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Happy reading!

Issue 11 – November 2022

Welcome to UCEM's monthly *Knowledge Foundations* newsletter (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 practice, 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 current awareness service was to help keep students and staff informed of the education sector and industry specific news, share current and best practice, 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

UCEM sails through third sustainability accreditation audit

UCEM achieved its best-ever score on its third successful SOS-UK Responsible Futures accreditation.

The accreditation evidence UCEM's commitment to embedding sustainability and social responsibility across the institution through a student-led audit. UCEM first **applied for, and attained, the accreditation in 2018** and followed this up **with an improved score and reaccreditation in 2020**.

The points threshold for accreditation is 200 out of 330 across 45 criteria. Having gained 227 in 2018 and 247 in 2020, UCEM's upward trajectory continued with a score of 272 awarded by the seven student auditors.

Jessica Gordon-Calvert, UCEM's Sustainability Engagement and Education Officer who led on the reaccreditation effort, commented: "It has been an incredible experience to work on UCEM's Responsible Futures submission this year (2022). The accreditation wouldn't be possible without the hard work and dedication of our staff and students.

Access the article '**UCEM sails through third sustainability accreditation audit**' in full.

Other UCEM News



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UCEM gains indefinite degree awarding powers

UCEM's journey as an independent institution has gathered another significant milestone.

The institute has been successful in applying to the Office for Students (OfS) for permanent degree awarding powers – referred to as 'indefinite degree awarding powers' which is an authorisation given to higher education providers to grant awards without a time limit.

The indefinite degree awarding powers follows a decade of UCEM being awarded taught degree awarding powers which were renewable on a six-yearly basis.

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The latest milestone paves the way for UCEM to apply for full university title.

UCEM Deputy Principal, Jane Fawkes, comments: “UCEM has been on quite the journey since first seeking institutional independence from the University of Reading over a decade ago. Along the way, we have gained university college title, been successful in earning taught degree awarding powers, transition to wholly online education, moved to our new HQ in Reading, opened our first office in Hong Kong and celebrated our centenary in 2019.

“This is an incredibly exciting landmark for UCEM as an institution and I look forward to delivering our vision to be the Centre of Excellence for Built Environment Education.”

UCEM [first gained taught degree awarding powers in 2012](#) when operating as The College of Estate Management. This was [renewed by The Privy Council in 2018](#). Prior to 2012, UCEM had its programmes validated by the University of Reading and the Open University.

Access the article '[UCEM gains indefinite degree awarding powers](#)' in full.

UCEM Tutor shares research advocating greater adoption of renewable energy in Egypt

A UCEM Tutor engage with a captive audience of university, industry and government stakeholders on a trip to Egypt, sharing his research on renewable energy usage in the country.

Dr Muhammad Rana visited The British University in Egypt (BUE), based in Cairo, earlier this month (see publication date) to share insights from his British Council-funded research titled 'Investigating the barriers in the uptake of renewable energy in Egypt'. Both the UK and Egypt were represented in the 25-strong party of key stakeholders who attended the research event.

To learn more about the project, head to [the research website](#).

Access the article '[UCEM Tutor shares research advocating greater adoption of renewable energy in Egypt](#)' in full.

Also:

UCEM Tutor leads the charge to address rapid urbanisation in Brazil

- Dr Muhammad Rana travelled to São Luís in Brazil to share his research title 'Urbanisation confronts human rights: Simulating a sustainable future using BIM and system modelling (BIM25)' with peers from Brazil and the UK.

The trip was funded by the British Council in response to Muhammad's research whilst in post at the University of Wolverhampton.

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Education Department implements successful anonymous forum post trial

Anonymous assignment forum posts could be here to stay after an encouraging pilot scheme led by two members of UCEM's Education Department.

UCEM Real Estate and Management Tutor, Hazel Lobo, enlisted the support of Learning Designer, Sharvari Balagatte Ramesh, after students on the Level 4 'Law for the Built Environment' module fed back that fear of appearing silly or not being sure whether to ask certain questions or not was stopping them from posting on the assignment discussion forum.

Access the article '[Education Department implements successful anonymous forum post trial](#)' in full.

Current and former UCEM tutors co-author real estate book

UCEM Associate Tutor and Module Leader, Jane Forsyth, and former UCEM Tutor and Module Leader, Dr Jan Wilcox, are the co-authors of *Real Estate: The Basics*. The duo embarked on the project after students identified a gap in the market for a book introducing the core concepts of real estate to those new to the industry. Jane now uses the book – which was published earlier in the year (2022) – as a source for UCEM students, and it is also suitable for peers at other universities, school students, apprentices, those developing their careers or changing their roles within the sector or those looking to change career.

Access the article '[Current and former UCEM tutors co-author real estate book](#)' in full.

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The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Libraries, Information and Knowledge (APPG) noted the '[Statement of Solidarity with librarians, archivists and information professionals in Ukraine](#)', produced by the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) with signatures from more than 800 leading national institutions, including the British Library, the National Library, Wales, National Library Scotland and [UCEM e-Library](#).

[Access further information on Ukraine Crisis Hub](#)

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Also:

[UCEM: We pay our respects to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.](#)

[UCEM apprentice becomes Student Trustee and Lead Student Representative](#)

[UCEM alumni co-found development management business](#)

[CIOB and UCEM team up to deliver an apprenticeship with a route to chartered status](#)

[UCEM boosts its accessibility credentials with launch of course for staff](#)

[UCEM and DiverseCity Surveyors launch BAME mentoring scheme](#)

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

- **[Access further information about the 30% Club](#)**,
- **[Access more information on UCEM's diversity and inclusion objectives](#)**

[https://www.ucem.ac.uk/whats-happening/news/new-research-calls-for-recognition-of-commercial-opportunity-over-obligation-in-delivering-goods-or-services-to-those-with-a-disability/UCEM reasserts its commitment to organisational excellence with Advance HE membership](https://www.ucem.ac.uk/whats-happening/news/new-research-calls-for-recognition-of-commercial-opportunity-over-obligation-in-delivering-goods-or-services-to-those-with-a-disability/UCEM_reasserts_its_commitment_to_organisational_excellence_with_Advance_HE_membership), and

- **[Access further information on Advance HE.](#)**
- **[For more on UCEM's ambitions, take a look at the Institution's Vision and Strategy brochure](#)**

COVID-19: UCEM Management response to COVID-19

Further information and the latest developments can 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:

- Student enquiries – Student Central on our VLE
- Employer enquiries – **businessdevelopment@ucem.ac.uk**
- Other enquiries –

Email: **reception@ucem.ac.uk**, Tel: +44(0)118 467 2100

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.

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Other News

Things you need to know this week: West Midlands sets out investment zone ambitions

- West Midlands Combined Authority is among a number of authorities that have formally submitted bids to establish new investment zones.

West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) has made its formal bid to government to establish a series of investment zones across the region, which are intended to deliver more than 18,000 homes, 3 million square metres of commercial space and 65,000 new jobs in all. Its bid concentrates investment zone sites in key locations along major economic corridors, and includes the planned Gigafactory site at Coventry Airport, sites around the High Speed 2 (HS2) Interchange station in Solihull and sites in Dudley, the Wednesbury to Brierly Hill Metro tram extension. WMCA is among a number of authorities vying to establish investment zones, with others including Plymouth City Council, which has identified 17 potential sites for housing and commercial development, with the first including Plymouth railway station, the Civic Centre and Guildhall and the hotel overlooking Plymouth Hoe. But at the same time the Financial Times has reported that the government may now be looking to limit the planned tax benefits and overall number of zones, as it looks to rein in finances.

Also, this month,

- Sovereign Housing Association has bought the Princes Mead Shopping centre and two adjacent retail assets in a Hampshire town for £17.6 million, with a view to redeveloping the site with a mixed-use scheme incorporating more than 350 homes. The housing association acquired the Farnborough shopping centre from Knight Frank Investment Management, on behalf of Local Pensions Partnership Investments.

- Manchester City Council has completed its acquisition of the long lease of Wythenshawe town centre from developer St Modwen, paving the way for its redevelopment with a cultural hub, food hall, workspace, civic square and homes. The council has submitted a £20 million bid for Levelling Up funding from the government to help drive redevelopment and is consulting over the autumn with local people and businesses on its proposals.

- Local authorities in England are estimated to have spent more than £60 million bidding for the government's Levelling up Fund (Round 1), Future High Streets Fund and Town Deal initiatives, according to new research by the University of Sheffield. The research team found that more than 50 economic development and regeneration funds were offered by 10 government departments and agencies, with a significant proportion being competitive and open to a wide range of authorities.

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Core regeneration funds like the Levelling Up Fund and Towns Fund emerged as more likely to be allocated to locations in the north of England, but when a wider array of funds was included – including cultural funds – London fared better. The report [Fair funding for devolution](#), was supported by the Higher Education Innovation Fund.

- Investor Investec is providing Edmond de Rothschild Real Estate Investment Management with a £19.3 million loan to help fund its 357-home build to rent scheme in Rugby, Warwickshire. The town centre scheme, called Charolais Gardens, comprises one- and two-bedroom apartments and is due for completion in January 2023.

[Read the full 'Need to Know: West Midlands sets out investment zone ambitions' article.](#)

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Case Study: Reducing the use of plastic in housebuilding

- When GreenSpaceAccord set out to eliminate plastics as far as possible from its new apartment development in Redditch, it found the process far from easy, reports the author of this article.

When it comes to the UK's biggest users of plastics, the building and construction industry is second only to the packaging sector, accounting for more than 20 per cent of consumption, according to the British Plastics Federation and European market research bodies. To date, the industry's efforts to reduce this figure have largely focused on minimising plastic packaging and waste, rather than tackling the far more challenging substitution of the many products and materials it uses that contain plastic.

But a scheme of 12 one-bedroom apartments for affordable rent in Redditch, Worcestershire, which was completed earlier this year (see publication date), gives a rare glimpse of how UK housebuilding's reliance on plastics could be reduced. The project of almost – but not quite entirely – plastic-free homes has been developed by West Bromwich based housing association

GreenSquareAccord, working with Redditch Borough Council, and has been delivered as part of a pan-European research project called CHARM (Circular Housing Asset Renovation & Management).

The project arose from the housing association's awareness of plastics' impact on the oceans and marine wildlife, heightened by a Marine Conservation Society billboard flanking the M5 close to their office. "While we are producing high quality, low carbon

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housing, we weren't using the most sustainable and circular building methods," says Carl Taylor, assistant director of new business at GreenSquareAccord. "So, we asked what we do in order to make our timber frame homes more sustainable and address the issues the Marine Conservation Society were raising."

That led the housing association to set itself the project challenge, which it pursued with the support of the CHARM circular economy research initiative led by Netherlands university of technology TU Delft. Housing providers in the Netherlands, Belgium and France are also participating in the initiative, through their own projects.

Challenges

"I don't think it is possible to produce a totally plastic-free apartment block in the UK that has electricity, complies with current legislation and meets the current requirements of warranty providers," says Taylor. Fire regulations demanded such essential safety features as intumescent seals, which are routinely made from plastic, while warranty providers had no appetite for flexibility in specification. The project, therefore, sought, "to produce something that was mainstream, but full of innovation," Taylor explains.

In order to minimise its use of plastic, the housing association also first had to assess which products and materials contained them. "Lots of organisations don't declare fully what's in their materials," says Taylor. That led to some surprising discoveries. Having used sheeps' wool insulation in Code for Sustainable Homes' top ranked level 6 homes in the past, the housing association thought it would be a suitable choice on this project, but found its preferred product contained 20 per cent plastic, necessitating a move to a plastic-free glass fibre alternative.

Solutions

GreenSquareAccord has carried out its own research into the plastic content of products and materials and ways to build without plastic, drawing on the internal expertise of its Indesign in-house design team and its LoCal Homes low carbon timber frame manufacturing facility. "We had a multi-disciplinary team going through the specification, including the architect, the builder, the factory and ourselves as the client," says Taylor.

"There's no way we would have got the buy-in for so many hours of that, going through literally every component, if we hadn't had people in-house."

Learning

In its quest for plastic-free solutions, the project team has frequently looked to past ways of building, one example being that instead of push-fit plumbing, the homes have copper pipe with traditionally soldered joints.

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Read the final specifications and Case Study entitled, 'Reducing the use of plastic in housebuilding' in full.

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Analysis: Driving regeneration through investment zones

- The government has opened bidding for its new investment zones, although the proposal still presents questions, the author of this article finds.

In last month's (see publication date) mini-budget chancellor Kwasi Kwarteng set out plans to establish a string of new investment zones to drive growth and unlock housing across the UK. The means to driving those ends within the zones are, as the Treasury states, "lowering taxes and liberalising planning frameworks".

The government has officially launched the initiative, inviting host areas to register expressions of interest. It has also opened early discussions with 38 upper tier local authorities and mayoral combined authorities in England, from Cornwall Council to North of Tyne Combined Authority, which are keen to establish investment zones in their area. Specific projects and sites already being targeted in these early discussions include the High Speed 2 Interchange site near Birmingham Airport and the planned Gigafactory site near Coventry Airport. "These zones will build upon and reflect our £15bn Investment Prospectus published earlier in the year (see publication date)," explains Cllr Mike Bird, West Midlands Combined Authority portfolio holder for land and housing and leader of Walsall Council.

In Somerset, one area of focus is the former Royal Ordnance Factory site, near Bridgwater, now called Gravity, which is already designated as an enterprise zone and has potential to accommodate renewable energy generation, a rail terminal and up to 750 homes. Further west, Plymouth City Council is looking to zoning to help revive its city centre.

The government's proposal so far

Information issued so far by the government includes a **fact sheet, guidance** and the **expression of interest form**.

For host areas, the government's proposal includes:

- Greater control over local growth funding with, for example, a single local growth settlement for mayoral combined authorities in the next spending review period
- Strategic direction over the affordable housing fund
- Prioritised access to infrastructure funding

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For businesses, the government's proposal includes:

- Stamp Duty Land Tax relief on land and buildings bought for commercial/residential development
- 100% business rates relief on newly occupied and certain expanded premises for 25 years
- Zero-rate for Employer National Insurance contributions on new employee earnings up to £50,270 a year.

On planning, the government has yet to clarify measures, but has pledged to:

- Remove EU requirements that "create paperwork and stall development but do not necessarily protect the environment"
- Focus developer contributions on essential infrastructure
- Reduce consultation with statutory bodies
- Relax national and local policy requirements, but it says national policy on design, the green belt, heritage protection, public safety and building regulations will continue to apply.

This leaves a number of questions to be resolved and there is also debate about the likely success of the approach.

Further information and read the article, 'Analysis: Driving regeneration through investment zones' in full.

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Review: Tackling flooding in a market town

- The flood alleviation scheme in Otley, near Leeds, has successfully tackled the town's flooding problem and created an attractive feature, finds the author of this article.

The devastation caused by flooding can affect livelihoods and businesses, and without intervention and mitigation the problem will only continue to increase with climate change. The flood alleviation scheme in Otley, a market town near Leeds, shows how flood risk can be managed and reduced successfully, alongside providing environmental and community benefits.

After the flood on Boxing Day 2015 badly affected properties on Farnley Lane and Bridge Avenue in Otley, engagement started with industry experts and the public to develop plans to address future risks. This culminated in Leeds City Council making a planning application for the flood alleviation scheme (FAS) in October 2019, and permission was granted five months later. Construction began in March 2021, and the scheme was in place by the end of that year.

The focus was a former cattle market site which closed in the early 2000s.

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The site was in the flood plain for the River Wharfe but it had been subject to various planning applications for car parking and even housing development over the years since the market closed. The market left behind concrete hardstanding, making it a rather unattractive sight. The site has now been transformed with an embankment parallel to the main road, Billams Hill, in effect creating a flood barrier and extensive planting. The Kell Beck, one of the sources of flooding, has been opened up and realigned to connect it better to the flood plain.

The new landscape and ecological enhancements at the former cattle market site included substantial tree planting and meadow wildflower seeds. They have now started to grow and are becoming a positive addition to the character and appearance of the area. The woodland vegetation management on the River Wharfe's islands – which included removal of deadwood and treatment of invasive species – is less noticeable because the islands blend into the overall wider view of the river and its banks.

The measures were designed to increase flood protection to 53 properties, reducing the risk of flooding to a 4 per cent chance of occurring in any given year. The area had a 5 per cent chance of flooding on Boxing Day 2015. The FAS was put to the test for the first time by three back-to-back storms in February 2022 and it proved itself to be effective.

The scheme was also designed to avoid detracting from Otley Bridge's historical importance, being recognised as a scheduled monument.

Cost vs benefits

The monetary cost of the FAS is reported at around £4.5 million. For that price the likelihood of flooding in this area has reduced significantly, and visual and environmental improvements have been secured. The reduction in flood risk is invaluable because it protects homes and businesses, and it reduces the chance of Bridge Street/Billams Hill – which provides access to Wharfedale Hospital and the town centre – having to be closed due to flooding.

In relation to biodiversity, the scheme will be permanent and make a positive contribution at a local scale. The site is not intended to be subject to disturbance by frequent public access and could offer an opportunity to further enhance biodiversity if development are required to provide net gains off-site.

Further information and read the article, 'Review: Tackling flooding in a market town' in full.

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Education Latest [October 2022]

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[Three top tips on making an apprenticeship work](#)

- Norfolk apprentice shares top tips on making it work. An 18-year-old plumber has shared her top tips for new apprentices on how to make sure it is successful.

Sophie Maguire, from Norwich, said she “jumped at the opportunity” of learning something practical and applied for more than 50 **apprenticeships – [paid schemes which combine practical training in a job with study](#)**.

See also: UCEM student, Turner C (2022) ‘[Apprentice shares experience as she learns](#)’, *Built Environment Journal*, London: RICS. #BuiltForApprenticeships #BuildingControl #Apprentice

BBC Latest – Climate [October 2022]

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

[New UK oil and gas licences defy climate warnings](#)

- More than 100 licences are expected to be granted for new fossil fuel exploration in the North Sea.

Nearly 900 locations are being offered for exploration, with as many as 100 licences set to be awarded.

The decision is at odds with international climate scientists who say fossil fuel projects should be closed down, not expanded. They say there can be no new projects if there is to be a chance of keeping global temperature rises under 1.5C.

Related article:

- [A really simple guide to climate change](#)

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

BBC Latest - Coronavirus – latest developments [October 2022]

Coronavirus pandemic

- Protect elderly from rising Covid levels in UK,
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- Loss and suffering at heart of Covid inquiry,
- Who can get a Covid booster this autumn?,
- Covid infections rise by 14% in a week in UK,
- Covid vulnerable lacked help from NHS 111 - report,
- Covid-19 in the UK.

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[What are the UK’s ‘Living with Covid’ plans?](#)

The evolution of building surveying education during COVID-19

- In January and February 2020, as the pandemic was starting to gain momentum and spreading around the globe, universities in the UK were beginning to consider how to react. As a sector, UK higher education is relatively familiar with web-based methods of communication, teaching, and learning.

In fact, the University College of Estate Management (formerly the College of Estate Management) and the traditional home of RICS correspondence courses, operates their business totally online.

A lot of universities operate a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) which allows them to communicate with their students and provides the opportunity to interact with them in terms of online courses and assessments, and as a depository for learning materials.

This is allowing the students to revisit the materials to embed or reinforce their learning or to catch up if a session was missed. Common VLE’s include Blackboard, WebCT, and Moodle. Their functionality and features are all relatively similar.

Although the physical libraries were closed, universities operate electronic libraries which offer access to a large number of electronic databases, and a growing number of books and journals, ensuring that the students and staff, can continue to access the majority of relevant information for their studies and research.

[Further information and access to the article ‘The evolution of building surveying education during COVID-19’, in full.](#)

[Access further information about UCEM’s Supported Online Learning > e-Library.](#)

Will COVID-19 accelerate construction’s digital transformation?

- With many industry professionals forced to work remotely, is now the perfect time for construction to get up to speed with all

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things BIM and digital? *Construction Manager* magazine finds out if the coronavirus will change the way we work forever.

David Philp – Global BIM/MIC consultancy director, AECOM says, **“It’s an opportunity to rethink how we can use technology and innovate.” (Philp 2020)**

Mark Boyle – Global design direct, Robert Bird says, **‘Our digital processes lend themselves to remote working.’ (Boyle 2020)**, and Gary Fannon – Technology director, Turner and Townsend says, **‘Early digital adopters will be reaping the rewards.’ (Fannon 2020)**

Andrew Gamblen – Digital manager, Willmott Dixon says, **‘People will become more comfortable collaborating remotely.’ (Gamblen 2020)**

Richard Saxon – CBE Chairman of JCT, client adviser at Deploi BIM Strategies says, **“Wartime scenarios” will push the digital agenda.’ (Saxon 2020)**

[Read the *Construction Management* \(formerly *Construction Manager*\) article ‘Will Covid-19 accelerate construction’s digital transformation’, in full.](#)

Related links:

What will the post-pandemic office look like? - With remote working seemingly here to stay, anecdotal evidence suggests that firms are looking to cut office space by up to 40%. How is the workplace having to evolve to remain relevant?

[Read the *Construction Management* article, ‘What will the post-pandemic office look like?’ in full.](#)

‘Generation Work from Home’ – the impact of default flexible working - The UK government has announced proposals to make flexible working a ‘day one’ right for employees, as part of reforms to the Flexible Working Regulation 2014.

[Read the Shoosmiths article, ‘Generation Work from Home’ – the impact of default flexible working’ in full.](#)

Free content related to Coronavirus, the management of epidemics and the wider impact on society



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Emerald Publishing, one of the UCEM e-Library subscription services, have brought together a number of research

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resources related to the Coronavirus group of viruses, and epidemics more broadly.

Emerald collated research and the management of epidemics and made it freely available to assist practitioners and researchers who are working to tackle the current situation and likely consequences. Whilst these materials do not only relate to the current clinical challenges of Novel Coronavirus, but they may also provide relevant context to how the world reacted to other previous Coronavirus outbreaks (notably SARS) and epidemics.

[Access Emerald Publishing's 'Coronavirus, the management of epidemics and the wider impact on society'](#)

Covid-19 and the impact on business

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HS Talks - Interviews with academics and experts from the business community, on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, are now available in the HS Talks 'Business & Management' collection that UCEM subscribes to.

1. [The impact of Covid-19 on organisations](#)
2. [The impact of Covid-19 on psychological safety in the workplace](#)
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Latest News: Construction Management (CM) **(formerly *Construction Manager*) [October 2022]** **Dealing with inflation in construction contracts**

- Niamh Batterton and Sarah Wilson in this article example how to deal with inflation within construction contracts.

We have seen inflation have an unprecedented effect on the construction industry over the last 18 months (see publication date).

External global factors such as Brexit, covid and the Ukrainian war are impacting construction projects by curtailing the supply of goods and materials and increasing costs. In addition, the legislation changing the use of red diesel on projects is making work more costly. As a result, the sector is seeing:

- Increased cost of materials and labour, pushing up tender prices;
- Investor uncertainty resulting in tighter financial conditions;
- A shortage of skills at all levels.

All of the above results in uncertainty over completion dates and increased difficulty in estimating future costs.

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While we cannot control the inflation impact, there are some options (covered in more details in this article) which may help mitigate the effects of inflation when drafting construction contracts: provisional sums; fluctuation provisions; cost plus/target cost contracts; Bespoke drafting; security and other considerations for developers.

Access and read the article in full, Batterton, N., (2022) '[Dealing with inflation in construction contracts](#)', *Construction Management* [online], 6 October. Available at: <https://constructionmanagement.co.uk/inflation-construction-contracts/> [accessed 29 October 2022]

Latest News: Global Construction Review (GCR) [October 2022]

International union to turn its fire on repressive Gulf states following “victory” in Qatar

- A union leader says her organisation is turning its sights away from Qatar to its Arab neighbours in a bid to improve workers' rights across the Gulf region.

Sharon Burrow, general secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation, was the scourge of the Doha authorities after they won the bid to host the World Cup, but now says she will concentrate on other states in the region after reforms were enacted by the Gulf state.

She also said claims that more than 6,000 workers had died on construction sites in Qatar since work on the World Cup began were “a myth”.

Access and read the article in full, Harwood A (2022) '[International union to turn its fire on repressive Gulf states following “victory” in Qatar](#)', *Global Construction Review* [online], 7 October. Available at: www.globalconstructionreview.com/international-union-to-turn-its-fire-on-repressive-gulf-states-following-victory-in-qatar/ [accessed 29 October 2022]

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 **[October 2022]** surrounding sectors such as **Real Estate** that include:

Impact of the New Homes Quality Code on the reservation and pre-contract stages

- This article focuses on the key aspects of the New Homes Quality Code (NHQC), which developers must consider and implement at the reservation and pre-contract stages.

Also- Shoosmiths experts react to the mini-budget

The top five planning law cases you need to know

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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 dutyholder 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: 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

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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.](#)

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 [accessed 8 October 2021]

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.

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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

CIRIA is pleased to announce [[October 2022](#)] 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 include:

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

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

Grenfell Tower Inquiry – latest developments

- 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.

[Latest update](#) [[October 2022](#)]

[End of Phase 2](#) – The inquiry has concluded hearings for Phase 2 and is closed to the public. The Inquiry Panel will now be preparing the final report.

Phase 1 Report – The Inquiry has published its report on Phase 1 of its investigations.

September 2022 newsletter – The Inquiry has published an update on its work.

Also: Latest from the Inquiry

Latest update from the Inquiry [[August 2022](#)] – The Inquiry has published an update on its next community drop-in session.

This update provides a digest of:

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- **September 2022 Newsletter** – The Inquiry has published an update on its work.
- **Closing remarks from the chair** – The Inquiry has published the transcript of the Chair’s closing remarks for the end of Phase 2 hearings.
- **End of Phase 2 Hearings** - The Inquiry has published an update on the end of Phase 2 hearings.

[Read further information from the ‘Grenfell Tower Inquiry’ website.](#)

Related Links:

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. 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 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 [accessed 23 February 2022]

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.

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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 come 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 2021](#)

The 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 shortlist 2021 included: (i) [15 Clerkenwell Close](#), (ii) [Cambridge Central Mosque](#), (iii) [Key Work Housing, Eddington, Cambridge](#), (iv) [Tintagel Castle Footbridge](#), and (v) [Windermere Jetty](#), and the **WINNER**,

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announced on 14th October 2021 was (vi) [Kingston University London – Town House](#),- essentially a library, but designed as a building for the whole community with cafés, an outdoor reading room roof terrace and a performance space. @KingstonUniLib by @graftonarchs

Skills Agenda: Concerns for Skills Shortages in the 21st 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 21st Century](#).

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. Developed by EngineeringUK, the website is for anyone who funds or delivers engineering engagement activities and is designed to help improve the engineering community’s collective impact.

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

Women in construction: building a career in a challenging environment

Twelve case studies of women working in the construction industry and their experiences.

[Access Women in construction: building a career in a challenging environment](#)

Also: Access - RICS President Clement Lau’s article, entitled, [‘Women are not equally represented in our sector’](#), RICS *Modus* [online].

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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 Market Survey** – 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.

- **RICS/RAU Rural Land Market Survey & Land Prices** – The RICS/RAU Rural Land Market Survey is the leading survey on demand, supply and prices in the farmland market.

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 [Last updated August 2022]

- The UK House Price Index is a National Statistic that shows changes in the value of residential properties in England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

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.

Properties have been included:

- In England and Wales since January 1995
- In Scotland since January 2004
- In Northern Ireland since January 2005

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 17 August 2022' in full.](#)

Contents:

- June 2022
- About the UK HPI, and
- Archived reports and data.

Related Content:

- UK House Price Index: data downloads April 2022
- UK House Price Index for April 2022
- UK House Price Index: data downloads February 2022
- UK House Price Index: reports 2022
- UK House Price Index

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Tackling mental health and wellbeing within the construction industry



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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:

UCEM launches 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.

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.'

'The UCEM community will be an open, supportive, healthy, and well-informed environment. It will work to tackle stigma, promote positive mental health, and provide appropriate, timely and easily accessible support to those who need it.'

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.

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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.

The report calls on professional bodies to do more to encourage mental health and wellbeing awareness among members, to develop globally applicable mental health resources that will increase understanding and reduce stigma within the construction industry.

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 the *Construction Manager* article entitled, 'Samaritans to work with roofers on mental health' in full.](#)

Coronavirus and your wellbeing

You might be worried about coronavirus (also known as COVID-19) and how it could affect your life. This information is here to help. **Where to access further information support: BBC Action Line** [online]. Available at: bbc.co.uk/actionline. Telephone: 0800 066 066

[Access MIND's article, entitled 'Coronavirus and your wellbeing'.](#)

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.

Access the National Trust website

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:

Seeking to influence – The NT seek to influence the Planning system at local, regional, and national levels,

Supporting spatial planning – The NT support spatial planning which takes a holistic approach to its environment and its resources,

Sensible management – The NT promotes the wise management of the natural environment and built and cultural heritage,

Protecting our environment – The NT will seek to protect wild and remote landscapes from built development or urbanisation.

Using property management plans – In managing its land through management plans, the NT will support and help to achieve objectives,

Objecting to proposals, where appropriate – When proposing development on their land to meet justified needs, the NT will use a sustainable construction approach. This will include:

- Minimising resource use and generation of waste,
- Being energy efficient,

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- 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.

[Read the National Trust Planning Principles](#)

The National Trusts' planning procedure

The National Trust 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.

Case studies are provided.

[Read how the National Trust engage in planning: The NTs' role as a developer.](#)

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

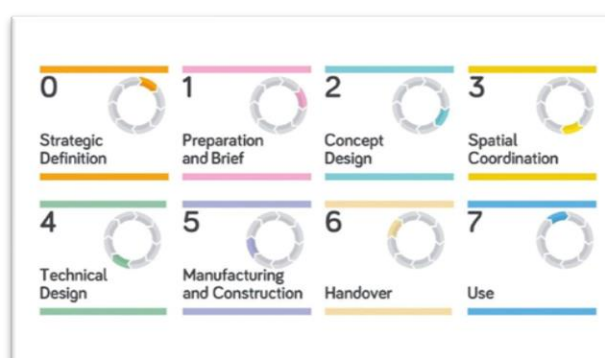
4 – Technical design – no change

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 BIMPlus News and Projects](#)

[October 2022] –

- **Projects – Digital's role in Seismic's modular school building success**, 19 September 2022.

- Completed earlier this year (2022), the Seismic school building at the BRE Innovation Park in Watford is a successful demonstration of the benefits of modular construction. But digital had a role to play too.

It was manufactured and constructed in just 10 weeks, using a set of standardised components including steel frame, connector block, and wall, floor, ceiling and roof cassettes.

Part of the Transforming Construction Challenge, the building was delivered by the Seismic consortium of seven companies. These were: offsite manufacturers McAvoy and Algeco; Tata Steel; project management consultancy Blacc; the Manufacturing Technology Centre; the National Composites Centre; and Specific (part of Swansea University).

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The consortium was created to develop design standardisation for schools to drive down costs, reduce lead times and radically improved productivity in offside manufacturing processes.

Even against typical modular construction methods, Seismic's results are impressive. Projects can be delivered up to 33% faster, with a 32% reduction in carbon and 47% better value.

Finding the right digital tools – With Seismic's programme divided into multiple work packages, McAvoy took on the responsibility of finding the best digital tools to help speed up the design and production process, and Archicad was chosen.

Working collaboratively – One of the challenges was finding the best way to work collaboratively, with each of the seven partners located in different parts of the UK. With most of the project taking place during the covid-19 pandemic, meeting in person was not an option. McAvoy needed an easy way of sharing the designs with the wider project team during Zoom calls. "Sharing models of IFC format, federation of the models for clash detection along with BIMx to present the models were essential for the project. It allowed us to easily communicate the design with all the consortium partners," Martin Harvey, head of design and technical service at McAvoy says.

Also covered in this article:

- Seamless use and Collaboration - the importance of having a tool that can integrate seamlessly with other technology.
- Dealing with change – e.g., when changes were made to the balcony, it was very easy to bring in the new solutions and render different cladding options.
- Speeding up design – The ambition for the digital work section within the Seismic project was to get a digital version of the building that was as good as the physical construction at the end.

Gain access to further information and full access to the project case study article, entitled '[Digital's role in Seismic's modular school building success](#)', Stanton, J., (2022) BIMPLUS Projects.

Other BIMPLUS Projects include:

- **Projects – BMW: the ultimate driving machine meets the digital twin**, 25 August 2022.

- Automotive giant BMW plans to have digital scans of all its vehicle plants worldwide completed by early 2023 as part of its digital twin plans.

Gain access to further information and full access to the project case study article, entitled '[BMW: the ultimate driving machine meets the digital twin](#)', BIMPLUS Projects.

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- **Projects – Maber uses Archicad to aid collaboration on medical research facility**, 8 July 2022.
 - Maber used Archicad to engage with the client and to collaborate effectively with the supply chain on the development of a medical research facility at Nottingham Trent University.
- **Projects – Communicating and solving design changes with technology**, 17 May 2022.
 - 80 Goodhall Street is a mixed-use development in west London. Architect airc.design had to respond to some challenging design changes that affected the project in RIBA stages 3 to 5, so it leaned on Archicad to help communicate the changes.
- **Projects – BIM crucial to redevelopment of Bristol's historic print works**, 29 April 2022.
 - The £35m mixed-use redevelopment of the iconic Everard's Printing Works in the historic quarter of Bristol into a four-star, 255-bedroom hotel, alongside new apartments and commercial premises, came with many conditions and considerations. BIM was the only option for the scheme's architect, Edinburgh-based AMA Studio.
- **Projects - Case Study: How a Northern Ireland motorway became a BIM pioneer**, 27 January 2022.
 - Applying the new BIM ISO 19650-3 standard to digitise asset information about a design-build-finance-operate (DBFO) road built 15 years earlier is paying dividends for the Amey Road NI team.
- **Project: 3D visibility key on Piccadilly Lights project**, 17th February 2022.
 - Accuracy and 3D coordination were essential for Swanton Consulting when it was chosen to design the temporary works for a £250m development project that features London's iconic Piccadilly Lights at its core.
Client: Landsec; **Architect:** Fletcher Priest; **Principal contractor:** Wates; **Temporary works designer:** Swanton Consulting.
- **Project: Going digital drives East London brownfield development**, 8 February 2022.
 - Taking a digital approach for the first time helped architecture practice Waugh Thistleton to play a significant part in the successful delivery of a brownfield development near East London's Olympic Park.

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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 Stavenger 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](#), 2nd 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](#), 28th 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](#), 1st 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](#), 21st 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 – 10th annual BIM report 2020 available

NBS 10th National BIM Report 2020 - The 2020 annual BIM report marks the 10th year of recording over 1,000 industry professional's view about BIM. 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 [[September 2022](#)] of NBS CIS *Insights* focuses on – **Moving from linear to circular: incorporating circular economy thinking into the built environment**, and covers:

- What is a circular economy?
- Moving from linear to circular thinking, and
- Issues, challenges, and where do you fit in?.

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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](#) [[October 2022](#)]

UK Economy and Property Market Update, August 2022

- Further deterioration in macro-outlook clouds prospects for real estate.

Summary: Interest rates are now being hiked aggressively with more to come to combat accelerating inflation. A likely resulting recession could see the economy shrink by more than two per cent according to the Bank of England. A shift in sentiment is beginning to filter into real estate markets although pricing generally remains resilient for now despite the uplift in borrowing costs. Meanwhile, in the construction sector, the immediate challenge remains the availability and cost of both building materials and labour rather than a drop in demand. That said, growth in workloads could begin to slow towards the back end of the year if projections for economy prove accurate.

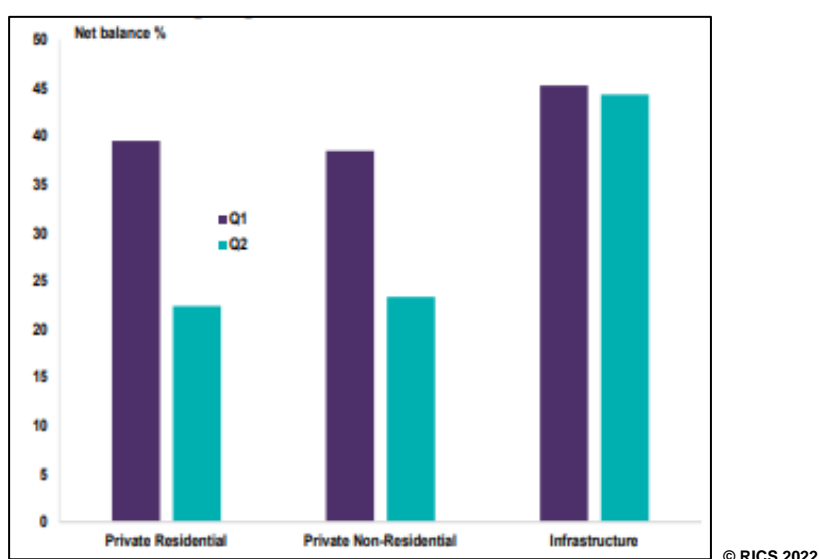
Construction Sector – The most recent official data for the sector (May) shows output some 5% up over the past twelve months and around 3.5% higher than in January 2020 (pre pandemic level). Inevitably, there is considerable volatility on a month-by-month basis particularly at a sector level. Nevertheless, when looked at over the last two and a half years (see publication date), the key drivers of the growth in output have been private housing rm&l (+20%), industrial (+18%), and infrastructure (+13.5%).

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By the way of contrast, commercial output has fallen (-21%) over the same period.

In terms of forward-looking indicators, the Q2 RICS Construction Monitor suggests that workloads will continue to grow over the next twelve months albeit at a somewhat lesser pace than currently (chart 10) in response to the more downbeat economic climate. Within this, infrastructure is viewed as likely to see the fastest momentum on the back of a number of significant projects that are currently under way (HS2, Thames Tideway Tunnel and Hinkley Point C).

Chart 10: The RICS Q2 Monitor suggests infrastructure workloads will see the strongest growth over the next 12 months



Source: RICS Economics Research: *RICS UK Economy and Property Market Update* (August 2022), London: RICS, p5 - Chart 10.

[Read the full piece of research 'RICS UK Economy and Property Market Update, August 2022'](#)

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

- Agreed sales rise over the month with expectations modestly positive regarding the near-term outlook

UK Residential Market Survey: [September 2022](#)

- Sales market continues to lose momentum amid deteriorating macro conditions.

- New buyer enquiries fall for a fifth month in succession,
- Indicators on new instructions and agreed sales also remain negative, and
- Limited supply supporting a modest rise in prices for now, although the pace of growth has faded markedly in the latest results.

The September 2022 *RICS UK Residential Survey* results are point remain indicative of the sales market losing momentum, with the outlook for interest rates and the uncertain macro picture more

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broadly taking a toll on activity. Indeed, at least in terms of the initial reaction, the impact from the expected rise in mortgage rates over the coming six months is anticipated to outweigh any potential boost from the recently announced cut to Stamp Duty. For the time being, house prices are still edging higher across the country, underpinned by the lack of stock available. Nevertheless, the pace of growth has moderated noticeably according to the latest survey feedback, while twelve-month expectations have now turned negative.

Looking at new buyer demand, an aggregate net balance of -36% of respondents cited a fall in enquiries during September (compared to a figure of -38% last time). As such, buyer enquiries have now fallen in each of the last five months, with all regions/countries of the UK now seeing a downward trend coming through.

At the same time, new instructions also remain in decline, evidence by a net balance reading of -13% being returned over the latest survey period (little changed from a value of -15% posted last month). As a result, stock levels are still at historic lows at the UK-wide level, with estate agents (on average) holding just 34 residential properties on their books. Moreover, given the fact that the net balance for market appraisals slipped to -20% (down from -3% in the previous iteration of the survey), it suggests that the pipeline for supply has if anything deteriorated over the past month.

For agreed sales, the latest headline net balance of -27% is consistent with a continued pull-back in sales volumes over the month. Furthermore, the September figure represents the softest reading for this series since May 2020, having fallen deeper into negative territory for five months in succession.

With respect to house prices, although the latest national net balance of +32% is indicative of a continued increase in prices over the three months to September, it does represent a noteworthy easing in the pace of growth (down from a read of +51% beforehand).

[Read the latest RICS UK Residential Market Survey: September 2022 in full.](#)

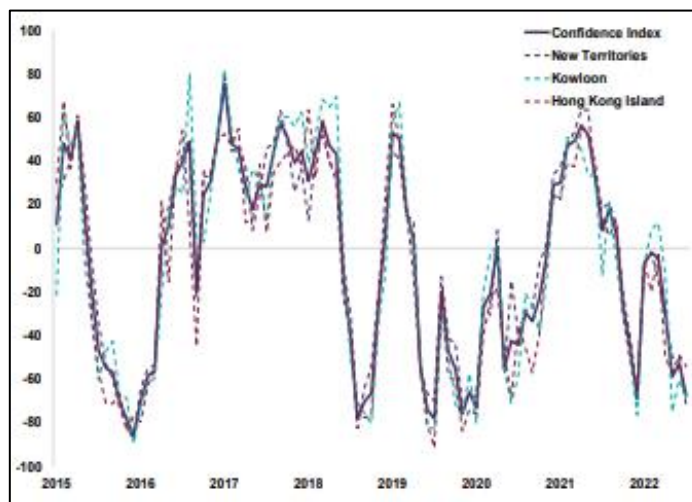
RICS - SPACIOUS 千居 Hong Kong Residential Monitor / Market Survey: [September 2022](#)

- Sentiment in the sales market turns more negative across the three districts.

- Price expectations drop further in all three districts,
- Lettings market sentiment still pessimistic with both rent performance and expectations turning weaker,
- New buyer enquiries continue to decrease as unsold homes pile up.

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Chart 1: Confidence Index*:



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Source: RICS Economics Research: *RICS Hong Kong Residential Monitor – September 2022*, 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. The Home Price Perceptions Index measures the perceived monthly change in home prices as reported by survey participants, where March 2015=100. The Rent Perceptions Index measures the perceived monthly change in rents as reported by survey respondents, where March 2019=100.

The September 2022 *RICS-Spacious Hong Kong Residential Property Monitor* results show market sentiment falling further into the negative zone even with some COVID restrictions lifting. As is illustrated in Chart 1, The headline Confidence Index decreased from -53 to -68, recording the lowest reading since February 2020 when the COVID wave peaked. Facing the headwinds from the rising interest rates and slowing global economy, the headline indices of the three districts shown fell further.

[Read the latest RICS HK Residential Monitor: September 2022 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 Monitors, Q2 2022

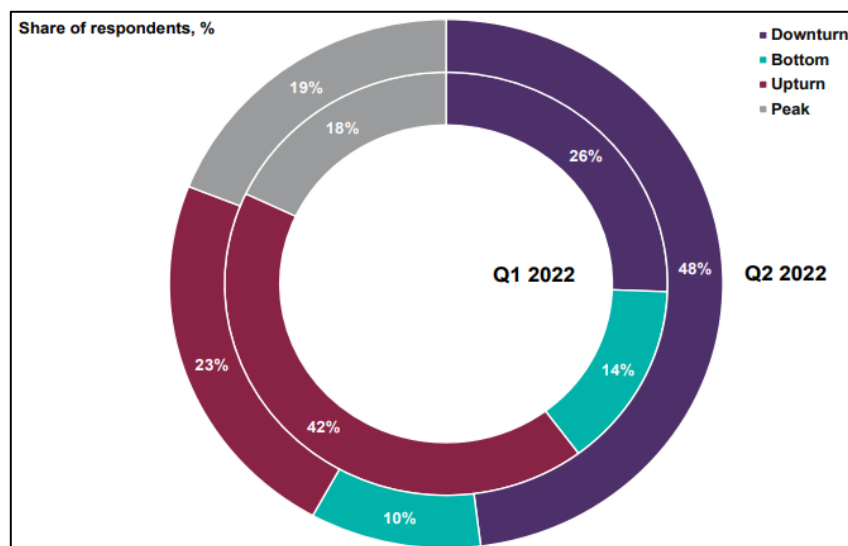
- Real estate sentiment loses some momentum amidst increasing macro challenges

- Increasing share of respondents view the real estate market to be in a downturn to some extent,
- Occupier demand indicator remains positive for now, albeit less so than previously,

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Datacentres, multifamily and prime industrials likely to show strongest returns over the next year.

Chart 6: Perceptions on Phase of the Cycle:



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Source: RICS Economics Research: *RICS Global Commercial Property Monitors, Q2 2022*, London: RICS, p3 - Chart 6

The evidence of an improvement in sentiment amongst professionals working in the real estate sector over recent quarters appears to have stalled at a global level according to the results of the *Q2 RICS Commercial Property Monitor*. The headline Global Property Sentiment Index (CPSI) edged back marginally into negative territory in the latest survey (-6 as against +3 previously). Although this does not imply a major shift in tone, it is reflective on the ongoing tightening in monetary policy by key central banks (led by the US Federal Reserve) and the acceleration in inflation which does not, as yet, appear to have run its course.

More contributors focus on a downturn - Alongside the composite measure of sentiment which is drawn from a number of the individual series contained in the survey, we (RICS) also closely monitor (particularly at potential turning points) the perceptions of respondents regarding where the market is in the cycle. Chart 6 (as usual) shows the global feedback to this question for the most recent quarter and the preceding one. It suggests that the proportion of respondents who view their market to be in the early stage of a downturn has climbed from 11% to 30% while the share seeing their market in the middle of a downturn has risen from 15% to 18%. In all, around one-half of respondents now view real estate as being in a downturn phase (the highest share since Q4 2020) with a further 10% suggesting this market is at the bottom of the cycle.

[Read the latest RICS Global Commercial Property Monitor, Q2 2022 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 include – Construction output in Great Britain: July 2022

- Short-term measures of output by the construction industry.

What's covered in the latest bulletin?

- Following the 1.4% decrease in June 2022, monthly construction output decreased 0.8% in volume terms in July 2022; this is the second consecutive decrease in monthly construction output after seven consecutive months of growth.

- The decrease in monthly construction output in July 2022 came solely from a decrease in repair and maintenance (2.6%) as new work saw a slight increase (0.3%) on the month.

- At the sector level, the main contributors to the decrease seen in July 2022 were public housing new work, and public and private housing repair and maintenance, which decreased 13.1%, 8.0% and 2.6%, respectively.

Read the full statistical bulletin, 'Construction output in Great Britain: July 2022.'

Also: Construction statistics, Great Britain: 2020 - A wide range of statistics that are current available on the construction industry including the value of output, new orders by sector, number of firms and total employment, insolvencies and construction output price indices.

Latest Statistics from HSE – Health and Safety Executive

Latest Key figures for Great Britain (2020/21)

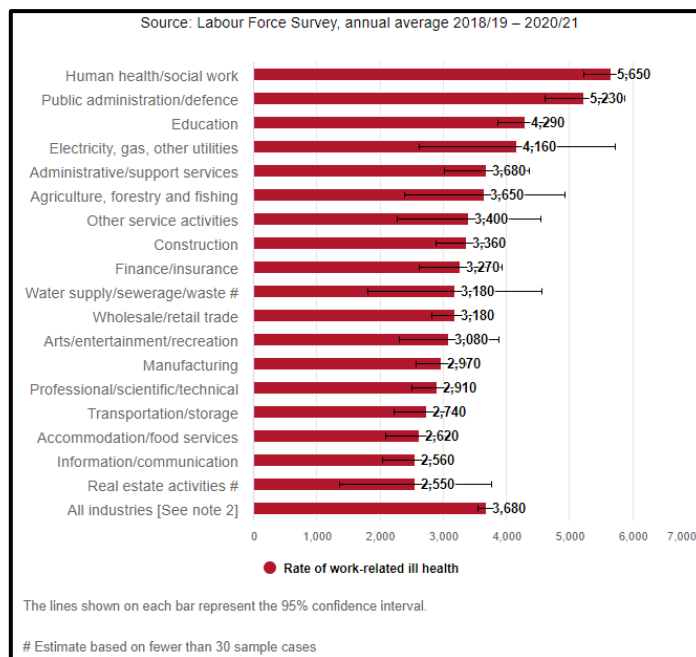
In 2020/21 an estimated 1.7 million workers were suffering from an illness they believed was caused or made worse by their work and 441,000 workers sustained a non-fatal injury at work. [Source: Self-reports from the Labour Force Survey]. However, the risk of injury and work-related ill health varies 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 3]



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Note 1: Industry groupings based on the section level of the 2007 Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) & **Note 3:** These estimates are based on results from a survey and are subject to sampling error.

Source: HSE (2022) ‘Self-reported work-related ill health’, Bootle: HSE [online]. Available at: www.gov.uk/statistics/industry [accessed 11 March 2022]

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 Market Trends – Four trends shaping global retail real estate

- Market Trends: Savills.com, May 2022

From creative experiences to emerging markets, the author of this article examines four global trends that will shape the future of prime retail destination cities.

The pandemic undoubtedly created major challenges for prim retail spots in cities all over the world. Grappling with a series of domestic lockdowns and international travel bans, many

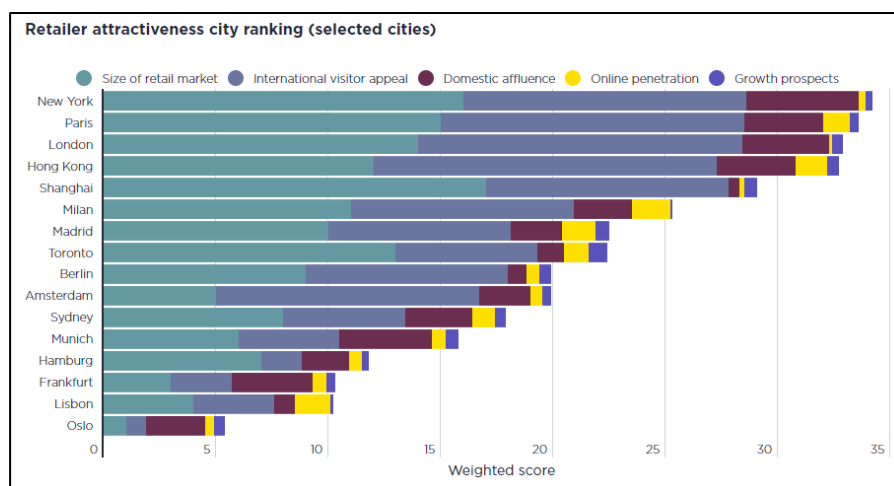
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destination cities struggled to sustain demand throughout 2020 and 2021. Footfall fell. Retailers took a close look at existing store networks. And rising vacancies led landlords to reconsider rental terms in some markets.

But with 2022 being the year that the world seems to be reopening (see publication date), as restrictions lift and tourists return, how might we see these prime retail destinations recover?

As our retailer attractiveness city ranking illustrates both the pace and shape of how destination cities recover is deeply nuanced. Those destination cities that benefit from a strong domestic market, such as New York and Shanghai, have already demonstrated far higher levels of resilience in the past 18 months, and look set for a far quicker bounce back.

Retailer attractiveness city ranking (selected cities)



Source: Savills (2022) *Market Trends: Four trends shaping global retail real estate* [online]. Available at: www.savills.com/impacts/market-trends/four-trends-shaping-global-retail-real-estate.html [accessed 15 July 2022]

Take New York, where the combination of the scale of its retail market and the affluence of its domestic consumers have pushed it to the top of the ranking, narrowly ahead of Paris and London.

In contrast, those cities dependent on a steady stream of inbound tourism have faced sharper declines, and are likely to face a longer road to recovery. In Hong Kong, for example, where tourism forms a key pillar of the city’s economy, rents fell steeply from Q4 2019 to Q3 2021.

By sparking this mixed recovery among key destination cities, the pandemic has highlighted a number of emerging markets that present exciting opportunities for retailers in the years ahead, primarily across the Middle East and China.

Despite the migration to e-commerce in many markets, the resilience of many of these destination cities serves to illustrate a broader point: that physical retail remains a key tool for both

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brands and retailers when it comes to reconnecting with their consumers, enhancing exposure and ultimately driving retail sales.

Yes, Covid-19 created inevitable challenges. But rather than result in a material shift in prime retail areas, it served more to accelerate previous trends – the rationalisation of store footprints by mass-market fashion brands, the emergence of experiential brand spaces, and a refocusing on key streets and city centres – rather than diminish the critical role played by physical retail.

Here are the four global trends that Savills predict will shape the future outlook of key retail destination cities:

- Trend 1: Prime global cities will retain their status – Though all major global cities faced challenges as a result of the pandemic, the key fundamentals of a successful prime retail destination don't look set to change.

- Trend 2: Key emerging markets set to create expansion opportunities for retailers – For those retailers looking to expand their global footprints, the new normal also looks set to elevate some key emerging markets up the ranking,

- Trend 3: Retailers that sustained growth during the pandemic will fuel future demand – While those retail sectors that struggled during the pandemic will likely use the next year to recalibrate and reconsider store expansion strategies, those that sustained or even grew sales during the same period look set to accelerate store expansion, benefiting from a rebasing in rents in some markets, and

- Trend 4: From transactional to experiential stores – A trend prior to the pandemic – and one set to continue – is the evolution of physical retail from a transactional space into an experimental, brand-building one.

[Read the Market Trends – 'Four trends shaping global retail real estate', in full.](#)

Also: [Read the 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](#)

In earlier issues (05/20) Savills discuss the potential changes that may be seen across the different sectors. If you prefer to read a specific sector, then select the relevant sections title to go straight there and include: **[Office sector](#)**, **[Logistics sector](#)**, **[Retail sector](#)**, **[Hotels sector](#)**, **[Institutional residential sector](#)**, **[Senior housing and healthcare sectors](#)**, **[End-use residential sector](#)**, and **[Conclusion](#)**.

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

[Savills \(2020\) 'Welcome to Impacts 2020' Impacts, May, Savills \[online\]. Available at Savills.com](#)

2) Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) -

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

UK Poverty 2022: The essential guide to understanding poverty in the UK

Related topics – Housing; Work; Income and benefits

- This is the first issue of the JRF's new-style *UK Poverty* report, which looks comprehensively at trends in poverty across all its characteristics and impacts.

What is the picture of poverty at the start of 2022, coming up to two years after a global pandemic struck? To an extent the picture is unclear: we don't yet have official poverty data covering the pandemic period, and we know that the quality of the very surveys we rely on for this information were affected by the onset of the pandemic.

But many sources make it clear that while some groups have been well supported and face better prospects as we enter 2022 (see publication date), others face deep and persistent poverty. In a way this is much better than might be expected given the economic and social shock the country has been through.

We know poverty at any stage in life can lead to negative impacts and so it is critical to scrutinise the data thoroughly to work out who is worst affected, determine how trends are changing over time and see what future prospects are.

This report gives a clear statement, agreed by JRF's Grassroots Poverty Action Group (GPAC), that we need coordinated commitment, effort and action on the intersecting issues and challenges identified in this report. This can turn back the tide of poverty, and offer security for the many people experiencing hardship across the UK.

[Read the JSR article entitled, 'UK Poverty 2022: The essential guide to understanding poverty in the UK' in full](#)

Also gain access to the following free downloads that include:

Findings:

[JRF \(2022\) UK Poverty 2022: The essential guide to understanding poverty in the UK \(148.85 KB\),](#)

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and the Full Report:

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

Related Links:

[Read the JSR 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](#)

3) 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.

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 vacancy chain for the purpose of this study refers to the overall sequences of homes made available for social housing as one household vacates an existing social home and subsequently re-lets then rehuses another household (and so on until no new social housing vacancy is formed).

The analysis is focused on how different types of letting do and don't release new social housing bedspaces, and how different stresses in allocations policies and lettings quotas influence the length of chains in social housing lettings and categories of housing need being met.

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.'](#)

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

The Smith Institute (2021)

The Smith Institute supported the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Local Authority Pension Funds inquiry into 'Responsible investment for a just transition.'

This report is based on evidence sessions and written submissions to that inquiry from investors, industry, academics, community groups, trade unions, and other non-government organisations. The inquiry report seeks to inform politicians, policymakers, stakeholders and the public on the roles and responsibilities that investors can play, with the support of their members and government, in enabling a just transition to net zero carbon emissions.

[Read the full piece of research, '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.

Hunter P (2021)

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The economic fall-out from Covid has been substantial. However, it has not been evenly felt. This is especially true for the labour market with low paid workers more likely to see their hours and pay fall and more likely to be made unemployed or furloughed. Indeed, the pandemic has placed the spotlight on low pay and in-work poverty. Recent polling for the TUC, for example, showed how low-income workers have borne the brunt of the pandemic.

This report seeks to take forward the work of the Foundation's 'Living Wage Places' initiative, focusing on how to maximise the benefits of the Living Wage in towns, cities and city-regions across the UK. Using evidence-based assumptions, the report examines and quantifies how much individuals gain, how that wage uplift is paid for and what the local economic impact is likely to be based on moving 25% of low paid workers up to the Living Wage.

[Read the full piece of research, '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

Hunter P (2021)

This report, supported by Trust for London, examines the short and long-term implications of Covid on poverty and inequality in outer London, with a particular focus on employment, low pay, housing, and the shift towards homeworking.

The report acknowledges the devastating impact that the pandemic has had on the lives of outer London's five million residents – not least on people's health and well-being – but seeks mainly to understand the after-effects and explore the options for change.

[Read the full piece of research, '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

September 2020

The Smith Institute's Affordable Housing Commission published a report into the national housing conversion fund.

The report examines two main ways a ring-fenced National Housing Conversion Fund could be achieved. The first is targeting funds to purchase homes on the secondary (existing) market. It examines which housing markets – in broad terms – the investment might be best aimed at, factoring in how it could help improve housing condition and support jobs and growth.

[Read the full piece of research, 'A National Housing Conversion Fund: buying properties to boost affordable housing supply.'](#)

[Back to top](#)**Falling behind: The impact of Universal Credit on rent arrears for council tenants in London.**

The Smith Institute (2020)

- This report tells this story of financial stress through analysis of tenant rent accounts.

[Read the full piece of research, '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

Affordable Housing Commission (2020)

- The Smith Institute's Affordable Housing Commission published a report into making affordable housing after Covid-19.

[Read the full piece of research, '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

March 2020

- The Smith Institute's Affordable Housing Commission published its final report and recommendations: making housing affordable again.

[Read the full piece of research, 'Making Housing Affordable Again: Rebalancing the Nation's Housing System: The final report of the Affordable Housing Commission.'](#)

4) 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' vide on all things residential, and
- **Investment** – addressing the challenges and opportunities facing commercial real estate property investors

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

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

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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 **October 2022**, the [latest news & insights](#) include:

- [RICS Fire Safety Hub](#) – read the latest guidance and development from RICS in the area of fire safety,
- [The future of BIM](#) – An overview of what BIM is and how it is evolving,
- **Update from Richard Collins, Interim CEO – October 2022**
- **The use of data and technology across the AEC sector in China,**
- **The role of automation in the commercial property valuation process,**
- **New government-backed PII scheme for surveyors conducting EWS1 forms**
- **RICS response to the UK Government’s Growth Plan Statement**
- **RICS calls for industry and government to futureproof UK construction** – access via the above link an article that details RICS calls to action for governments across the UK.

7) CIOB – Chartered Institute of Building

The quality of the built environment effects 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.

As of **October 2022**, the latest CIOB Policy and Research include:

- **Future of Construction research** – *Aiming the Construction Industry for the Future: Recruiting from the military into construction.* Also access the latest Future of Construction - [CIOB Policy Team Newsletter – January 2022](#) (4th Feb 2022)
- **Ethics research** – *Understanding Mental Health in the Built Environment; Construction and the Modern Slavery Act: Tackling Exploitation in the UK; The State of Well-being in the Construction Industry, and Building a Fairer System: Tackling modern slavery in construction supply chains,*
- **Economics and social impact research** – *The Real Face of Construction 2020: Socio-Economic Analysis of The True Value of The Built Environment*
- *Job Quality in the Irish Construction Sector* (22nd April 2021)
- **Education and skills research** – *Exploring the impact of the ageing population on the workforce and built environment*
- **The Wider Built Environment** – *Overcoming the Barriers to Housebuilding in Ireland* (Feb '22); and *Understanding the Value of Professionals and Professional Bodies.*

[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.

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

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

Services that include Research, Resources, Training & Events,

Brexit that covers Legislation, Negotiations, Policy, The EU, and Brexit explainer videos,

Coronavirus – read the latest Coronavirus (COVID-19) research and analysis from UK Parliament.

Economy, Business and Transport that include Business, Economy, Economic Updates, Transport, and Work & Incomes,

Home Affairs incl. 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 **October 2022**, the latest House of Commons Library, **Research publications** incl.

1. Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill 2022-23
2. The Intelligence and Security Committee
3. Ukraine crisis
4. Coronavirus research.

Review House of Commons Library, Research for this week

As of **October 2022** the latest **House of Commons Research**:

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

1. Student support for undergraduates across the UK,
2. Support for students from Ukraine in UK higher education,
3. Food poverty: Households, food banks and free school meals,
4. Cost of living support for students,
5. Teacher recruitment and retention in England,
6. Research on the increasing cost of living and inflation,
7. Careers guidance in schools, colleges and universities (England), and
8. Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill: Progress of the Bill.

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

1. How to complain about rented housing (England),
2. Housing Market: Key Economic Indicators,
3. Housing Benefit: Shared Accommodation Rate,
4. Housing: key resources for constituency casework (England),
5. Mobile (park homes): 10% commission on sales,
6. Constituency data: house prices,
7. Research on the increasing cost of living and inflation,
8. Enterprise Zones,
9. Housing and the cost of living,
10. The future of coastal communities.

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

1. Ukraine crisis,
2. Rising cost of living in the UK,
3. British Energy Security Strategy,
4. Debate on supporting local good infrastructure,
5. Brexit and the UK's Overseas Territories,
6. Air quality: policies, proposals and concerns,
7. British Energy Security Strategy, and
8. COP26: Briefings for the 2021 conference

[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 (October 2022)**, 'Targeted AI is making building projects more sustainable' – *Modus* highlights two projects at the forefront of AI and machine learning: one designing self-sufficient communities and the other reducing the impact of new infrastructure on rare species.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Environmental management; Environmental surveying; Geomatics; Land and resources; Sustainability; and Technology.

Latest articles within *Modus*:

- **RICS has two new senior leadership positions** – Vacancies for a Director General and Chair of the Board, as well as the findings of the 2022 Sustainability Report, are highlighted by Clement Lau in this monthly column.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Commercial property; Corporate real estate; RICS standards and guidance; Residential; and Sustainability.

- **Buildings that elevated cities: Marina Bay Sands** – Singapore's multi-billion-dollar statement building designed by Moshe Safdie provided the south-east Asian city-state with a focal point for tourism.

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Subject Terms/Keywords: Commercial property; Land and resources; Marine environments; and Projects and people.

- **Tall buildings should not kill birds** – Glass-fronted buildings are responsible for billions of bird deaths a year, as artificial lights and reflections disrupt their senses and cause fatal collisions.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Building control; Commercial property; Environmental management; Environmental surveying; Materials and resources; and Technology.

- **Space expectations: do small homes affect our wellbeing?** – As populations grow, so does the need for homes. Going small and compact is increasingly the answer urban areas, but how does this affect residents' mental health?

Subject Terms/Keywords: Building surveying; Housing; Residential; and Wellbeing.

- **Pride and prejudice: queer venues in crisis** – There's a global decline in LGBTQ venues, which means marginalised groups have fewer places to meet. What are these spaces so important and how can this trend be reversed?

Subject Terms/Keywords: Cities and placemaking; Commercial property; Facilities management; Heritage and conservation; and Projects and people.

- **We must perform the service our Royal Charter demands** – 'Her Majesty showed dedication to duty that we as chartered surveyors commit to emulating,' says RICS President Clement Lau.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Projects and people; and RICS standards and guidance.

- **Ghost town: the effect of second homes on communities** – When holiday homes saturate communities, it can harm the local economy in the long run. But solving the problem can also come with unintended consequences.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Economics; Housing; and Rural economy.

- **Our Patron Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II** – RICS President Clement Lau offers condolences on behalf of the RICS community.

- **How can strategic user of HM boost the bottom line?** – Don't just follow trends, find out what people want and analyse occupancy data to make your own decisions. That's the future of people-focused facilities management.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Commercial property; Facilities management; Health and safety; Running your business; and Wellbeing.

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- **Buildings that elevated cities: Birmingham's Bullring** – Steeped in centuries old history, the new Bullring 'was a catalyst for the statement architecture we now see in the city'.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Cities and placemaking; Commercial property; Commercial valuation; Heritage and conservation; and Project management.

- **Is construction at full steam after the pandemic?** – *Modus* explores the findings of the latest Construction Monitors and looks at what key challenges lay ahead for the industry.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Economics; Quantity surveying and construction; Research; and Running your business.

- **Can the 15-minute city conquer America?** – The idea of living within a 15-minute walk or bike ride of everything you need for daily life is yet to be fully embraced in the UK, where the car is king. But that could be about to change ...

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, **October 2022 - Issue 478** focusing on – VAT Refund Scheme; Investment Zones and Cost of Living Announcements; Heritage in 20 years: Energy Crisis; Heritage Debate 2022 Topic: Future for Heritage! 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, the latest **September/October 2022** edition focus is on 'Take the initiative' – Peek behind the curtain of our FM sector's acute labour and skills shortage and you will find it's the cumulative effect of short-term challenges and long-standing issues. Some of these factors are directly without our spheres of influence while others we can only affect to limited degrees.

Read more related articles on the [IWFM Insight webpage](#).

Contractors World International,

Construction Management (formerly *Construction Manager*) is the magazine of the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) who also publish the **Global Construction Review** (GCR). Note: Latest articles from both journals are covered earlier within this issue of *Knowledge Foundations*.

Subscriptions available via the VLE e-Library include:

Construction Information Service (CIS) Insight 2022. The Latest Edition [**October 2022**] focuses on – **Moving from linear to circular: incorporating circular economy thinking into the built environment**, and covers -

- **What is a circular economy?**
- **Moving from linear to circular thinking**, and
- **Issues, challenges, and where do you fit in.**

Taylor and Francis Online and include the following e-Journals:

- *Construction Management and Economics*,
- *Building Research and Information*, and
- *Journal of Property Research*

Henry Stewart Publications and include the following e-Journals:

- *Building Survey, Appraisal and Valuation*,
- *Journal of Urban Regeneration & Renewal*, and
- ***Corporate Real Estate***.

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.

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In-depth articles and case studies scheduled for the new volume, **Vol 11, Number 3 (2022-2023)** of ***Corporate Real Estate Journal*** incl.

Editorial.**Practice papers**

1. Unlocking the next wave of value in corporate real estate
2. Modern lease monetisations: How to capitalise on market arbitrages to significantly reduce occupancy costs
3. How technology is advancing capital planning
4. Aligning experience data to return-to-office investments
5. The return on investment of tenant engagement
6. Leveraging technology for strategic workplace decisions
7. Places to below: Practical considerations for creating inclusive and impactful places of work
8. Communities of work: Creating place in the workplace

Other articles from *Corporate Real Estate Journal* (2021-22), Volume 11, Number 3:

9. Turning disruption into opportunity: Leading corporate real estate in a post-COVID-19 world,
10. Trust, flexibility and technology: The keys to creating a more mature workplace,
11. How to turn uncertainty into a corporate real estate opportunity,
12. How companies can create a winning site selection process,
13. New journeys in change: A 'hybrid' primer – Part 2
14. The great office evolution: Reimagining the workplace,
15. Indian real estate in the post-COVID-19 era,
16. Work experience from home: hybrid work and the future of distributed work locations: A comparative empirical analysis between the US and Germany

Book review:

Elemental Change: Making stuff happen when nothing stands still by Neil User.

Other articles from *Corporate Real Estate Journal* (2021-22), Volume 11, Number 2:**Practice papers**

17. Why a hybrid office needs to understand and support employee commutes with transportation information
18. Data analytics and change management are transforming the future of the workplace: The opportunity to create value driven harmony between people, place and technology
19. The great workplace reset: Pivoting to the human experience in the war for talent

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20. Information strategy in view of enterprise real estate futures:
The evolving role of information systems in corporate real estate and facility management

21. Liberated work: Responding to the unshackling of 'work' from 'place'

Vol 11 (2) (2021-22) of ***Corporate Real Estate Journal***
Vol 11 (1) (2021-22) of ***Corporate Real Estate Journal***
Vol 10 (4) (2020-21) of ***Corporate Real Estate Journal***
Vol 10 (3) (2020-21) of ***Corporate Real Estate Journal***.
Vol 10 (2) (2020-21) of ***Corporate Real Estate Journal***, and
Vol 10 (1) (2020-21) **Special issue: COVID-19, CRE and workplace response**

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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 13(4)** compiles six selected papers derived from contributions presented at the 2021 ICDE Virtual global Conference Week that took place online in October, including two articles that received the Best Paper Awards in the two conference tracks: innovation and open education, respectively. The issue includes three more research papers and one innovative practice article from the conference. Finally, the issue includes one book review.

Keywords: open education, innovation, higher education, distance learning, OER, assessment, teacher education, international education.

Editorial:

1. Upskilling and Upscaling for Quality Open, Flexible and Distance Learning. Introduction to Selected Contributions from the 2021 ICDE Virtual Global Conference week

Research articles include:

1. 'Innovative Application & Enrolment Processes for More Informed Students: Reflections on the Benefits of this innovative Process through the Analytical Lens of Behavioural Science',
2. 'How to Promote the Use of Open Educational Resources (OER) in Higher Education. A Parley with OER Experienced Teachers,'
3. 'Towards Digital Thinking and Practices: Experiences of Sri Lankan Teachers and Students',
4. 'Developing Student Behaviours that Support Academic Integrity in Distance Learning',
5. 'A Formative Assessment Design Suitable for Online Learning Environments and its Impact on Students' Learning',

Innovative practice articles:

1. 'Integrating Metaliteracy into the Design of a Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) Course in Digital Storytelling',

Book review(s):

1. 'Book Review of *Reimagining Digital Learning for Sustainable Development*'.

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. 23 (2021): Issue 2 (Jan 2021)**, article titles include:

- 'Building Digital Capacity for Higher Education Teachers: Recognising Professional Development Through a National Peer Triad Digital Badge Ecosystem,'
- 'Cultivating Self-Regulated Learning in Flipped EFL Courses: A Model for Course Design,'

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- 'Transcript and Accessibility: Student Views from Using Webinars in Built Environment Education,' by UCEM's Tharindu R. Liyanagunawardena
- 'Vector AR3-APP – A Good-Practice Example of Learning with Augmented Reality',
- 'Educators' Digital Competence in Swedish Rural Schools,'
- 'Proposition for the Introduction of the Concept Telemathesis in Videoconferencing in Distance Education,'
- 'Developing E-Authentication for E-Assessment'
- 'Diversity of Students Testing the System in Higher Education.'

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.

The OLC **Online Learning Journal**, latest edition, **OLJ 2022 Vol 26(3)**. This special issue of OLC's *Online Learning Journal* contains select papers presented at the 2021 OLC Accelerate Conference and the 2022 OLC Innovate Conference. This issue features four articles solicited from the many conference presentations at OLC Accelerate, held in fall 2021 and OLC Innovate, held in spring 2022.

Keywords: online learning, OLC conferences, educational research.

2022 OLC Conference Special Issue

1. Effect of Role-Play in Online Discussions on Student Engagement and Critical Thinking,
2. "It helped to know I wasn't alone": Exploring Student Satisfaction in an Online Community with a Gamified, Social Media-Like Instructional Approach,
3. A Case Study of Community of Inquiry Presences and Cognitive Load in Asynchronous Online STEM Courses
4. Teaching and Learning with AI-Generated Courseware: Lessons from the Classroom

Section II

1. Defining Different Modes of Learning: Resolving Confusion and Contention Through Consensus
2. Exploring the Factors Associated with Undergraduate Students' Online Learning Anxiety: Development of the Online Learner Anxiety Scale
3. Culturally Responsive Teaching in an Undergraduate Online General Education Course
4. Advising Sleep Deprived Students to Take Online Classes

5. Transitioning to Online Learning amid COVID-19: Perspective in a Civil Engineering Program
6. Creating a Social Presence Measure: Self-Rated Behaviors that Indicate Mediated Presence
7. Using Online Tools to Develop Higher Order Learning Among Tertiary Students
8. Enhancing College Students' Online Group Work Perceptions and Skills Using a Utility-Value Intervention
9. Get Connected: A Scoping Review of Advising Online Graduate Students, 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

Research shows that high-performing organisations focus on diversity and inclusion (D&I). In any workplace, it is important to both understand and recognise the benefits that having a D&I workforce provides. It is integral to developing people within an organisation, serving clients as best we can, and playing an important leadership role in communities.

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.

This book is essential reading for all property leaders and professionals working in the real estate and construction sectors. Readers will gain especially from personal reflections on all aspects of diversity by a broad range of people working in the property industry.

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Real Estate: The Basics

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

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. Note: This book would not have been written if it were not for some students on UCEM's 'Property Transactions' module –some of them are anonymously quoted in the Introduction.

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.

Note: Introductory offer 25% off *Real Estate The Basics* for a limited period. Go to [Routledge.com](https://www.routledge.com) and use the code **REB25**.

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 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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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?

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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 Premier, 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*, RICS's BCIS – Building Cost Information Service and ISURV online information service, NEC - New Engineering Contract Academia, BSRIA – Building Services Research and Information Association, and more.

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

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[October 2022] - Here are some Open Access Journal articles available via Emerald, all around the theme of '**Digital Pedagogy**'.

Note: The following article examples are freely available via **Emerald Publishing Open Access**:

1. Saib, M.O., Rajkoomar, M., Naicker, N. and Olugbara, C.T. (2022), 'Digital pedagogies for librarians in higher education: a systematic review of the literature', ***Information Discovery and Delivery***, Vol. ahead-of-print, No. ahead-of-print. Emerald Publishing Ltd.
2. Nilsson, P. and Lund, J. (2022), 'Design for learning – involving teachers in digital didactic design (D³)', ***Interactive Technology and Smart Education***, Vol. ahead-of-print, No. ahead-of-print. Emerald Publishing Ltd.
3. Masood, M.M. and Haque, M.M. (2021), 'From critical pedagogy to critical digital pedagogy: a prospective model for the EEFL classrooms', ***Saudi Journal of Language Studies***, Vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 67-80. Emerald Publishing Ltd.



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Building Better Property Professionals



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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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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.

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This month [**October 2022**] the **Hot Top Highlight – RISK Guidance Note - Risk, Liability and Insurance (1st Edition)**

In this latest blog article, Property Elite take a look at the RICS Guidance Note *Risk, Liability and Insurance* (1st edition) (amended November 2021). This is essential reading for all RICS APC and AssocRICS candidates involved in providing surveying services. [Access the full RICS Guidance Note – Risk, Liability and Insurance.](#)

What is the aim of the Guidance Note?

The Guidance Note aims to provide guidance on mitigating or avoiding the risks and liabilities associated with surveying work.

What claims may a surveyor face?

Surveyors may face claims under breach of contract and under negligence. When providing surveying services, a surveyor will agree a contract (or Terms of Engagement) with the client defining the scope of service and obligations of each party. The client (i.e., the other party to the contract) can take action against the surveyor if any of the terms are breached. There is an implied term that the surveyor will provide services with reasonable skills and care, i.e., to not act negligently.

A claim can also be brought under the tort of negligence. A tort is a civil wrong recognised by law, rather than a breach of contract. This requires the same standard of service as the implied term discussed above, i.e., to act as a reasonable professional would do in the circumstances.

Also, this blog covers:

- What is the remedy for a breach of contract or the tort of negligence?
- Who can a claim be brought against? and
- How long can claims be brought for?

[Further details and access to the Property Elite Hot Topic Highlight blog: RICS Guidance Note - Risk, Liability and Insurance.](#)

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

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

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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

Gerrard N (2022) '[CM reader survey: 'We're creating people's dreams'](#)', *Construction Management*, 3 January - What *CM* readers like most about a career in construction management.

[GoConstruct.org](#) website highlights the many career opportunities available in construction and the built environment. The website helps to meet the future skills needs of the industry.

[TARGETjobs](#) – All TARGETjobs graduate career guides and directories are available for you to view online and download for future reference and include [Explore Property](#), [Explore Engineering](#), [Engineering 2021](#), 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.

Building People

[Enabling connections for a competent, diverse, and valued built environment workforce](#)



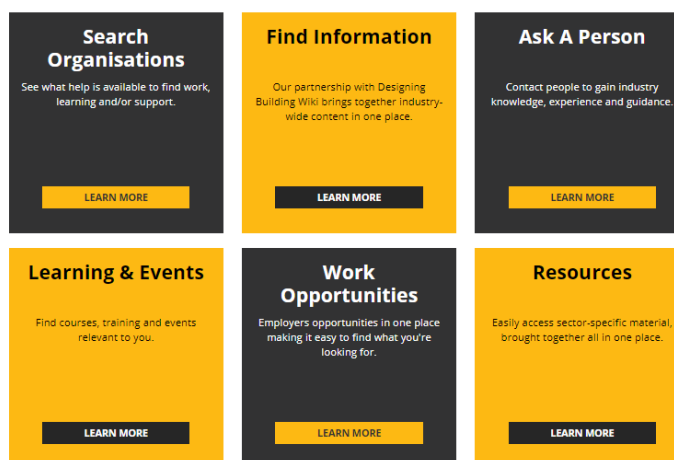
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The aim of 'Building People' was to create a technology platform and collaborative network, which enables connections and seeks to reduce the skills shortages across the Built Environment. 'Building People,' a social enterprise that aims to connect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

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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 incubate social enterprise, Building People, becomes a fully-fledged success story

Building People, whose mission is to improve equality, diversity, and inclusion in the built environment, is now an independent entity.

Since its inception in 2018, UCEM has provided the enterprise with office space, founder job security and donations totalling £150,000. This gave Building People the perfect platform to deliver its collaborative 'dot-joining' activity, connecting people to opportunities across the built environment and enabling employers to engage with a more diverse range of talent.

With strong levels of support coming in from across the sector, both parties are in agreement that now is the time for Building People to fledge the nest and become a separate entity.

It is an exciting time for the social enterprise 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 thought 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.

Access the article '[**UCEM incubated social enterprise, Building People, becomes a fully-fledged success story**](#)' in full.

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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 built environment.

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.

Building Research Establishment (BRE) Sustainability

- Access BRE Sustainability: Practical guidance and support for delivering genuine sustainability benefits.

Greater sustainability and its many benefits can be achieved for all buildings, homes, organisations, and communities. 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](#)

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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](#)

The Green Agenda

Within the Savills Market Trends – ‘Real estate investment in 2021: global outlook’ (mentioned earlier within this issue of *Knowledge Foundations*) they covered ‘The Green Agenda’ Despite the challenges of 2020, the rising importance of environmental, social and governance (ESG) credentials for investors has continued to grow.

Across the globe, governments are making ‘climate emergency’ declaration and commitments to meeting net zero carbon in certain timeframes. To honour these commitments, new investment into green technology, energy and much more has been announced but also an increasing amount of regulation.

Real estate is under the spotlight as the built environment accounts for 40% of carbon emissions across the world. This will present challenges but it’s also an opportunity for real estate investors to make a significant difference.

[Read the Market Trends – ‘Real estate investment in 2021: global outlook’, in full.](#)

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:



CIC BUILT ENVIRONMENT PROFESSIONALS TOGETHER

Carbon Zero: the professional institutions' climate action plan

The signatories to this Action Plan agree that:

- the actions listed are necessary for dealing with the challenge of climate change;
- they will implement those actions appropriate to them as an institution/organisation; and
- they will support the other signatory institutions and organisations in delivering the remaining actions

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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.](#)

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.)

The UK government has set the 'world's most ambitious' climate change target into law to slash emissions by 78% by 2035 compared to 1990 levels. In line with the recommendation from the independent [Climate Change Committee](#), this sixth Carbon Budget limits the volume of greenhouse gases emitted over a 5-year period from 2033 to 2037, taking the UK more than three-quarters of the way to reaching [net zero by 2050](#). For the first time, this Carbon Budget will incorporate the UK's share of international aviation and shipping emissions.

On **Earth Day (22 April 2021)** the then Prime minister Boris Johnson urged countries to raise ambition on [tackling climate change](#) and join the UK in setting stretching targets for reducing emissions by 2030 to align with net zero.

The government is already working towards its commitment to reduce emissions in 2030 by at least 68% through the UK's latest Nationally Determined Contribution. The latest announcement builds on this goal to achieve a 78% reduction by 2035. The new target will become enshrined in law by the end of June 2021.

- **Raising the bar on tackling climate change**
- **Government must clearly map out how it plans to tackle the carbon emissions'**

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

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China Dialogue – Policy briefing: EU-China climate engagement

- This briefing examines the policies driving decarbonisation in the EU and China, and the synergies and gaps that are shaping their cooperation.

[Access China Dialogue reports online.](#)

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:

Libraries' contribution to SDGs

Agenda Vision: Universal literacy

Goal 3: Good health and wellbeing

Goal 4: Contribution to quality education

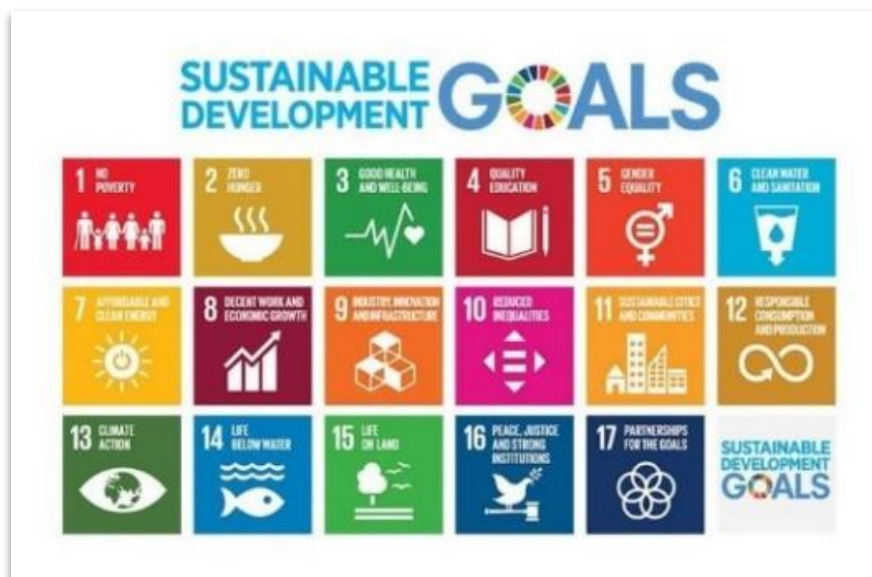
Goal 5: Culture

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)

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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)

Book Review:

Climate Adaptation: accounts of resilience, self-sufficiency and systems change

Thakore, Dr. R., Barinaga E [et al.] *Climate Adaptation: accounts of resilience, self-sufficiency and systems change* [print book], Arkbound Foundation, ISBN: 9781912092123

- Where is the world really heading, and what can we do about it?

This book takes an unflinching look at climate change, drawing upon the latest data to analyse what the next decades hold in store. With atmospheric CO₂ at unprecedented levels and insufficient action being taken to prevent a rise in temperatures above 2 degrees centigrade, we are not just looking at significant disruption but the possibility of societal collapse. For the first time ever, the magnitude of this challenge is faced head on, with avenues to truly address it presented. Case studies and models from sixteen authors around the world show ways that we can build adaptation and resilience, as well as what 'zero emissions' really mean. The book also provides a platform for those from a range of diverse backgrounds, whose unique experience and knowledge brings vital new perspectives.

Please note: Further information is also available later in *Knowledge Foundations* and can be found within the **UCEM e-Library Sustainability Hub**.

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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 website](#)

Latest Data Protection News [October 2022]

BBC News: How a massive data breach has exposed Australia - Australian telecommunications giant Optus revealed about 10 million customers – about 40% of the population – had personal data stole in what it calls a cyber-attack. **Keywords** include – [Data Breaches](#).

[Access the BBC News article, 'Optus: How a massive data breach has exposed Australia,' in full.](#)

[Back to top](#)**ICO Latest News [October 2022] -**

8 September 2022 – **ICO takes action against two government departments for failing to comply with the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

14 July 2022 – **UK Information Commissioner sets out focus on empowering people through information** – The ICO has set out a commitment to safeguard the information rights of the most vulnerable people, including regulatory work around e.g., children's privacy, AI-driven discrimination, the use of algorithms.

14 September 2021 - ICO Blog: **Sharing personal data in an emergency – a guide for universities and colleges.**

11 August 2021 – **ICO consults on how organisations can continue to protect people's personal data when it's transferred outside of the UK**

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,**
- **Data sharing and reuse of data by competent authorities for non-law enforcement purposes,**
- 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? [October 2022]

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) website has a 'What's new' section that is updated on a regular basis to highlight and link to any changes in their **ICO Guide to Data Protection** as they occur, for example: In April 2021 – The ICO have published guidance on the **National Security Provisions** in Part 3 of the DPA18 and updated the **Guide to Intelligence Services Processing**.

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The ICO have published:

March 2021 – Guidance on the [national security exemption](#) in Part 2 of the DPA18.

January 2021 - 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](#).

December 2020 - [Data Sharing Code of Practice](#), alongside a [data sharing information hub](#) with further resources and support.

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 who it will be circulated to.”

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

Introducing Copyright: A plain language guide to Copyright in the 21st 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 21st Century* [e-book], Vancouver: The Commonwealth of Learning.

 **creative commons** [CC-BY-NC-ND](#)

[Access free copies of this book \(in PDF and EPUB formats\)](#)

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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'**

[Access the Copyright Licensing Agency website for further information](#)

CLA Title Search tool

The [CLA Title Search 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 [October 2022]

Article 13: UK will not implement EU copyright law.

- Universities and Science Minister Chris Skidmore has said that the UK will not implement the EU Copyright Directive after the country leaves the EU.

Several companies have criticised the law, which would hold them accountable for not removing copyrighted content uploaded by users if it is passed. EU member states had until 7 June 2021 to implement the new reforms, with UK having left the EU by then.

[Read the full BBC Technology news item 'Article 13: UK will not implement EU copyright law'](#)

[Latest 'BBC Copyright News' incl. Ed Sheeran 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 1st 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](#), held in November 2021. *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 [accessed 26 April 2022]. **Ref: From 58:05 until 1.28:41.**

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

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.**

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 2022

This national conference was held on 18th May and in association with Naomi Korn Associates, as well as great speakers and further experts in the field in attendance.

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The Annual CILIP Copyright Conference provided a unique and important chance to update knowledge about the crucial copyright and licensing related issues and developments. It also provides an invaluable forum for in-depth presentations by UK experts, informed debate and opportunities to ask questions.

This conference provided an opportunity to delve deeper into copyright issues and gain a better understanding of how policy impacts on libraries and the information sector and covered the following:

- Intellectual Property in AI and Information Management
- Government Copyright Policy following Brexit
- eBooks and copyright
- Copyright Licensing Agency update
- Controlled digital lending and the UK legislative framework
- Use of the Quotation Exception.

Sessions covered broad copyright impact for the profession incl.

- **Keynote: NFTs and its Implications for Copyright Law, Libraries and Information Organisations**

Non-fungible tokens (NFTs) captured the imagination of creators and information organisation in March 2020, when an artwork titled 'First Thousand Days' sold for \$69 million. It has since been seen as an effective means selling digital assets, particularly those which form part of a limited edition or collection.

It has the potential to transform libraries and information organisations and this talk questions how NFTs can be useful and beneficial for these organisations? Based on research conducted by *Professor Dinusha Mendis*: Professor of Intellectual Property & Innovation Law, Bournemouth University, the paper takes a leap forward into the future in presenting the various opportunities NFTs offer for libraries and information organisations.

At the same time, NFTs are not without challenges. There have been many questions raised in relation to intellectual property (IP) and ownership. A string of recent IP cases has shone a light on just how challenging NFTs can be for the IP framework, which we have at present.

- **Exceptions to Copyright**

In this talk *Margaret Haig*: Head of Copyright Operations, The Intellectual Property Office (IPO) raises the question – How can the existing copyright framework help or hinder cultural heritage organisations in their work? This presentation highlighted some of the copyright issues and update on the latest relevant developments.

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- **The question of #ebookSIS: is copyright reform the answer?**

The Covid-19 pandemic highlighted the tensions and dysfunction of the academic publishing industry as never before, issues that had been bubbling under the surface for years were brought to a head by the sudden closure of universities and libraries and resulting pivot to entirely digital learning provision. The unavailability of many ebooks, the high prices, restrictive licences and building practice of many publishers meant that librarians were hamstrung by the impossibility of providing all the required resources for our users digitally.

The #ebookSOS campaign was born out of this situation and has been campaigning on several fronts for an investigation into the practice of academic publishers, wider awareness for staff and students on the impact of these issues, Open Access alternatives, and for copyright reform that will prioritise educational and research uses over corporate profit margins, via controlled digital lending, the reduction of restrictive licences to control use, and moves to allow libraries to own content, rather than merely licence access. These issues are not unique to the UK or indeed unique to academic libraries.

The #ebookSOS campaign has partnered with LibraryFutures (USA) and Knowledge21 (Europe) to raise awareness and coordinate international pressure to force change and make libraries more equal partners in our relationship with publishers.

Caroline Ball: Academic Librarian, University of Derby

- **An Act for the Encouragement of Lending? UK Copyright Law and Access to Digitised Collections in Libraries**

The ongoing pandemic has brought into sharp focus the difficulties faced by libraries in trying to meet the needs of their users through online provision of library resources. The cost of commercially available ebooks is one difficulty and gaps in availability of electronic versions of vital resources is another. One possible solution to the latter issue is Controlled Digital Lending, this is lending digitised copies of items in library collections under controlled conditions.

The aim is to provide access to items already owned by libraries without compromising the right to control use and income for rights holders. Lending of copyright works is a restricted act under UK copyright law. While copyright law provides for library lending, the legal bases for controlled digital lending are uncertain and current licensing schemes do not fully meet CDL needs. **Dr Adrienne Muir:** Senior Consultant, Naomi Korn Associates explored these issues and possible solutions further.

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- **The quotation exception in education and scholarly contexts**

In this presentation, **Professor Tanya Aplin**: Professor of Intellectual Property Law, King's College London, will consider the ways in which the quotation exception in s.30(1ZA) of the CPDA 1988 can allow for various uses of copyright works for educational and scholarly purposes.

- **CLA Licensing and Product Innovation**

James Bennett: Head of Rights and Licensing, Copyright Licensing Agency provided an update on new developments in CLA licensing and technology solutions for the education, corporate and public sectors.

Other talks included:

- **License to View: Copyright & Films in the Age of Covid at a Canadian University – Amy Lorenz**: Metadata and Copyright Librarian, Saint Mary's University – Halifax, Canada
- **The Trouble with TDM – Matthew Lamber**: Head of Copyright, Policy & Assurances
- **Towards Better Sharing of Cultural Heritage – Creative Commons' Agenda for Copyright Reform – Brigitte Vézina**: Director of Policy, Open Culture and GLAM, Creative Commons

Lightning talks included

- **Copyright and Research Data - Dr Hina Zahid**: Senior Research Data Services Officer, University of Essex
- **Going Ape! NFTS and ownership issues in Web3 – Eilish McLaughlin**: Sales and Marketing Consultant, PRFS Europe
- **The Modernist Archives Publishing Project (MAPP) and Copyright – Helena Clarkson**: Project Archivist, University of Reading

Further information is available at: CILIP (2022) '[CILIP Copyright Conference 2022 programme](#)'. CILIP.org.uk, Events.

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The Challenges of Remote Working at Present

For those who work remotely all or part of the time already, you or your employer [depending on whether you are self-employed / freelancer or an employee] will have safeguards in place that enable you to operate securely when handling commercially sensitive or others' third-party data. The difference, in March 2020, is that at very short notice, organisations are having to move staff to homeworking often with literally hours' notice as the Government COVID-19 instructions are issued.

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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](#).

The challenges of remote working at present and point 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 seems sensible at present] in line with experience and how staff report it is working.
5. **Reissue and emphasize 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 Officer (DPO) or Data Officer can support the senior team in the messaging to colleagues.

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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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ARCOM Abstracts database – contains open access of every ARCOM conference paper since 1997 and is now a major resource for all active researchers.

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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 October 2022]

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