less energy to heat up your home. By draught-proofing your windows and doors, you could save around £60 a year in a semi-detached house. Similarly, you could also save around £90 a year by draught-proofing an open chimney when not in use. A lot of draught-proofing can be done through simple DIY tasks at home, or professional draught-proofing can cost a bit more but last you longer.

**3. Use your thermostat effectively** – A large portion of your heating bills are absorbed by heating and hot water costs. By doing something as simple as turning down your central heating by just one degree, you could be saving up to £80 a year. You could also invest in a smart thermometer, which will heat your home more efficiently by only warming the room in use. They can be controlled by your phone and adapt to how long it takes to warm a certain temperature, so it can be set at exactly the right time.

**4. Monitor your water usage** - Water waste is something we may not realise is happening in our homes, but they add up and result in a large amount of total energy and water use. A dropping tap can waste more than 5,300 litres of water a year, so it's important to keep an eye on even the smallest amounts of water waster in the homes. By spending one minute less in the shower each day, a family of four could save up to £75 a year on energy and water bills. Similarly, turning off a running tap while you brush your teeth or wash your face can save more than 6 litres of water a minute!

**5. Invest in energy saving appliances, like an air fryer** – While it's good to buy home appliances based on their energy ratings, it's also good to research alternative types of appliances you can buy. One big change you can make is switching to an air fryer for day-to-day cooking rather than using a gas or electric cooker. Research by Utilita showed that on average they run at £55.91 a year, as opposed to a gas cooker on £121.06 per year and electric cooker on £335.57 per year.

[Access the article '5 practical tips for saving energy costs', in full.](#)

**Further 'Sustainability' information and articles:**

UCEM's ambition – To be the world's most sustainable university [online]. Available at: [www.ucem.ac.uk/sustainability/](http://www.ucem.ac.uk/sustainability/)

**Also: CIOB - [A Guide to Sustainability in the Built Environment](#)**, offering practical tools and strategies to help professionals embrace sustainable practices during the planning, construction and ongoing operation of a building. Note: This book is also available via the [UCEM e-Library](#).

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## Information Governance

UCEM is committed to advancing information governance and compliance, ensuring that the services provided comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Data Protection, Freedom of Information, Records management, Copyright, and Information Security.

### Information Governance:



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To make sure that information is available in the right place and at the right time to support others, the e-Library ensures that the information services comply with data protection and copyright.

### Data Protection

With new technologies constantly emerging and us finding ourselves moving further into an ever more digital direction, our personal data, how it is used and who has access to it becomes a growing and global concern for all.

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) was the first legislative change in recent years to address these concerns, with a broad aim to invoke a cultural shift in the way organisations manage personal data.

Further information, advice, and guidance on Data protection, GDPR and more can be found at the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), the UK's independent authority set up to uphold information rights in the public interest, promoting openness by public bodies and data privacy for individuals.

[Access the Information Commissioner's Office \(ICO\) website](#)

### Latest Data Protection News [May 2025]

**BBC News: 'Sensitive' army papers found scattered in street**  
- Piles of papers containing sensitive military information have been found scattered along a city street.

They include soldiers' ranks, emails, shift patterns and weapon issue details, and information which appears to relate to accessing weapons storage and an intruder detection system. **Keywords** include – [Data Breaches](#).

[Access the BBC News article, Grewar, C. \(2025\) 'Sensitive' army papers found scattered in street', 2 April, in full.](#)

[Back to top](#)**ICO Latest News [May 2025] -**

(See also **ICO What's new?** section below). **Also:**  
**Bitesize tools to help FOI practitioners stay ahead of challenges** (03/25)

**Information Commissioner: Organisations need to do more to help people affected by data breaches.** (10/24)

**ICO reassures employers they can share staff data in a mental health emergency** (03/24), and **Related Link: ICO Blog: Sharing personal data in an emergency – a guide for universities and colleges.** (09/21)

**Also:** UK Information Commissioner warns against 2024 becoming the year people lose trust in AI

**ICO publishes guidance to ensure lawful monitoring in the workplace** (10/23)

**ICO urges organisations to harness the power of data safely by using privacy enhancing technologies** (06/23)

**Access the Information Commissioner's Office, 'News, blogs, and speeches' section of their website**

**Further information, advice, and guidance (IAG) provided by the ICO**

The ICO publish detailed IAG on:

- Guidance on direct marketing and the public sector (ICO, August 2021)
- **Sharing personal data with law enforcement authorities,**
- **The Accountability Framework.** (ICO, September 2020),
- **Codes of conduct** and **certification schemes.**(ICO, February 2020)
- When using data analytics on personal data, the ICO is urging all organisations to look at its toolkit. It can be found at **ICO > For Organisations > Toolkit for organisations considering using data analytics** (ICO, February 2021)
- **Freedom of Information Self-assessment toolkit** launched in 2020 helps identify gaps in compliance.
- Further updates have been made to **guidance for handling Subject Access Requests** including a **step-by-step guide for small businesses**
- **Building a controller-to-controller contract** + template contract with guidance

**ICO What's new? [May 2025]**

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) website has a 'What's new' section to highlight and link to any changes in their **ICO Guide to Data Protection** as they occur, for example: The ICO have updated their guidance on **Regulation 13** (when personal information is exempt from disclosure under these access regimes when certain conditions are met. (12/23).

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The ICO have published:

- [Statement on cyber incidents impact retailers](#) (05/25)
- [Statement on British Library's 2023 ransomware attack](#) (04/25)

Updated BCR communication following the EU-UK Trade and Co-operation Agreement to the [International transfers after the UK exit from the EU Implementation Period](#). (01/21)

[Data Sharing Code of Practice](#), alongside a [data sharing information hub](#) with further resources and support. (12/20)

**Further guidance provided by the ICO.**

[Read the Blog: 'Access to information: driving change through education, engagement and enforcement,' in full](#)

## Copyright



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"It is important to remember that Copyright material in digital form is protected in exactly the same way as Copyright material in any other format. For example, text and images on a website are protected by copyright in the same way as printed material. Please note: if there is something you really want to use for learning materials and someone else owns the copyright ... [permission must be sought!](#)

The copyright owner may wish to charge you, but often they just appreciate you asking them if they are happy for you to acknowledge their work and inform them of how the information will be used and to whom it will be circulated."

Source: Salmon, Prof. G., (2013), *E-tivities*, London: Routledge

***Introducing Copyright: A plain language guide to Copyright in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*** - Computers and the Internet have transformed the way we produce and distribute information and entertainment. This book explains copyright protection and what it means for copyright holders and copyright users. It also introduces readers to contemporary topics: (i) digital rights management, (ii) open licences, (iii) software patents & (iv) copyright protection for works of traditional knowledge.

Source: Hofman J (2009) *Introducing Copyright: A plain language guide to Copyright in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* [e-book], Vancouver: The Commonwealth of Learning.

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## **The Copyright Licensing Agency Ltd (CLA)**

The CLA are a licensing body as defined by the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 c.48 (as amended) ["CDPA"]

The CLA licence organisations to copy and re-use extracts from print and digital publications on behalf of copyright owners – authors, publishers, and visual artists. By 'copying' the CLA means photocopying, scanning and re-use of content from magazines, books, journals, electronic and online publications, as well as press cuttings or documents supplied by a licensed third party.

Having a CLA licence helps to reduce the risk and potential cost of copyright infringement. This requirement applies to any organisation in the business, education, public or charitable sectors. **Note:** UCEM holds a **CLA 'Higher Education Photocopying and Scanning Licence'**

**LATEST: Access the newly upgraded Copyright Licensing Agency (CLA) website for further information**

## **CLA Check Permissions tool**

The **CLA Check Permissions tool** is an online search tool that lets you quickly find out what you can copy under your organisation's CLA licence. Whether you'd like to photocopy and distribute an article to colleagues or upload a report to an intranet or VLE, the CLA Title Search simplifies the steps required to ensure compliance.

**Check permission at CLA Higher Education Licence.**

**Introducing the CLA Step-by-Step Guide and Interactive Toolkit for those checking permissions within their licence.**

## **Latest Copyright News [[May 2025](#)]**

### **Dua Lipa wins copyright case over Levitating**

- Dua Lipa has won the dismissal of a lawsuit that accused her of copying her hit Levitating from two other songs.

The star was sued in 2022 by songwriters L Russell Brown and Sandy Linzer, who accused her of plagiarising their 1979 disco track **Wiggle and Giggle All Night** and 1980's **Don Diablo**.

**Access further information and the article, 'Dua Lipa wins copyright case over Levitating', in full.**

**Also: New AI systems collide with copyright law, and What is artificial intelligence, and will it take jobs?**

**Latest 'BBC Copyright News' incl. Banksy Copyright case**

### **Government Guidance – Changes to copyright law from 1 January 2021**

- This guidance covers the impacts on UK right holders, businesses, cultural heritage institutions and consumers. Note: It is not legal advice.

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[Access the GOV.UK 'Changes to copyright law from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021', in full.](#)

**Keeping abreast of the latest developments in Information Governance:** [Copyright Resources](#) – Naomi Korn Associates has developed free and openly licensed copyright, licensing and data protection help resources.

### **Copyright & Information Technologies in Education (CITE)**



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The CITE Forum is a place to discuss the CLA's technology and licence offerings (such as the Digital Content Store) but also an opportunity for Higher Education Institute's to network, share and disseminate relevant copyright information.

As UCEM Information Governance Manager I regularly attend the Copyright Licensing Agency (CLA) CITE Forum and presented on- '[UCEM's e-Library: Our Story So Far](#)', at the [CITE Winter 2021 Forum](#). Source: CLA (2021) [UCEM e-Library: Our story so far](#), a presentation given at the Winter 2021 CITE Forum [video], YouTube. Available at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmuENZHeGO0&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmuENZHeGO0&feature=youtu.be) [accessed 28 May 2025]. Ref: From 58:05 until 1:28:41.

### **Further information - Copyright Licensing Agency, CITE**

- '[CITE – 2020 Vision](#)', [CITE Magazine, Winter 2019, No. 3](#)
- '[A CITE to behold](#)', [CITE Magazine, Summer 2019, No. 2](#) &
- [CITE Magazine - A biannual magazine for the CITE Community, Winter 2018, No. 1.](#)

UCEM is committed to advancing information governance and compliance, ensuring that the services we provide comply with **GDPR, Data Protection, Records Management, Copyright, and Information Security**. **Note:** In 2024 the UCEM e-Library, in collaboration with UCL, produced a short [Copyright Essentials e-learning course](#) (accessed via the UCEM secure Virtual Learning Environment). This e-learning will help staff and students better understand copyright and how to apply this understanding to studies, research and other activities.

Another part of my role as involves keeping abreast of the latest developments and benchmarking the work I do against that of others. I also undertake regular Continuing Professional Development (CPD), and an element of this is attending the CITE Forum attending events and conferences provided through my professional body, CILIP – The Library and Information Association, and others.

### **CILIP's National Copyright Conference 2025**

This year's national & virtual conference is to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

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It has once again been programmed in association with Naomi Korn Associates.

### #CILIPCopy25 / #copyright

The Annual CILIP Online Copyright Conference is an ideal and unique opportunity for all librarians, archivists and information professionals to update their knowledge and professional practice in this crucial area. Additionally, it appeals to those who want to update their general copyright, licensing and publishing knowledge, and provides an invaluable forum for in-depth presentations by UK experts, informed debate and opportunities.

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**2025's Copyright conference** explores the latest updates in copyright and licensing. The programme explores different relationships, such as those between [copyright and ethics](#), [copyright and licensing](#), [copyright and creators](#), AI and IP – and all shades in-between. The programme and further information can be accessed via the [\*\*Copyright Conference Programme 2025 webpage\*\*](#)

Sessions covered broad copyright impact for the profession incl.

- **Keynote: Impact of copyright on teaching and research in Higher Education.**

**Cristina Rusu**, *Loughborough University*, will discuss whether reform is needed to support academics to be able to use copyright works lawfully as well as understand how copyright protects their research outputs.

**Also:**

- **Keynote: Artificial Inventors and Authors**

**Professor Ryan Abbotts**, *Professor of Law and Health Sciences, University of Surrey School of Law*

Over the last few years, artificial intelligence (AI) has begun to step into the shoes of human content generators and make creative works at scale. Before the end of the decade, a significant amount of art, literature, music, software, and web content will likely be created by AI rather than traditional human authors. How should copyright law deal with this phenomenon?

One narrative argues that even if AI can automate creativity, this activity is not the right sort of thing to protect, and that protection would even harm human artists. Another narrative argues that protection will encourage people to develop and use creative AI which will result in the production and dissemination of new works. AI-generated works challenge beliefs about human exceptionalism and the normative foundations of copyright law, which until now have offered something for everyone.

Copyright can be about ethics and authors and protecting the sweat of a brow and personality rights. Copyright can also be about the public interest and offering incentives to create and disseminate content. But copyright cannot have it all with AI authors – there is commercially valuable output being generated, but by authors with no interest to protect.

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- **Never a blank slate: culturally-informed copyright services for international library users**

**Caitlin Mannion**, *Head of Reference and Instruction Services, NYU Shanghai*

Academic libraries serve heterogeneous user populations whose needs are shaped by factors ranging from chosen disciplines to identities including gender, race, class, ability, culture, and country of origin. In supporting such a diverse group of users, academic librarians at colleges and universities must consider these nuances and tailor our services accordingly. This is particularly critical when engaging with international users, who comprise a significant and growing portion of our academic communities. These globally mobile users have unique needs and perspectives shaped by their cultural backgrounds and transnational experiences, with implications for their research methods, information literacy skills, and preferred modes of library engagement.

Despite their increasing presences, international students remain underrepresented in library literature and services. This is particularly true when it comes to their need for specialised librarian support in navigating the complexities of copyright law, which may diverge from the norms & attitudes around intellectual property that were shaped by their experiences in other cultural contexts. These are users who may also be collaborating across borders, publishing internationally, or finding themselves navigating unfamiliar copyright regimes and international law.

This presentation describes original empirical research undertaken by the speakers which explores this phenomenon. Our primary research question was “What copyright & copyright literacy services are provided at major universities & music conservatories in Mainland China?” Through surveys and follow-up interviews, our research explores the baseline of copyright knowledge that many graduate and postgraduate students, as well as early-career scholars, may bring from their prior experience in Mainland China to studying abroad in foreign copyright regimes. Our discussion of these research results is grounded in a review of scholarly literature in library services for international users, information technology, and copyright law. This is part of a larger ongoing research project to develop a paradigm for culturally-aware copyright services for international library users.

**Other highlights:**

- **IPO Update** – *Margaret Haig, Head of Copyright Delivery, Intellectual Property Office*
- **CLA Licensing & Technology Updates** – *Catherine Stephen, Head of Renewals & Growth, Education & Public Sector, Copyright Licensing Agency*. This session will provide an update on the Copyright Licensing Agency’s latest licensing

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initiatives, including developments around AI and text and data mining.

- **Lightning Talks on The Copyright Toolkit: A scenarios-based approach to providing copyright guidance** – *Diane Crawford-Leighton, Copyright Librarian, University of Exeter, & Predatory AI and its prey: Copyright IP and DP* – *Agnes Kozłowska, Head of Knowledge and Information Management, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency.*

Presentations at the [2024 Conference](#) covered the following areas:

- Copyright, ethics and creator's rights; ▪ Regulatory updates in the context of the new Labour Government; ▪ Rights retention; ▪ AI and IP; ▪ Licensing, AI and TDM (Text & Data Mining).

**Also:**

- **How do we achieve success as Solo Librarians?**

**Lucy Roper**, Information Governance Manager, UCEM

Being a solo librarian or librarian in a small team with limited help can be daunting. Librarianship is multi-faceted, and while plenty of books cover library work in detail, few provide a single point of reference from the perspective of a solo librarian who must juggle multiple tasks at one time and deal with all aspects of library provision on their own.

AI is creeping increasingly into our lives, and libraries have undoubtedly witnessed a rapid transformation due to AI. As we strive for continual improvement, we must keep abreast of the latest developments and follow the ever-changing library landscapes and popularity of information systems and services, online library tools and technological advancements.

I, therefore, took it upon myself to write a practical handbook providing a one-stop-shop with accompanying time-saving templates (easily downloadable via the eBook version and companion website) that can be adapted to help aid the daily activities and processes (including the effective use of copyrighted material and undertaking yearly copyright reporting) often faced by those working in information, knowledge, libraries and related disciplines.

I follow the year in the life of a solo librarian, providing a yearly planner and timeline of activities, with supporting guidance to aid each step of the way. This guidance can then be applied, adapted and tailored to other working practices. In this lightning talk, I will share the foundations of the book, identify some of the lessons I have learned, and provide examples of the types of guidance available.

Further information is available at: CILIP (2024 '[CILIP Copyright Conference 2024 programme](#)'). [CILIP.org.uk, Events.](https://www.cilip.org.uk/events)

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## The Challenges of Remote Working

- The challenges of remote working and points to consider from a data privacy perspective. Provided within this article are points to consider from a data privacy perspective that include:

1. **Have a clear statement to all staff** stressing that “The protection of personal data that we hold, and use is important to us and must be always handled in a way that is compliant with data protection law and our Data Protection and Privacy policies. While we must adapt to comply with the official guidance, we will adjust our working processes to allow us to deliver our services. These are time limited instructions that will be kept under review. At the end of the period then all data that is held temporarily on personal devices as a direct result of this exceptional times, will be deleted.” (Tullo 2020)
2. **Set out what use of data**, contact lists, customer documents are being allowed.
3. As part of this exceptional response to homeworking **keep a full record of where staff are working from and what equipment they are using**.
4. **State that you have assessed the best way of ensuring homeworking efficiency** and are proposing that personal devices and mobile phones can be used. That you will review this [weekly seem sensible at present] in line with experience and how staff report it is working.
5. **Reissue and emphasis your usual security arrangements –** Virus and password protection, not leaving data visible to others, having a PIN code, or not sharing their device with others in their family or household.
6. **Take care to be aware where data is being stored**, even if temporary so that the security risk is managed and assessed.
7. For the **weekly reviews** – have your Senior Leadership Team note the number of staff using personal devices, any queries, or issues they are finding and demonstrate that you are monitoring the situation and are flexible in closing it down if any specific concerns arise.
8. Choose your **collaboration tool of choice** and consider recording online meetings and note actions especially where team members are geographically spread out and where broadband speeds and kit may vary in quality.
9. You might also consider having a **standard introduction for homeworking staff** to explain that they are homeworking and not in the office, so callers understand the position.
10. This is where a nominated **Data Protection Office (DPO)** or Data Officer can support the senior team in the messaging to colleagues.

There are growing numbers of tips and survival guides online that include: Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) [Data protection and coronavirus: what you need to know](#). (Source overleaf).

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**Regarding UCEM we have followed these pointers:**

(i) A clear statement went to staff, and UCEM has a designated area within their central SharePoint site for Business Continuity Planning (BCP) that has the following folders containing

- Official Communications [Internal and External]
- Human Resources (HR) guidance and support
- Information Technology (IT) technical support, guidance, and documents

Data Protection guidance (incl. a new guidance note entitled, 'Processing Personal data when remote working.'

- The [UCEM Data Protection and Privacy Policies](#) have been updated and should be read in conjunction with IT Policies).
- & Hints and tips for working from home.

(ii) A retention and destruction schedule is in place that collates lists of data used within respective teams and departments; (iii) A register is kept of where staff are working from and equipment used; (iv) Regular online meetings and weekly All-staff keep everyone updated and ensuring regular communication; (v) IT provide regular updates and guidance; (vi) GDPR 2020 training has been launched to re-enforce the importance of knowing how data is used and where it is being stored, even if temporary so that risk is managed and assessed; (vii and viii) online equipment and collaboration tools are well established at UCEM as an online education provider, but are regularly monitored; (ix) As mentioned above, hints and tips for working from home are provided, & (x) UCEM has a designated Data Protection Officer (DPO).

Please note: There are regular updates -

- (i) On the [UCEM Website](#),
- (ii) **VLE Help Page** (for students), and
- (iii) within the **UCEM Website Home > Supported Online Learning > e-Library** current awareness services, incl. Information blog and **Knowledge Foundations** (for all).

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(iv) A short **UCEM e-Library video** (used within UCEM Marketing, [Social Media business channels i.e. LinkedIn](#) to promote the e-Library, *Knowledge Foundations*, regular information blogs, and more)

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**Advance HE** (Previously HEA – Higher Education Academy) is dedicated to helping higher education shape its future. Providing insight, enhancing organisational performance, developing, and connecting people, and accrediting achievements. Advance HE [online]. Further information is available at: [www.advance-he.ac.uk](http://www.advance-he.ac.uk) [accessed 28 May 2025]

**American Society of Civil Engineers** (ASCE) Civil Engineering database provides free access to over eighty thousand abstracts taken from ASCE publications since 1973. ASCE [online]. Further information is available at: [www.asce.org](http://www.asce.org) [accessed 28 May 2025]

**Association of Researchers in Construction Management** (ARCOM) brings together all those interested in construction management research. It aims to further the advancement of knowledge in all aspects of management in construction by support education, dissemination, and research. ARCOM [online]. Further information available at: [www.arcom.ac.uk](http://www.arcom.ac.uk) [accessed 28 May 2025]

**ARCOM Abstracts database** – contains open access of every ARCOM conference paper since 1997 and is now a major resource for all active researchers.

**ARCOM Newsletters** - contains the latest news from the industry.

**AJ Buildings Library** (AJBL) – The AJ Buildings Library highlights thousands of exemplar projects, most from the last 20 years but including major projects back to 1900. Available at: [www.ajbuildingslibrary.co.uk/](http://www.ajbuildingslibrary.co.uk/) [accessed 28 May 2025] (This valuable resource is just one part of the *Architects' Journal* subscription, available via the VLE e-Library > OpenAthens Library login > Construction Information Service (CIS) and/or EBSCO Business Source Ultimate).

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**Barbour ABI** [online]. Explore the latest Construction Market Analysis Reports, for free. Further information available at: <https://barbour-abi.com/resources/reports/> [accessed 28 May 2025]

**BBC Search and BBC Education** [online]. Further information available at: [www.bbc.co.uk/search](http://www.bbc.co.uk/search) and [www.bbc.co.uk/news/education](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education) [accessed 28 May 2025]

**BIDSTATS** [online] – Free UK tenders' portal. Find UK public sector contracts and further information available at: <https://bidstats.uk/> [accessed 28 May 2025]

**BIM Task Group** – The Building Information Modelling (BIM) Task Group support and develop the objectives of the Government Construction Strategy and the requirement to strengthen the public sector's capability in BIM implementation [online]. **N.B.** This group and programme are now part of the University of Cambridge, **Centre for Digital Built Britain (CDBB)** [online]. Further information

is available at: [www.cdabb.cam.ac.uk/AboutDBB/FAQs](http://www.cdabb.cam.ac.uk/AboutDBB/FAQs) [accessed 28 May 2025]. Please refer to question 9 – What is the Digital Built Britain Programme? specifically.

**BIMForum** – The BIMForum’s mission is to facilitate and accelerate the adoption of building information modelling (BIM) in the AEC (Architecture, Engineering and Construction) industry. Further information is available via the BIMForum Website [online] and at: <http://bimforum.org> [accessed 28 May 2025]

**BOMA International** (Building Owners and Managers Association International) – a federation of 91 BOMA U.S. associations and seventeen international affiliates. Founded in 1907, BOMA’s mission is to advance a vibrant commercial real estate industry through advocacy, influence, and knowledge. **BOMA Research and Resources** [online] and available at: [www.boma.org/BOMA/Research-Resources](http://www.boma.org/BOMA/Research-Resources) [accessed 28 May 2025]

**British and Irish Legal Information Institute** (BAILLI) Case Law Search [online]. Further information available at: [www.bailii.org/form/search\\_cases.html](http://www.bailii.org/form/search_cases.html) [accessed 28 May 2025]

**British Council of Shopping Centres** (BCSC) was the professional body and authoritative voice for retail-led regeneration and for the management of and investment in shopping places [online]. Note: BCSC has changed and is now **REVO – Retail. Property. Community.**

**British Property Federation** (BPF) – The British Property Federation is a membership organisation devoted to representing the interests of all those involved in real estate ownership and investment. BPF [online]. Further information available at: <https://bpf.org.uk> [accessed 28 May 2025]

**Building Conservation.com** [online] – Information resources for conservation, restoration, and repairs. Further information is available at: [www.buildingconservation.com](http://www.buildingconservation.com) accessed [accessed 28 May 2025]

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**Building Engineer** [online] – Building Engineer website covers news and insights from the following topics: Building & Fire Safety; Business & Management; Construction & Building Materials; Energy & Sustainability; Health, Safety & Wellbeing; Policy & Regulations; Refurbishment; Technology & Digital Construction. Further information is available at: [www.buildingengineer.org.uk/](http://www.buildingengineer.org.uk/) [accessed 28 May 2025]

**Building People** - a technology platform and collaborative network, which enables connections and seeks to reduce the skills shortages across the Built Environment. Building People [online]. Further information is available at: [www.buildingpeople.org.uk](http://www.buildingpeople.org.uk) [accessed 28 May 2025]

**Building Research Establishment** (BRE) [online] is an independent and impartial, research-based consultancy, testing and training organisation, offering expertise in every aspect of the built environment and associated industries. Further information available at: <https://bregroup.com/about-us> [accessed 28 May 2025]

**BRE A-Z of BRE Services** (from Accreditation to Zero Carbon) [online]. Further information is available at: <https://bregroup.com/a-z/> [accessed 28 May 2025]

**BRE Case Studies** [online]. Further information is available at: <https://bregroup.com/expertise/case-studies/> [accessed 28 May 2025]

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**CPRE Resources** provides the latest news articles, policy guidance notes, published reports and research surrounding the following - Countryside, Farming and food, Housing and planning, Energy and Waste, and Transport. CPRE Resources [online]. Available at: [www.cpre.org.uk/resources](http://www.cpre.org.uk/resources) [accessed 28 May 2025]

**CBRE** – With more than 100,000 professionals in over 100 countries, CBRE is the global leader in commercial real estate services and investment. CBRE [online]. Available at: [www.cbre.co.uk](http://www.cbre.co.uk) [accessed 28 May 2025]

**CBRE Insights and Research** - CBRE sets the standard for global real estate research by providing clients with accurate and insightful market knowledge. CBRE [online]. Available at: [www.cbre.co.uk/insights](http://www.cbre.co.uk/insights) [accessed 28 May 2025]

**Centre for Architecture and Built Environment Research** (CABER) seeks to develop innovative approaches, procedures, technologies, and techniques that support the design, management, reconfiguration, maintenance and operation of buildings, their fabric, and the environments they create. **Note:** CABER incorporates the previous Centre for Construction and Property Research (CPRC). CABER [online] and available at: [www1.uwe.ac.uk/et/research/caber.aspx](http://www1.uwe.ac.uk/et/research/caber.aspx) [accessed 28 May 2025]

**The Center for Construction Research and Training** (CPWR) is dedicated to reducing occupational injuries, illnesses, and fatalities in the construction industry through research, training, and service programs. CPWR [online] and available at: [www.cpwr.com](http://www.cpwr.com) [accessed 28 May 2025]

**Centre for Digital Built Britain** (CDBB) is a partnership between the Department of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, and the University of Cambridge to deliver a smart digital economy for infrastructure and construction for the future and transform the UK construction industry's approach to the way we plan, build, maintain, and use our social and economic infrastructure. CDBB [online]. Available at: [www.cdbb.cam.ac.uk/AboutDBB](http://www.cdbb.cam.ac.uk/AboutDBB) [accessed 28 May 2025]

**Centre for Sustainable Energy** (CSE) is an independent national charity that shares our knowledge and experience to help people change the way they think and act on energy.

**CSE Resources** [online] include - Reports & publications, Toolkits, Advice leaflets, Websites, *Energise* newsletter, Videos on The fundamentals, Improving your community building, Community-wide energy saving projects, Neighbourhood and low carbon planning, Renewable energy projects, and further Resources for schools and educators. Available at: [www.cse.org.uk/local-energy/resources](http://www.cse.org.uk/local-energy/resources) [accessed 28 May 2025]

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**Chartered Institute of Building** (CIOB) [online]. The Chartered Institute of Building is the international voice of the building professional, representing an unequalled body of knowledge concerning the management of the total building process. Available at: [www.ciob.org](http://www.ciob.org) [accessed 28 May 2025]

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**C-Link** is a procurement software company who also provide resources (incl. guides, eBooks, and other materials) created to help you make more money on your construction project. C-Link [online]. Available at: [www.C-Link.com](http://www.C-Link.com) [accessed 28 May 2025]

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**Construction Industry Council** (CIC) – The representative forum for the professional bodies, research organisations and specialist business association in the construction industry. CIC [online] and available at: <http://cic.org.uk> [accessed 28 May 2025]

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**Construction Products Association** (CPA) represents the UK's manufacturers and distributors of construction products and materials. Construction Products Association [online]. Further information is available at: [www.constructionproducts.org.uk](http://www.constructionproducts.org.uk) [accessed 28 May 2025]

**Construction Project Information Committee** (CPIC), responsible for providing best practice guidance on the content, form, and preparation of construction production information, and making sure this best practice is disseminated throughout the UK construction industry. CPIC [online]. Available at: [www.cpic.org.uk](http://www.cpic.org.uk) [accessed 28 May 2025]

**Construction and Property Research Centre** (CPRC), University of the West of England (UWE) – the CPRC's research activity is focused around the three inter-related stages of the built environment lifecycle, namely design, construction, and maintenance. Note: The UWE **Centre for Architecture and Built Environment Research** (CABER) now incorporates the CPRC.

**COPAC\*** exposes rare and unique research material by bringing together the catalogues of c.90 major UK and Irish Libraries. In a single search you can discover the holdings of the UK's national libraries (including the British Library), many University libraries, and specialist libraries. Note: From August 2019 Copac was replaced by [Jisc's Library Hub Discover](#).

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**Designing Buildings Wiki** [online] and available at: [www.designingbuildings.co.uk/wiki/Home](http://www.designingbuildings.co.uk/wiki/Home) [accessed 28 May 2025] is an industry-wide, cross-discipline forum for finding and sharing information.

**Designing Buildings Wiki – Student resources** [online] and available at: [www.designingbuildings.co.uk/wiki/Student\\_resources](http://www.designingbuildings.co.uk/wiki/Student_resources) [accessed 28 May 2025] has a wide range of resources aimed at students of the built environment, as shown here.

**Designing Buildings Wiki – Construction industry acronyms** [online] and available at: [www.designingbuildings.co.uk/wiki/Construction\\_industry\\_acronyms](http://www.designingbuildings.co.uk/wiki/Construction_industry_acronyms) [accessed 28 May 2025] providing a list of commonly used construction industry acronyms.

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**Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB)** is a service which harvests details of academic and mainly peer-reviewed books published on open access. DOAB [online]. Available at: [www.doabooks.org/doab](http://www.doabooks.org/doab) [accessed 28 May 2025]

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- **UWE Construction and conservation films**
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## V

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