

# Knowledge Foundations

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Happy Reading!

## Issue 6 – June 2021

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 have upgraded their website

From bespoke content for prospective students and employers to information on careers in the built environment and our pioneering online education, [the new UCEM website](#) has it all! Why not visit today and take a look! **#BuiltForLife**



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### 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
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.

UCEM's disability and wellbeing adviser, Richard Higgins, is the project lead, and comments: "We have been working on this strategy for a few months and I am very pleased to see it launched to coincide with Mental Health Awareness Week.

"According to [mental health charity] Mind, one in four people will experience some form of mental health difficulty each year in

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England. That is a huge number of people affected by mental health difficulties which signifies how important it is to proactively take steps to promote positive mental health where possible.

“The strategy document is another step in the right direction, supporting the actions of the disability and wellbeing team and mental health first aiders with words which detail how important mental health is to UCEM as an institution. It cements the work we have been doing to support students and staff, rightly identifying mental health as a whole-institution priority and detailing further steps to ensure it remains this way.”

For more details, take a look at [UCEM’s mental health strategy document](#).

[Access the article ‘UCEM launches mental health strategy’ in full](#). Note: See also further articles regarding ‘Tackling mental health and wellbeing’ within ‘Other News’ later on.

## **UCEM joins campaign to drive better gender balance at board level**

UCEM is now a member of the 30% Club – a global campaign with chairs and CEOs of the world’s biggest companies committing to better gender balance.

The 30% Club’s mission is to reach at least 30% representation of women on all boards and senior leadership teams globally – an objective that aligns with UCEM’s strategic objective to widen participation.

As an employer with a Board of Trustees with 50% female representation, UCEM is keen to advocate for greater gender balance, as well as increased diversity and inclusion at board level across organisations.

UCEM Principal, Ashley Wheaton, and UCEM Chair, Amanda Clack, are the institution’s representatives in the 30% Club.

Ashley commented: “Gender balance is just one of the areas covered in our Widening Participation Strategy. We are fully committed to bringing greater diversity to the built environment by increasing the numbers of diverse students we educate. This is not only part of our plan, but is a yardstick by which the entire higher education sector is judged.

“Joining the 30% Club, therefore, allies actions to words and, whilst the campaign’s headline mission is related to gender balance, further down the line, there will be efforts to increase diversity and inclusion in other ways. I look forward to working with the organisation to drive change in boardrooms across the UK.”

Amanda added: “Diversity and inclusion is something I am very passionate about. I have worked in a male-dominated industry and worked at the highest level, but it isn’t commonplace for boardrooms to have even 30% female representation.

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“Now, as Chair of a Board of Trustees where the male-to-female ratio is 50:50, we are keen to support initiatives which level the playing field, and the 30% Club is a great example of an organisation attempting to influence widespread change using a top-down approach.”

When the 30% Club launched in 2010, the percentage of women on FTSE 100 boards was 12% and this spawned the initial aim to increase this to 30%.

**[Access further information about the 30% Club,](#)**

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

**[Access the article 'UCEM joins campaign to drive better gender balance at board level' in full.](#)**

**Other UCEM News:****Alumnus named this year's rising star at Government Property Awards**

A UCEM alumnus described himself as 'over the moon' after being recognised as the 'rising star' at the Government Property Awards 2021.

Roy Albert, a lead surveyor from the Valuation Office Agency (VOA), won the Rising Star award at last week's online event.

The award goes to someone in the first five years of their property career who has made outstanding contributions to their area of work, while maintaining progress in growing their knowledge, skills, and experience.

Roy, who studied on our Chartered Surveyor apprenticeship (Real Estate Management pathway) commented: “I am absolutely over the moon and totally proud and excited to have been considered [for the award], never mind winning!”

The award criteria also states that the winner should demonstrate how they have made substantial achievements already and the potential to succeed further.

Roy added: “I believe I was selected due to my journey, including being the first apprentice from the Valuation Office Agency to qualify as a chartered surveyor. I was also part of one of the first cohorts to sit APC online.

“I am an RICS APC assessor, a consultant for Property Elite and an admin for Surveyor's Hub via Facebook. I have been actively helping other graduates and new entrants to the Valuation Office Agency. I am also an ambassador for LionHeart.”

The Rising Star award is the second Roy has won already during the early part of his career after winning the VOA's Garner Award for personal achievement last year.

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Reflecting on the impact of such recognition, Roy said: “This has further enhanced my objective to help others and increase my knowledge and understanding of the built environment beyond my valuation pathway.”

To find out more about the Government Property Awards, head to the **event webpage**.

[Access the article ‘Alumnus named this year’s rising star at Government Property Awards’ in full.](#)

## **New manual published to support flexible apprenticeships in construction**

A new manual, co-authored by industry and government, has been published to set out how flexibilities in apprenticeships can be used and delivered in construction to meet the needs of employers and apprentices.

Apprenticeships have been on a transformational journey since 2012, with reforms such as the introduction of employer-led standards leading the way in ensuring apprenticeships are relevant, high quality and meet the skills needs of employers.

In 2020, the Prime Minister committed to building on this success, and making apprenticeships more flexible to better meet the needs of employers and apprentices.

The **‘Flexible Apprenticeships in Construction’ manual**, published on 28 April 2021, sets out:

- how the delivery of apprenticeship training can be flexed to meet employer needs; and
- how the length of an apprenticeship can be reduced where an individual has existing relevant knowledge or skills.

Some employers are already making use of apprenticeship flexibilities and are seeing the benefits of this in workforce satisfaction, productivity, and improved value for money. This includes employers who co-authored the manual alongside government and industry bodies.

UCEM want all employers to think creatively about how they can tailor apprenticeship training to meet their needs, be it through a flexible delivery model, such as front-loading which can support apprentices new to the sector to hit the ground running, or delivering accelerated apprenticeships for more experienced individuals who are able to build on their existing skills and complete more quickly.

If you are interested in finding out more about front-loading, accelerated apprenticeships or the wider range of delivery models, take a look at **the manual** or visit **[www.gov.uk/employ-an-apprentice](https://www.gov.uk/employ-an-apprentice)** for more information.

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You may also be interested in contributing to the **consultation launched** on 20 April 2021 to deliver new flexi-job apprenticeships in industries where employment is often project-based and short-term, such as the creative industries.

Employer incentives payments, in place until September 2021, mean there is £3000 available for every apprentice hired.

**[Access the article 'New manual published to support flexible apprenticeships in construction' in full.](#)**

## **UCEM adopts IHRA's definition of antisemitism**

UCEM has adopted the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) definition of antisemitism.

There is no place for racism, discrimination or bullying at UCEM, with the adoption of the definition an important step in the university's efforts to be an inclusive place to work and study.

UCEM's Student Disciplinary Policy, External Speaker Policy and Safeguarding Glossary has been updated to reflect the adoption of the IHRA's definition of antisemitism, and awareness events will be organised for staff and students.

Head to the **[IHRA website](#)** for the full working definition of antisemitism, and **[access the article 'UCEM adopts IHRA's definition of antisemitism' in full.](#)**

## **COVID-19: University College of Estate Management (UCEM) response to COVID-19**

As a responsible employer and educator, UCEM's commitment is to protect the health of all students, staff, clients, and suppliers by adhering strictly to advice offered by Public Health England, The World Health Organisation, Office for Students, local and central government, whilst remaining committed to maintaining our usual excellent standard of student experience.

Please find below the steps we've taken to adhere to current and ongoing advice. As the situation is ever-changing, we fully review the guidelines and our actions daily and will quickly adapt if necessary (**Note** the publication date of this article).

- All staff who are able to work from home are doing so. We have been anticipating this situation and had prepared for it full. We have an advanced IT infrastructure in place to enable remote working, so we continue to operate as usual.
- As an online pedagogical institution, we are experts at online teaching and our deliver model will continue as normal.
- The small number of staff remaining in Horizons Head Office have been allocated seating at above the recommended distance away from each other.
- We are operating a policy of no external meetings and no visitors to Horizons Head Office

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- All managers and department heads have been briefed with respect to our self-confinement policy and our treatment of any staff member displaying symptoms that may be linked to COVID-19.
- All staff are continually reminded of the importance of following the 20-second guideline for handwashing.

If you have any further questions, please contact:

- Student enquiries – Student Central on our VLE
- Employer enquiries – [businessdevelopment@ucem.ac.uk](mailto:businessdevelopment@ucem.ac.uk)
- Other enquiries – [reception@ucem.ac.uk](mailto:reception@ucem.ac.uk) , Tel: +44(0)118 467 2100

**Our sincere thoughts are with those affected by COVID-19 and its impact around the world.**

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 😊.

## Other UCEM News

[Dates set for UCEM's 2021 Graduation ceremonies,](#)

[City University of Hong Kong students awarded scholarships by UCEM,](#)

[New research calls for recognition of commercial opportunity over obligations in delivering goods or services to those with a disability,](#) and

[UCEM reasserts its commitment to organisational excellence with Advance HE membership](#)



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- UCEM has renewed its Advance HE membership for 2020-21, ensuring continued access to vital resources and supporting valuable partnership across the Higher Education sector.

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

**[Keep abreast of the latest UCEM News and events](#)** – and 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: Ex-Persimmon boss buys housebuilder Avant Homes.**

- Yorkshire housebuilding firm led by Persimmon CEO Jeff Fairburn acquires 2,000 home a year player Avant Homes Group.

Yorkshire based small housebuilder Berkeley DeVeer, which is led by former Persimmon CEO Jeff Fairburn, has acquired larger rival Avant Homes Group. Avant Homes employs around 780 people, delivers approximately 2,000 homes a year and currently has 60 developments across the Midlands, Yorkshire, north east England, and Scotland. Earlier this month it secured planning consent to deliver 140 houses in the final phase of a larger development to the south west of Castleford, West Yorkshire. The acquisition, which is backed by fund manager Elliott Advisors, will see Fairburn become chairman of Avant Homes. Berkeley DeVeer currently operates across Yorkshire and the north east.

#### **Other developments include –**

- Construction firm Kier Group has agreed the sale of its housebuilding arm, Kier Living, to a company owned by financier Guy Hands' Terra Firma private equity investment firm.
- Housing association Places for People and housebuilder Countryside have finalised a deal to deliver 800 homes at the proposed Lower Herne Village site, on the outskirts of Herne Bay, in Kent.
- Investment manager Man Group has raised £400 million for a fund dedicated to providing 3,500 affordable homes by 2026.
- Land and development company Terra Strategic has agreed terms with five landowners to promote just under 40 hectares of the proposed Banwell Garden Village, in Somerset, through the Local Plan process, paving the way to prepare a planning application for at least 600 homes.
- Housing associations Abri, Anchor Hanover, Home Group, the Hyde Group and Sanctuary have formed a partnership to improve the energy efficiency of the 300,000 existing homes they have in ownership or management.
- A 220 hectare development site near Scunthorpe town centre has come to the market.
- JV North, the consortium of housing associations based across the north west of England, is inviting contractors and consultants to bid for places on its four-year framework.

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website, scroll to the base of the homepage, and note access route within 'Subscription and Registration').

**Read the full 'Need to Know: Ex- Persimmon boss buys housebuilder Avant Homes' article**

### **Analysis: What's next for tall building in London**

- Development of tall buildings across the capital has been affected by the pandemic, but there are positive signs for the future, finds the author of this article.

The **London Tall Buildings Survey's** annual appraisal of the development progress of commercial and residential buildings of 20 storeys or more provides the latest indicator of pandemic disruption in the property sector, finding planning applications, construction starts and completions fell last year in the capital. The new report from built environment forum New London Architecture (NLA), working with research partner, property consultant Knight Frank, noted that only 24 tall buildings started construction last year, down from 44 in 2019 and the lowest number of starts for such buildings since 2013 in London. The 35 towers completed last year represented a small 5.4 per cent drop on the preceding year.

Planning applications were down by just over 27 per cent, dropping from 107 in 2019 to 78 last year. More than half those applications were submitted in the second half of 2020, "suggesting developers were happy to push ahead with long-term plans, in spite of the disruption caused by the pandemic," says the report.

Approvals data reflected a more positive outlook, showing a 10.8 per cent increase in full permissions in 2020, up from 65 to 72. The survey identified a pipeline of 587 tall buildings at various stages of the planning process at the end of 2020, which is almost 8 per cent up on 2019's figure of 544. "Activity is still strong across the boroughs," says Stuart Baillie, partner, and head of town planning at Knight Frank.

### **Outlook for residential and commercial**

Ninety per cent of the pipeline is residential, having the potential to deliver 91,578 homes in all. Colin Wilson, head of regeneration for Old Kent Road at the London Borough of Southwark, says the pandemic caused delays in progress, "but already things are starting to pick up". Old Kent Road has 3,500 people on the housing waiting list and plans in the pipeline for the delivery of 20,000 new homes, with a number of high-rise schemes. Wilson says: "Tall buildings play a key part in enabling the cross-subsidy model, in funding really good quality social housing, which it would be difficult otherwise to provide".

While acknowledging the pandemic's impact, the NLA report says the office sector remains short of prime grade A stock. It notes: "Even if take up of new and refurbished office space remained at

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2020 levels for the next two years, there would still be a deficit of 1.6 million sq. ft". The new 22 Bishopsgate office tower in the City, which was completed late last year, is around 60 per cent let, says James Goldsmith, head of leasing at AXA IM – Real Estate, which developed the building in partnership with property company Lipton Rogers Developments. The building benefits from what Goldsmith sums up as a "long life, loose fit" approach, having above average ceiling heights and significant amenity space dedicated to enhancing health and wellbeing. As a result, Goldsmith says, "If we were redesigning now, I'm not sure we'd change much".

Goldsmith points to the latest quarterly chief financial officer (CFO) survey from consultant [Deloitte](#), published in April 2021, as showing signs of business confidence returning not only to the capital but more generally. That survey found that "optimism among CFOs has risen to a record high" and noted that two thirds of finance leaders expect the bulk of their workforce to return to working from offices by September. This is echoed by the RIBA - Royal Institute of British Architects' [Future Trends Workload Index](#), which in March 2021 recorded optimism that workloads would increase among architectural practices in all regions of the UK, including London.

While these findings suggest growing levels of confidence, there is unlikely to be a rapid bounce back in the development of tall buildings in the capital, the NLA report points out. Pandemic-related delays are likely to have an impact on overall delivery for several years, because of tall buildings' lengthy construction programmes. The updated London Plan is also expected to have an impact, with its push for local planning authorities to do more in planning for tall buildings, including identifying locations and scale. "In the short term we'll see some slowing down as developers come to terms with its [the London Plan's] demands," says Knight Frank's Baillie.

**[Read the article entitled, 'Analysis: What's next for tall buildings in London' in full.](#)**

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**Review: Regeneration of a landmark housing estate**

- The third phase in the regeneration of Sheffield's Park Hill respects the estate's modernist design concept, but it would be good to see the estate put to its original purpose too, says author, Jon Phipps, director of urban design consultancy Lathams, in this review.

Beton House is the third phase in the comprehensive regeneration project of the Park Hill housing estate in Sheffield. The process of bringing the much lauded, but previously neglected, modernist icon

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back to life began in the early 2000s when developer Urban Splash purchased Park Hill from Sheffield City Council for £1.

Urban Splash submitted an outline planning application in 2006 for the whole of the estate, which originally comprised 995 flats and maisonettes. Detailed approvals for phase 1 (north block) and phase 2 (west block) were granted in 2012 and 2017, respectively.

The proposal to turn the south block into student accommodation was approved in April 2018 and the scheme completed late last year. The developer Alumno Developments renamed the block Beton House, meaning raw concrete in French.

Park Hill was developed by the council to rehouse communities displaced by post-war slum clearance and was built between 1957 and 1961 to designs by architects Ivor Smith and Jack Lynn. The inter-linked 'streets in the sky' which formed the estate were inspired by Le Corbusier's Unite d'Habitation in Marseilles, southern France. Park Hill's scale, boldness, conviction of purpose and, not least, its setting on a hill overlooking the city to the west has had the power to impress ever since its completion and it continues to do so.

The estate was initially popular with its residents but the decline of traditional steelmaking and associated manufacturing in Sheffield during the late 1970s and early 1980s contributed socio-economic challenges that the architecture alone could not address. Park Hill's historic and architectural significance, and its vulnerability to unsympathetic redevelopment or demolition, were recognised in 1998 when the whole estate was listed grade 2\*. It is claimed to be the largest listed building in Europe.

**Reconfigured and restored**

The restoration and adaptation of Beton House has been carried out by architect Whittam Cox. The scheme involved reconfiguring the building's interior to provide 74 student units and 350 square metres of flexible ground floor space. The undercroft, which originally was used for public toilets, has been turned into communal space for the students.

The original deep balconies have been retained and the concrete structure has been carefully restored. The façade of the block has been repaired and mosaic murals at ground level have been carefully returned to their former glory. The block sits within a beautifully re-landscaped sloping site.

Whittam Cox has adopted a conservation led approach to the project, which has sought to retain original fabric where possible. Where external concrete surfaces were failing these have been carefully repaired. External interventions necessitated by the change of use to student housing take care to respond sensitively to the original design philosophy and aesthetic.

Heritage bodies Historic England and the Twentieth Century Society were supportive of this restrained and respectful approach

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to the treatment of the listed Belton House fabric. This contrasts with what was perceived by some to be a harmful and misjudged approach to the refurbishment of phase 1, which included extensive loss of fabric, including brick infill panels and the introduction of alien materials and colours.

The renewed Beton House looked stunning on the sunny afternoon I visited with the boldness and audacity of the original design concept successfully revealed. It's difficult however, not to wonder what the originators of Park Hill would have made of it when looking at the crisp restored concrete balconies and the bright blocks of primary colour, reminiscent of the Dutch artist Piet Mondrian. These buildings were originally conceived as a home for diverse working communities and it would be good to see this housing fully restored along with the architecture to its original purpose.

Phipps J (2021) 'Review: Regeneration of a landmark housing estate', *Placemaking Resource* [online], incorporating *Regeneration and Renewal*.

[Further information and read the article, 'Review: Regeneration of a landmark housing estate' in full.](#)

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## Budget 2021 - A Summary from the Heritage Alliance

[Budget 2021](#) took place on 3 March 2021. Here the Heritage Alliance summarises some of the key outcomes:

### [Business Support](#)

- **The Job Retention Scheme** - or furlough - will be extended until the end of September. From July, the government will introduce an employer contribution towards the cost of unworked hours of 10% in July, 20% in August and 20% in September.
- **Self-Employment Income Support Scheme**
- **Further 100% relief from business rates**
- **VAT rate for tourism and hospitality**
- **Restart Grants**
- **Additional Restrictions Grants**
- **Recovery Loan Scheme**

**Other areas** covered include: [Arts, Culture and Heritage Funding](#); and [Other Funds](#), Heritage Fuels – Red Diesel; Across the Creative Industries; Tax Reliefs and Exemptions; **Help to Grow: Digital**; and • **Traineeships**.

[Access further information from the Heritage Alliance 'Budget 2021 – A summary', in full.](#)

[Back to top](#)**Related Links:****Government launches £7.1bn National Homebuilding fund**

- The government will create a £7.1bn National Homebuilding Fund to unlock the development of 860,000 new homes.

It was one of a number of spending pledges from the Chancellor to help kickstart the post-Covid economy, which also included a £4bn 'levelling up' fund which will allow local authorities across England to compete for investment in a range of schemes up to £20m to improve the local area.

And the government renewed its commitment to build or rebuild 500 schools across the UK over the next five years, as well as to build 40 new hospitals over the next 10 years.

Meanwhile the government has published its delayed **National Infrastructure Strategy**, entitled 'Fairer, faster, greener', which aims to deliver improvements to UK infrastructure while putting the UK on the path to net zero emissions by 2050.

Within the document, the government pledged to accelerate and improve delivery of projects through reforms to the planning system, as well as improvements to the way projects are procured, and the greater use of construction technology.

**Access further information and the *Construction Manager* article, 'Government launches £7.1bn National Homebuilding fund', 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.

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

Please visit the '**Sustainability Hub**' within *Knowledge Foundations* for further information and related articles.

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## **Coronavirus – latest developments [May 2021]**

### **LIVE News Latest – Withdraw updated Covid guidance, say Labour**

#### **Summary:**

- Labour demands that updated government guidance for several areas in northern England be withdrawn,
- Jonathan Ashworth says the government is trying to impose “local coronavirus lockdown by stealth”,
- Vaccine minister Nadim Zahawi says local leaders needed to work together to suppress the Indian variant,
- The government published guidance on Friday urging people not to travel in and out of areas hardest hit by the Indian variant,
- However, it did not publicise the change, sparking criticism from MPs and local leaders,
- The variant is spreading fastest in Bolton, Blackburn, Kirklees, Bedford, Burnley, Leicester, Hounslow, and North Tyneside,
- The US has issued a travel warning for Japan as infections rise but insists its athletes can still safely take part in the Olympic Games.

#### **Access the BBC News, Latest LIVE Coronavirus news feed**

(Note: see publication date)

#### **Related Links:**

### **Coronavirus: Why some people want to keep working from home**

When lockdown started in March 2020, workers across the UK packed up their office equipment and set up workstations in their own homes. Bedrooms, kitchen counter-tops and dining tables became the new way of working for millions of people. But now it's time to return to those communal workplaces, research from Eskenzi suggests that 91% of the UK's office workers would like to work from home at least part of the time. So why are so many office staff keen to keep working from home?

Some of the reasons and case studies provided in this article and include -

- 'It's like getting a pay rise' due to making savings on the commute.
- 'We're spending more time together as a family', and
- 'I've seen an improvement in my mental health'.

#### **Access the BBC News article entitled, 'Coronavirus: Why some people want to keep working from home', in full.**

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## **Coronavirus: How to be happier while working from home**

This article from the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) explains what we can do to keep us happier at home and include –

• Let in the light; • Shut out the noise; • Declutter; • Stand up; • Use plants; • and Social contact ... and not just online.

[Access the BBC News article entitled, 'Coronavirus: How to be happier while working from home', in full.](#)

[Access BBC News > Coronavirus > Coronavirus pandemic > Your Coronavirus Stories and related articles in full.](#)

[Access GOV.UK \(2021\) 'Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): what you need to know' \[online\]. Available at: www.GOV.UK](#)

### **More about coronavirus:**

- A SIMPLE GUIDE: [What are the symptoms?](#)
- LOOK-UP TOOL: [Check cases in your area](#)
- MAPS AND CHARTS: [Visual guide to the outbreak](#)

## **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 have 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.](#)



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[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 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)**

The coronavirus pandemic is forcing us to strive for more innovative and rapid solutions. From increased home working needs, maximising performance of our healthcare estates and ultimately how we can recover from the looming economic challenges, we need to usher in new ways of working.

This crisis will be an opportunity for us to rethink construction priorities, how we can better use technology and innovate in the use of joined-up data to support immediate societal needs and the creation of a more resilient built environment.

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)**

T&T's technology team have all been set up to work from home for some time and the early adopters will reap the rewards from the coronavirus lockdown. Design teams are able to continue working – creating a fully designed digital model that can be constructed to an excellent quality standard when work is able to begin on site. There are also security questions about home working – we need to educate people and show them how to make home routers more secure. But overall, the enforced lockdown could show the industry how we can use digital technology to be more efficient and productive.

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

The effect of Covid-19 and social distancing is going to have a long-lasting effect on both the construction sector and the UK as a whole. There has been a huge increase in the use of technology and software that allows individuals and teams to communicate and collaborate remotely.

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While this technology has been around for a while, and because we are in a position where we have to use it to keep working, people are starting to become a lot more comfortable with it and this is building up simple routines that will have a lasting effect.

Richard Saxon – CBE Chairman of JCT, client adviser at Deploi BIM Strategies says, **“‘Wartime scenarios’ will push the digital agenda.’ (Saxon 2020)** The Covid-19 crisis is looking very like a war scenario. Organisations are sending out messages saying they will play their part through staff working from home. It’s Keep Calm and Carry on again.

Technology has always developed rapidly in wartime. The Second World War saw the birth of computing radar, jet aircraft and nuclear power. Now we have a design and construction industry in lockdown, starting to rely on tools which only a few firms have used to far.

- Now cloud-based teamwork applications allow staff to work from home or on the move with full access to their firm’s common data environment
- The pressure to roll out superfast broadband and 5G will be immense
- Social media apps allow for virtual co-working
- Online meetings are well supported now and soon we will use Virtual Site Visit technology as normal
- Site work will be aided by augmented reality headsets and BIM caves

By the time a vaccine is available (see publication date), a year or more of forced advance in technology use is likely to have passed.

Things will not go back to where they were before: productivity will have improved; flexible working will have become normal; whole life thinking will have advanced.

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

**Related links:****What will the post-pandemic office look like?**

- Businesses have been scrambling to adapt their offices more Covid-friendly over the summer. But 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 Manager\* article, ‘What will the post-pandemic office look like?’ in full.](#)**

**[Read the RICS article ‘Coronavirus to weigh on Q1 construction activity, despite recent pick up’, in full.](#)**

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## **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 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**
3. **The impact of Covid-19 on cybersecurity and data privacy**
4. **The impact of Covid-19 on tourism**

## **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 **[May 2021] Real Estate Podcasts** that include:

### **Queen's speech – what next for planning?**

- The Queen's speech has signalled changes to the planning system but is light on detail.

### **VAT Reverse Charge to apply from 1 March 2021**

- The VAT domestic reverse charge is a major change to the way VAT will be collected in the building and construction industry.

### **What 2020 has taught us about digitisation and data**

- The unexpected happened in 2020. The world shut down. Physical human interaction stopped and we had to go digital.

[Back to top](#)**Councils step up regeneration**

- Shoosmiths and *Property Week* assembled a panel of experts from across the real estate industry to discuss the growing role local authorities are playing in fostering regeneration in partnership with private sector partners.

**The future of build-to-rent market 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
- 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
- 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
- Rent controls / regulations

**Cambridge University: All lectures to be online-only until summer of 2021**

- There will be no face-to-face lectures at the University of Cambridge over the course of the next academic year due to coronavirus, it has been announced.

However, lectures will be available to students online and “it may be possible to host smaller teaching groups in person” if they meet social distancing requirements, the university said.

- **Students ‘must be warned if courses taught online’**
- **Online students would still face full tuition fees**
- **Students ‘being ignored’ over fee-refund claim**

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The university watchdog said students applying for university places in England must be told with “absolute clarity” how courses will be taught - before they make choices. Universities can charge full fees even if courses are taught online. But Nicola Dandridge of the Office for Students warned against misleading promises about a “campus experience” if courses are to be taught online.

[Read the article, ‘Cambridge University: All lectures to be online-only until summer of 2021’ in full and related item via the BBC website](#)

**Related topics / subject terms / keywords:**

CORONAVIRUS

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## **Learning and teaching reimagined: a new dawn for higher education?**

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

**Summary** - In this report the experience of 2020 and changing aspirations of the nature and shape of learning and teaching for the next academic year, 2021/22, and 2030, are explored.

**Recommendations** - Based on this research the following recommendations for universities, sector agencies and government are made:

1. Universities to use their strategic and structural planning processes to affect the digital transformation of learning and teaching, ensuring that sponsorship is provided by governing bodies and executive teams
2. Universities to review their strategic investment in digital learning and teaching
3. Universities to make investment plans to mitigate the heightened cyber security risks that arise from greater dependence on digital technologies
4. Universities to think radically about the scale and scope of their learning and teaching activities, prioritising blended learning approaches wherever possible
5. Universities to accelerate the adoption of blended learning, with close involvement of students in all aspects from design to delivery
6. Universities to ensure inclusivity and accessibility are integral considerations in curriculum redesign

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7. Universities to ensure their professional development plans include digital training, peer support mechanisms and reward and recognition incentives to encourage upskilling

8. Universities and sector organisations to establish research to remain in step with the changing digital preferences and expectations of prospective in higher education students

9. Universities, government and funders to provide additional funding or means to reduce digital poverty as a barrier to students accessing higher education.

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 (May 2020) new [free CIRIA practice guidance](#) that include:

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

This new 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).

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

This guide dispels the myth of demolition being the only option for mitigating ground gas ingress into existing UK properties.

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

This guide addresses intrusive inspections beneath the anchor head, typically the critical section in respect of corrosion, outlines specialist techniques such as destructive de-stress and describes options for remediation and repair.

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

Numerical modelling is commonly carried out in engineering. Producing a numerical model is complex and if not used properly can be dangerous. However, if use with skill and care there can be enormous benefits. 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 new guidance proposes a framework for comparing construction approaches, making it possible to keep consistent records across projects and identify all the possible benefits available. This guide also highlights the challenges that can be expected when assessing the performance of construction projects and developing robust benchmarks for comparison.

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## **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.

**Phase 2 hearings** – Hearings will resume on Monday 17 May at 10:00.

**Remote Hearings / COVID-19 information** – The Inquiry takes health and safety guidance extremely seriously. Following a full risk assessment, it has put in place arrangements to ensure social distancing is maintained in all parts of its venue. Full guidance can be accessed via the [Grenfell Tower Inquiry website](#).

**Drop-in sessions** – In line with current public health guidance on COVID-19, the Inquiry has postponed its monthly drop-in sessions until further notice.

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

**Latest update from the Inquiry [May 2021]** - The Inquiry has published an update on the resumption of hearings. This update provides a digest of:

- **Hearings update** - The Inquiry has published an update on its plans to return to limited attendance hearings, • **April 2021 Newsletter** – The Inquiry has published an update on its work.

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

## **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;



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- 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.

Planning gateway one is the first of three gateways through which developments and buildings must pass. Gateway two will bolster the current building control deposit of plans with the Building Safety Regulator as the only option of building control body for in-scope buildings. Construction will not be allowed to begin until the Regulator has approved the building control application. Gateway three will provide a 'hard stop' at which the Building Safety Regulator undertakes final inspections and issues a completion certificate. All three gateways apply to multi-occupied residential buildings of 18m or more in height, or seven or more storeys (whichever is reached first).

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.](#)

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

The Australian Construction Industry is now facing skills shortages in all trades. As an industry focused on the skills of its workforce, there is now concern the Australian standard in quality, workmanship, and productivity will inhibit both national and international level. Given the reference to skills shortages within the industry, and documented in related literature if skills shortages are to continue to exist their effect will impact upon the overall performance of construction companies through 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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[Back to top](#)[Read the full research report 'Concerns for Skills Shortages in the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 new 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 new Tomorrow's Engineers website](#)

## Women in construction: building a career in a challenging environment

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

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

## 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.
- [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.
- [UK Construction and Infrastructure Survey](#) – The leading sentiment indicator of the UK construction and infrastructure markets.
- [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.
- [Global Commercial Property Monitor](#) – RICS global commercial property monitors are leading indicators of conditions in commercial property occupier and investor markets around the world.

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- **UK Commercial Market Survey** – A leading indicator of developments in the UK commercial property occupier and investor markets.

## **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.

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 [Published April 2021]**

- 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

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- 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 summary', Published 21 April 2021 (Last updated 15 February 2021)' in full.**

## **Tackling mental health and wellbeing within the construction industry**

### **Samaritans to work with roofers on mental health**

- The National Federation of Roofing Contractors (NRF) is working with the Samaritans charity to explore ways of supporting tradesman in construction who may be struggling with mental illness.

The trade body is also supporting a Samaritan's campaign, Real People, Real Stories, which aims to support working-age men suffering from the impacts of the coronavirus lockdown.

The campaign aims to use real-life stories to reach men struggling to cope and encourage them to seek help.

**Read the *Construction Manager* article entitled, 'Samaritans to work with roofers on mental health' in full.**

### **Wellbeing strategy model:**



Source: BSRIA (2019). 'Wellbeing consideration to property managers', Designing Buildings.co.uk Wiki [online], last edited 20 Aug.

### **Related Links:**

Note: Within **UCEM News**, at the start of *Knowledge Foundations* - '**UCEM launches mental health strategy**', +

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

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

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but in practice, creating such building is complex.

[Access and read 'How can buildings have positive impact on wellbeing' 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](https://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 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,

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**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,
- 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](#)

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## 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 RIBA Plan of Work was first published by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) 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.

It now provides a shared framework for design and construction, including both a process map and management tool.

**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'



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**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](#)

## **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 BIM+ News and Projects [May 2021] –**

- **Project:** [AI tech key to Mace's £225m City project](#), 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

- Mace had a challenge on its hand build One Crown Place, a large mixed-use scheme in the City of London – and digital tools were the answer.

**Client:** AlloyMTD; **Development Manager:** CBRE; **Architect:** Kohn Pederson Fox; **Main contractor:** Mace; **Start on site:** April 2018; **Completion:** May 2021

One Crown Place, near Liverpool Street station in the City of London, is a mixed-use scheme in every way. The £225m development incorporates: two residential towers; a podium office space with roof terrace; a boutique hotel, restaurant and members' club hidden inside a restored Georgian terrace; a refurbished 1980s office; retail along the ground floor and the

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retained facade of an old Victorian warehouse along one side of the scheme.

For main contractor Mace, which is delivering the new-build elements of the scheme, this project was a planning and logistics puzzle, which began in 2016 when developer AlloyMTD awarded it the pre-construction services agreement. The challenge then was how to put the pieces of the puzzle together with little or no storage space, and without causing disruption to the bustling business district around it. Of course, everything changed in March 2020, when the City fell dead, and Mace had to rethink how it could swiftly and safely finish the resource-hungry fit-out phase.

This was always going to be a project where Mace pushed its use of digital technology and, in the early days of the project, the site team was reporting the benefits of 4D visualisation and trialling new artificial intelligence (AI) technology from Disperse. However, the covid pandemic offered the opportunity to see how these digital tools could help in the face of unexpected disruption.

Planning manager Cameron Bulloch joined the scheme – and Mace – in March 2019. The former construction manager, who has a natural penchant for digital tools, talks through the technology used at One Crown Place and the benefits he observed from their deployment over the past two years.

**Also covered within this article are the following subject areas:**

- **A new landmark** - Mace's work involves the two prismatic residential towers, 28 storeys and 33 storeys, a six-storey, 10,650 sq. m office building and shell-and-core retail at ground level.
- **AI lends a hand** - One Crown Place was one of the earliest Mace projects to start using Disperse, a system that uses AI and 360 images taken regularly on site to measure progress and flag up discrepancies.
- **New lean planning technique** - Mace was one of the first companies to take the decision to close down sites, with One Crown Place out of operation from 23 March 2020 for around five weeks. To sequence the remaining works within these constraints, the planners turned to a lean planning technique called Takt planning (Takt or Taktzeit means beat in German).

**Other BIM+ Projects include:**

- **Project: Modelling key to Boeing's new maintenance hangar at Gatwick, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**

- Forming part of Boeing's strategic plans to expand its Global Fleet Care Service, the construction of a new Boeing hangar at Gatwick was a significant project, with digital technology and BIM at the heart of its successful delivery.

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**Client:** Boeing; **Architect:** D5 Architects; **Lead design consultant:** Matt MacDonald; **Structural steelwork contractor:** JD Pierce

- **Project:** [BIM the best solutions for historic chapel relocation](#), 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

- Relocating a Victoria chapel from its current position in a hospital building due for demolition to its position in a new building would be tough enough, but the 50mm tolerances making the challenge tougher, contractor DBR turned to technology.

**Client:** Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust; **Chapel project contractor:** DBR (London); **Main contractor:** Laing O'Rourke; **Conservation architect:** Cowan Architects; **Conservation engineer:** SFK Consulting; **Principal architect:** BDP; **BIM specialist:** Murphy Geospatial.

- **Project:** [How Wates maintained progress on Nottingham college project](#), 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

- Among the 50 live Wates Construction sites shut down by the first covid-19 lockdown was the Nottingham College City Hub. Once allowed to re-open the site, Wates turned to cloud-based project management software to help maintain progress once work could continue on site.

**Client:** Nottingham College; **Architect:** Bond Bryan; **Main contractor:** Wates Construction

- **Project:** [How BIM drove redevelopment of a Dublin office](#), 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021.

A significant redevelopment of an office building in Dublin was helped by BIM software, which the project team used to communicate the design and its challenges to stakeholders, the client, and the supply chain.

**Client:** Aviva Ireland; **Architect:** Lafferty Architects; **Project manager:** Lafferty Project Manager; **Main contractor:** Collen Construction

- **Project:** [D-Day memorial uses 3D Tekla modelling](#), 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

With a cantilevered roof canopy forming an integral part of the new resting place for a unique piece of tank history, Hillcrest Structural used Tekla Structures' 3D model environment to help design, detail, fabricate and erect the steel support structure at the D-Day Story museum in Portsmouth.

**Architect:** Pritchard Architecture and Mann Williams; **Main contractor:** Ascia Construction; **Specialist steelwork contractor:** Hillcrest Structural

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

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

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

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

**Related BIM+ Projects**

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

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

The Multinational Data Center [sic] in Malmo will house and run a vast array of networks and servers for massive data processing and storage. That means state-of-the-art M&E installations and precise attention to the smallest of details for construction and handover are necessary.

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

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- 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.
- **(2) Project: Finland's Hospital Nova uses VR to involve staff in building, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020.**  
Lead Contractor: The Central Finland Health Care District  
BIM Tools: Tridify  
- Innovative processes have been used in the co-design of Finland's new Hospital Nova using BIM models and involving more than 350 staff.
- **(3) Project: NHS Nightingale Hospital, East London – how BIM played its part, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020.**  
Client: Barts Health NHS Trust, Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust  
Lead Contractor: Lead Designer: BDF  
BIM Tools: Autodesk Revit  
- The UK's newest (see publication date) and largest hospital, based at the ExCel conference centre in London's Docklands, is designed to care for up to 4,000 people affected by Covid-19. The hospital is now in standby mode and will be used should cases in the London area rise again.
- **(4) Project: Mace use AI tech on Mayfair project to meet Covid-19 safety challenges, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020**  
- Work was already underway on Lodha's No 1 Grosvenor Square flagship project when the lockdown and then social distancing added to the normal construction challenges.  
Client: Lodha; Main contractor: Mace  
Balancing the many requirements of a building project – cash flow, cost, quality, and timelines – is always a significant challenge for project leadership. The Covid-19 pandemic made the balancing act even more intense, costing projects valuable time at the start of lockdown and requiring adjustments to ensure the health and safety of all personnel on site as production restarted.
- **(5) Project: AI tracks work quality at Norway's Stavanger Hospital, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020.**  
Client: Stavanger University Hospital  
BIM Tools: 100% International open standards, compatible with Revit, ArchiCAD, Solibri and others  
- Oslo-based BIM developer Imeriso has been given responsibility to monitor work progress in one of the biggest public construction projects in Scandinavia.

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

### **Latest BIM news – 10<sup>th</sup> annual BIM report 2020 available**

**NBS 10<sup>th</sup> National BIM Report 2020** - The 2020 annual BIM report marks the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 [**March 2021**] of NBS CIS *Insights* focuses on – **Post-Brexit conformity marking and designated standards; how the new rules affect you and covers:**

- Understanding new terminology,
- How CE, UKA and UKNI marking works, and
- UK Designated Standards and hENs

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## **Built Environment Research**

### **Latest Policy and Research from:**

#### **1) Savills Impacts – The Future of Global Real Estate**

- Market Trends: Savills.com

In-depth research and analysis into property market trends, forecasts from specialist research teams, and market leading commentary to help you make the right property decisions.

More than 10 years on from the global financial crisis (see publication date), Savills explore debt, interest rates and credit cycles. Which real-estate markets were resilient or have since recovered (but may now be vulnerable to a downturn), and which still have prospects for growth? How are tax policies affecting investment? Savills take a look at the prospects for real estate and how changes in the world economy impact it's future.

#### **Impacts: Real estate investment in 2021: global outlook**

- Savills examine the global trends and in-demand assets for 2021

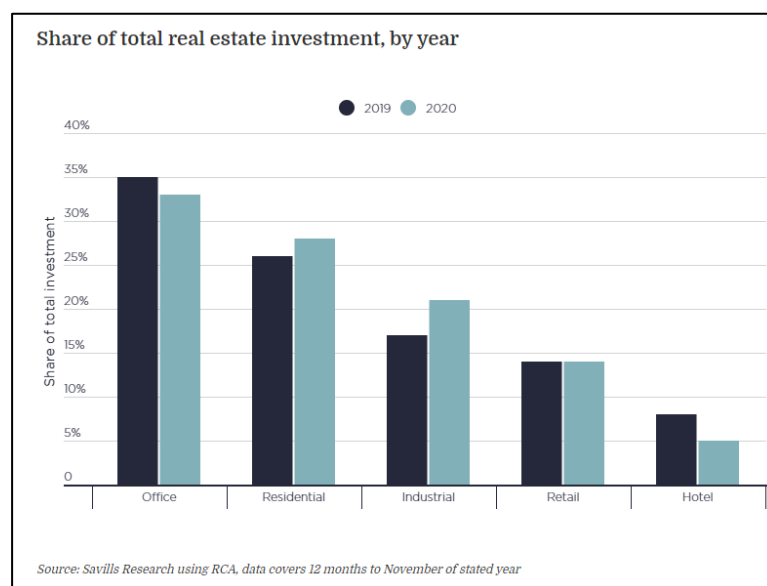
After the exceptional challenges brought by Covid-19, the distribution of a vaccine brings new hope for 2021. Sustained economic recovery is now on the horizons, led by advanced economies where vaccines are being introduced first. This should fuel wider real estate investor confidence.

Global GDP growth in 2021 is forecast to be the fastest in 40 years, according to Oxford Economics, albeit only enough to return global GDP to pre-crisis levels. Many advanced economies have take a 'whatever it takes' approach to supporting economies, with ultra-low interest rates and quantitative easing programmes.

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These low interest rates will support real estate investment into 2021. Unlike during the global financial crisis, banks today are less geared, while non-bank lenders have expanded significantly. This provides borrowers with greater options in the recovery. Travel restrictions and broader economic uncertainty led to a fall in deal volumes in 2020. In the 12 months to November 2020, global investment volumes were down by 28% compared to the same period in 2019. Not all sectors felt this equally. The industrial and residential sectors saw more modest falls in volumes, gaining market share to capture 21% and 28% of total investment, respectively, as shown in the graph on the next page.

### Share of total real estate investment, by year



Source: Savills (2021) *Real estate investment in 2021: global outlook* [online].

The resilience of these sectors, from left to right and include – **Office, Residential, Industrial, Retail and Hotel**, in the face of structural change means that is a trend likely to continue to 2021.

In spite of near-term uncertainty, the long-term appeal of real estate has held for investors, and the number of funds targeting it have continued to rise. As of the beginning of Q4 2020, there are more than 1,000 funds in market – more than double the number in January 2016, according to Preqin. Funds are now targeting almost \$300 billion of investments. This suggests investor momentum moving into 2021.

Other areas covered in this research include **The Green Agenda** (covered later within the UCEM Sustainability Hub), and

### SAVILLS Sector investment outlook for 2021

- The Pandemic accelerated a shift to online retail and flexible working patterns. In 2021, logistics is expected to be the major beneficiary, but the challenge for investors will be funding stock.



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- Office is forecast to remain the largest sector and the core investment of choice. Emphasis will be placed on lower-risk assets with stable income characteristics in the best locations.
- Residential may attract a growing share of global investment, supported by strong underlying fundamentals and cross-border investors growing and consolidated portfolios.
- Senior housing and healthcare are operational asset classes with long-term income potential. Ageing populations and emphasis on health and wellbeing is expected to support expansion.
- Data centres are a rising alternative sector and offer opportunity for portfolio diversification. Yields are attractive and pent-up demand is likely to fuel growth in 2021, but barriers to entry are high.
- 2020 brought life sciences to the fore. A big increase in capital raising is forecast to spur real estate investment opportunities in a sector resilient to changes in working habits.

**Read the Market Trends – ‘Real estate investment in 2021: global outlook’, in full.**

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

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

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

**Read the latest Issue – 3, 2020 of *Impacts: The Future of Global Real Estate*, in full.**

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**.

**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**

**Savills (2020) 'The impacts of the US-China trade war', *Impacts*, May, Savills [online]. Available at Savills.com**

**Savills Covid-19 Resource Hub**

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## **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 2020/21**

**Related topics** – Housing; Work; Income and benefits

- This is the 2020/21 edition of the JRF's annual report on the nature and scale of poverty across the UK, and how it affects people struggling to stay afloat.

We are in the midst of the coronavirus storm – a turbulent time when all of us have felt insecurity and instability. But our analysis shows too many of us entered the pandemic already at risk of being cast adrift into poverty, while often lacking secure housing, a reliable income or adequate support. It also shows that those of us already struggling to keep our heads above water have often been hit the hardest. Our response to the pandemic should be measured by how just and compassionate it is to people in poverty, whether they were already experiencing hardship or have been swept into it.

This report highlights early indications of how poverty has changed in our society since the start of the coronavirus outbreak, as well as the situation revealed by the latest poverty data, collected before the outbreak. It examines overall changes to poverty, with sections looking at the impact of work, the social security system and housing. It also benefits from powerful insights from members of our Grassroots Poverty Action Group, who have direct experience of living on a low income.

### **Recommendations:**

- We need as many people to be in good jobs. Unemployment is expected to rise in the coming months, and we need to see further bold action to retrain workers and create good quality new jobs
- We need to improve earnings for low-income working families and ensure more people are in secure, good quality work. Government must support people in the lowest-paid jobs, or people working part-time, to move into higher pay and access sufficient and secure working hours, including bringing forward the Employment Bill.
- We need to strengthen the benefits system. At a minimum, we need the temporary £20 per week increase to Universal Credit and Working Tax Credit to be made permanent, extending this same lifeline to people on legacy benefits such as Jobseeker's Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance.
- We need to increase the amount of low-cost housing available for families on low incomes and increase support for households who have high housing costs.

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

**Related Links:**

[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, lectures, education, and their website, the Institute offers a platform for thought leadership on a wide range of topics.

#### **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.

This option could be weighted to support weaker housing markets by providing a floor for the market and helping those struggling and desperately needing to sell. Finding could be made contingent on investing in a property to raise standards. By focusing on low demand housing areas, a higher proportion of the investment would target jobs and growth rather than land costs in high demand places, where the economic rationale is weaker.

The second aspect concerns additional funding for social landlords to purchase homes for sale being built by housebuilders and converting them to social and affordable housing. With sites stalled and the prospect of construction workers losing their jobs, this approach would meet the strategic objective of making more housing affordable, as well as the shorter-term goal of supporting the recovery. It would also ensure that capacity and capabilities within the housebuilding industry is not lost due to the downturn but retained for when a recovery materialises.

The overarching case for a National Housing Conversion Fund rests not only on the urgent need to increase social and affordable

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housing and rebalance the housing system, but also as a quick and cost-effective way of supporting the economy as we move forward from – what we hope – is the worst of the pandemic. And, as demonstrated in this report, such a scheme could also improve housing conditions and contribute to the government's strategic ambitions to level up the economy and reduce carbon emissions.

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

**Falling behind: The impact of Universal Credit (UC) on rent arrears for council tenants in London**

July 2020

This report was commissioned by Southwark Council, with the support of eleven other London local authority landlords and coordinated by London Councils. The research and report focus on two main questions:

- How has the roll-out of Universal Credit (UC) affected rent payment behaviours among residents in local authority-owned housing across London?
- How are identified changes in behaviour – or the absence of behaviour change – affecting the tenancies of those tenants who are receiving housing cost support under the new arrangements?

This research was commissioned against the backdrop of growing evidence of the impact that UC is having on rent payment behaviour and rent arrears, as well as broader concerns about how it is affecting the financial wellbeing of recipients. Much of the previous research in this field has focused on one or two housing providers. The intention of this research was to understand what the overall impact might be across multiple providers and locations. To achieve that objective the research covered 12 participating London boroughs, who collectively own over 210,000 homes – 13% of council housing in England. 1 Including data from these 12 boroughs also offered a larger sample of cases.

The study examined those making a new claim for the housing element of UC during a three-month period (July-September 2019) in the 12 London boroughs with final rental data running until December 2019. This falls after the roll-out of Universal Credit full service to all parts of London, which was completed by December 2018. It also follows a series of reforms made in 2018, including the abolition of the seven-day waiting period and the introduction of a two-week Housing Benefit (HB) run-on.

The report tells this story of financial stress through analysis of tenant rent accounts. The scale of the costs to social landlords is also apparent in escalating arrears after tenants make an effective UC claim.

By examining this impact and tracing rent behaviour over time, the analysis points towards what kind of reforms might be needed to improve UC to the benefit of both tenants and social landlords which are presented in the report.

**[Read the full piece of research, 'Falling behind: The impact of Universal Credit on rent arrears for council tenants in London'.](#)**

[Back to top](#)**Consumer Rights in the Private Rented Sector**  
July 2020

People who rent from a private landlord are at the sharp end of the housing crisis, but the truth is we have often more rights as consumers when we rent a car, buy a fridge-freezer, or take out a loan than we do as private renters.

This has been reinforced during the coronavirus crisis, with people spending more time at home and many realising just how precarious their housing situation is.

This report sets out a new perspective on how we can improve the private rented market: by recognising the consumer rights we're used to having in other markets, from utilities to financial services, and looking at how we might apply those lessons to the private rented sector.

**[Read the full piece of research, 'Consumer Rights in the Private Rented Sector'.](#)****All things being equal: The final report and recommendations of the Enfield Poverty and Inequality Commission (EPIC)**  
January 2020

- This report presents the findings and recommendations of the Enfield Poverty and Inequality Commission. The Commission, chaired by Baroness Tyler of Enfield, was made up of a mix local and national stakeholders and experts and was supported by the Smith Institute.

To undertake a review of poverty and inequality in Enfield and set out recommendations, the Commission:

- Initiated a 'call for evidence' to understand the views of local people and organisations. A feedback account was set up and promoted and comment boxes were placed in Enfield's four hub libraries for member of the public to submit evidence.
- Considered relevant existing datasets across a range of available evidence bases.
- Engaged directly with local people, service providers, community organisations and businesses, through public meetings, focus groups, and one-to-one interviews.
- Considered best practice that has successfully been taken forward in Enfield and elsewhere that may be replicated or adapted for wider use.
- Held four Commission meetings to hear evidence on the three threads with follow up discussions.
- A deliberative 'solutions workshop' at Green Hall Community Centre in Edmonton, inviting organisations and members of the public who had engaged with the Commission to come together and formulate recommendations.

The Commission's work focussed on three inter-connecting themes.

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These were:

- **Living:** To what extent does who we are and where we live affect our life chances and the services we can access?
- **Learning:** What barriers prevent local people from accessing opportunities through education and training?
- **Earning:** How can people on low incomes be better supported to secure long-term economic prosperity?

[Read the full piece of research, 'All things being equal: The final report and recommendations of the Enfield Poverty and Inequality Commission'.](#)

### **Safe as Houses 3: Have government reforms to Universal Credit reduced the rent arrears of Southwark's tenants?**

- This report was commissioned by the London Borough of Southwark. The aim of the report is to better understand the impact that Universal Credit (UC) has had on the rent payment behaviour of the borough's own social housing or "council" tenants.

The report focuses on two main questions: first, whether there has been an improvement in rent payment behaviour since reforms to UC were introduced in 2018; and second, to see what the impact of UC has been long after tenants have transitioned onto the new benefit.

[Read the full piece of research, 'Safe as Houses'.](#)

### **4) CBRE Research Blog: About Real Estate**

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 and About Real Estate Research Blog](#)

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

Two new publication have been launched from the Competence Steering Group (CSG) in 2020 with the view to improving competence and driving culture change throughout the industry.

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***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.

*Setting the Bar* is the second and final report of the CSG and is an update of its Interim Report, *Raising the Bar* published in August 2019. The work was initiated by the recommendations in Dame Judith Hackitt's review *Building a Safe Future*.

[Access \*Setting the Bar\* – Final Report](#)

### **Competence Requirements for new role of Building Safety Managers**

The competence requirements for the proposed new role of the Building Safety manager has been set out in a new 2020 report ***Safer people, safer homes: Building Safety Management***.

Under new legislation being introduced in the *Draft Building Safety Bill* published in July 2020, those deemed responsible in law for the safety of higher-risk building, such as the landlord, will be required to appoint a Building Safety Manager.

The role of the Building Safety Manager will be to look after the day-to-day management of fire and structural safety in higher-risk buildings and establish a clear point of contact for residents for fire and safety related issues.

[Access \*Safer people, safer homes: Building Safety Management\*](#)[Access the Chartered Association of Building Engineers for further information.](#)[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**.

As of **May 2021**, the **latest news & insights** include:

- [\*\*Celebrating the contribution of female surveyors to construction\*\*](#)
- Cut VAT to stimulate economic growth and create greener homes,
- The possible impacts of materials shortages in the UK,
- Queen's Speech 2021: RICS response.



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- [Go to the new UK guidance note on residential properties with cladding](#)
- [The effect of Brexit on UK construction](#)

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

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

As of **May 2021**, 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 NEWS - [CIOB Policy Team Newsletter – March 2021](#)
- **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*,
- *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* (22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021)
- **Education and skills research** – *Exploring the impact of the ageing population on the workforce and built environment*
- **The Wider Built Environment** – *Understanding the Value of Professionals and Professional Bodies*.

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

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

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

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

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

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As of **May 2021**, 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 **May 2021**, the latest House of Commons Library, **[Research publications](#)** incl.

1. International parental child abduction (England and Wales)
2. Coronavirus: Returning to Work
3. End of Brexit transition: chemicals regulation (REACH)

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

As of **May 2021** the latest **[House of Commons Research](#)**:

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

1. Food poverty: Households, food banks and free school meals,
2. Sexual harassment in education,
3. Further education funding in England,
4. Coronavirus and schools: FAQs, and
5. Special Educational Needs: Support in England; and Disputes about special educational needs in England.

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

1. Housing Market: Key Economic Indicators,
2. The rights of residential and holiday mobile homeowners in England,
3. A voluntary Right to Buy for housing association tenants,
4. Fire Safety Bill 2019-2021, and

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Under '**Housing and Planning**' and within 'Social policy', the top research briefings continued -

5. What is affordable housing?

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

1. The UK Emissions Trading Scheme,
2. Green Homes Grant, and Energy policy: an overview,
3. Estimates Day Debate: COP26 Climate Conference,
4. Integrated Review 2021: and Summary,
5. The UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement: summary and implementation, and
6. Reading list of UK and devolved Parliament and Assembly publications on the UK's withdrawal from the European Union and UK-EU future relations.

[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, December 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 constructions 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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## Property and Construction Statistics

### Latest Property and Construction Statistics from RICS:

#### UK Economy and Property Market Chart Book, Q4 2020

- Output is likely to drop again in the last quarter of the year.

#### Following a pick-up in Q3, GDP is likely to drop again in Q4 –

Output across the UK economy recovered by 15% in Q3 according to the latest estimates from the Office for National Statistics (ONS). Despite this being a record quarterly increase in GDP, aided by an easing of lockdown measure over the summer (2020), it still leaves the total level of output 8.3% below where it stood prior to the pandemic back in February. Moreover, with England entering a second lockdown at the start of November, the economy will undoubtedly suffer a further setback on its road to recovery this month (see publication date). That being said, current restrictions are not quite as stringent as those imposed back in March (schools will remain open for instance), meaning the contraction in economic activity this time round is expected to be much smaller than that seen during Q2.

Also covered in this **Q4, 2020 UK Economy and Property Market Chart Book**

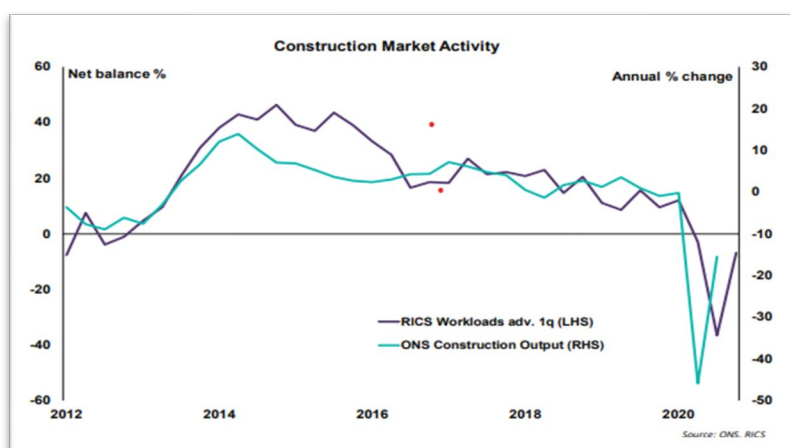
- To soften the blow, the bank has launched further stimulus,
- While fiscal support has also risen,
- Still, unemployment is likely to rise further,
- **Recovery in the housing market will run out of steam further ahead** - Activity across the UK housing market remain firm which appears to be at-odds with the subdued economic picture. Housing transactions have continued to rebound while mortgage approvals in September 2020 reached their highest level in thirteen years. However, feedback to the *RICS UK Residential Market Survey* (also covered in this issue of *Knowledge Foundations*) suggests that this trend is unlikely to be sustained further ahead. Average twelve-month sales expectations point to momentum slowing with the difficult economic backdrop expected to weigh on activity next year as the Stamp Duty holiday comes to end. Meanwhile, the Q3 results for the RICS UK Commercial Property Market Survey (also covered in this issue of *Knowledge Foundations*) suggest that the office and retail segments of the market are continuing to struggle against the challenges posed by the ongoing pandemic while activity across the industrial sector seems to be relatively more resilient. Over the course of the next twelve months (see publication date), rents are envisaged to decline sharply in both the retail and office sectors. In contrast, contributors envisage industrial rental values rising by around 1.5% in the coming year.

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- **Government policies are likely to support activity in the construction sector** - Turning to the construction sector, the government's commitment to increase infrastructure spending is likely to help support activity across the industry in the coming years. A net balance of +35% of respondents to the RICS Q3 2020 survey (covered in previous issues of *Knowledge Foundations* available within the UCEM e-Library) anticipate workloads rising in the infrastructure sector over the course of the next twelve months. Output is also seen rising across the private housing sector supported by new permitted residential development rights and reforms to England's planning system.

**Construction Sector** – In the RICS UK Construction Market Survey, the headline workloads net balance registered a reading of -7% in Q3 2020 up from -37% in Q2. Although this suggests that activity is beginning to recover somewhat across the sector, it is probably that construction output will remain down on a year-on-year basis, at least in the near term (see Chart 20).

**Chart 20: Output is unlikely to reach pre-Covid levels in near term:**



Source: RICS Economics Research: *RICS UK Economy and Property Market Chart Book* (Q4 2020), London: RICS, p11 - Chart 20.

**Read the full piece of research 'RICS UK Property and Market Chart Book, Q4 2020'**

**LATEST: Economy and property update: March 2021**

**UK Residential Market Survey: April 2021**

- Strong demand and a lack of new instructions driving prices higher.

- Demand growth increasingly outstripping supply,
- House price inflation accelerates further across the UK,
- Lack of supply also evident across the letting market.

The April 2021 RICS UK Residential Survey results point to buyer demand remaining firm across the market, while the flow of

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properties being listed for sale has lost impetus of late.

As a result, respondents to the survey frequently highlight this mismatch between supply and demand to be a critical factor in driving up house prices, with growth reportedly accelerating further across all parts of the UK.

In terms of new buyer demand, a headline net balance of +44% of contributors cited a pick-up in enquiries during April (see publication date). This is virtually unchanged from a reading of +43% previously and therefore remains indicative of a solid uptick in buyer demand. What's more, the new buyer enquiries series is positive, to a greater or lesser degree, across all areas of the UK.

Alongside this, newly agreed sales also rose over the month, evidenced by a net balance of +34% of respondents noting an increase (a slight easing on +48% last time). Looking ahead, near term sales expectations remain comfortably positive at the national level, posting a net balance of +23%. With regards to the twelve-month view, contributors anticipate a cooling in sales growth further ahead, with the headline net balance standing at just +12%. When disaggregated, sales expectations for the coming year are significantly stronger than the national average in Northern Ireland, Scotland and London.

The survey's headline measure of house price growth rose again over the month, with a net balance of +75% of respondents noting an increase in prices during April. This is up from a reading of +62% back in March (reported previously within *Knowledge Foundations*) and has now become successively more elevated in each of the last three reports. Furthermore, all UK regions/countries are now seeing a sharp pick-up in house price inflation.

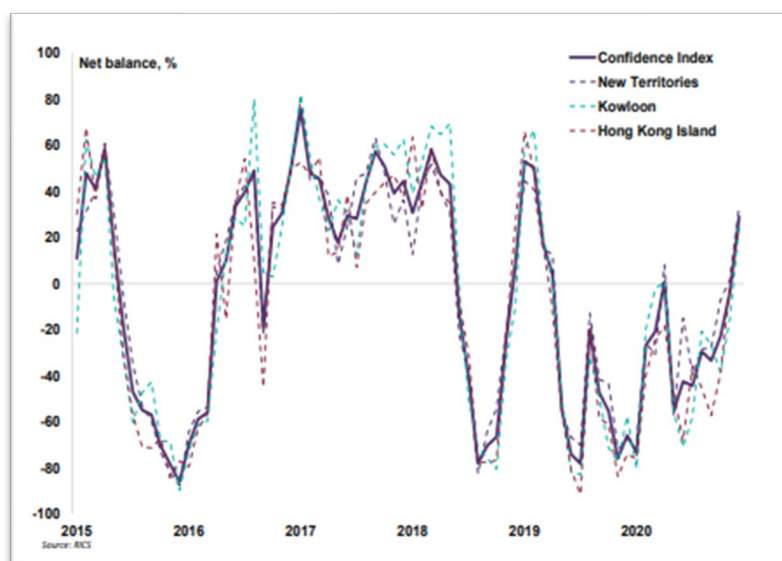
[Read the latest RICS UK Residential Market Survey: April 2021 in full.](#)

**RICS - SPACIOUS 千居 Hong Kong Residential Monitor / Market Survey: February 2021**

- Housing market confidence back in positive territory

- Prices seen rising for first time in two years amid increasing demand,
- Both prices and sales volume expected to increase throughout 2021,
- Rental market continues to lag, though outlook slightly more upbeat than previous months.

Responses to the February 2021 RICS-Spacious Hong Kong Residential Monitor indicate that the housing market may have turned the page on its recent downturn. The Confidence Index\* (CI), shown in Chart 1, rose to +29 in February from -4 in January. This is the highest the CI has been since April 2019, breaking a streak of seven consecutive months in negative territory, and puts the residential market on a positive trajectory.

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


Source: RICS Economics Research: *RICS Hong Kong Residential Monitor – February 2021*, London: RICS, p1 - Chart 1.

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

The improvement in prices appear to have filtered through to expectations. A net balance of 24% of respondents expect aggregate prices to rise over the next three months (see publication date).

The increased optimism for the sales market appears to be linked to the improvement in COVID-19 in the city as well as the limited capacity for new supply to hit the market. However, some respondents also highlighted the weak economic outlook and scarcity of government support in the recent budget as factors that could weigh on any market recovery.

**[Read the latest RICS HK Residential Monitor: February 2021 in full.](#)**

### **Global Commercial Property Monitors, Q1 2021**

- Sentiment continues to gradually recover but sector divergence remains pronounced.

- Real estate sentiment edged up in Q1, albeit still remaining in negative territory on key metrics,
- Industrials to remain strongest part of market followed by multi-family and data centres,
- Concerns over valuation persist but respondents view real estate edging towards upturn phase of cycle.

### **Valuation concerns ease a little further**

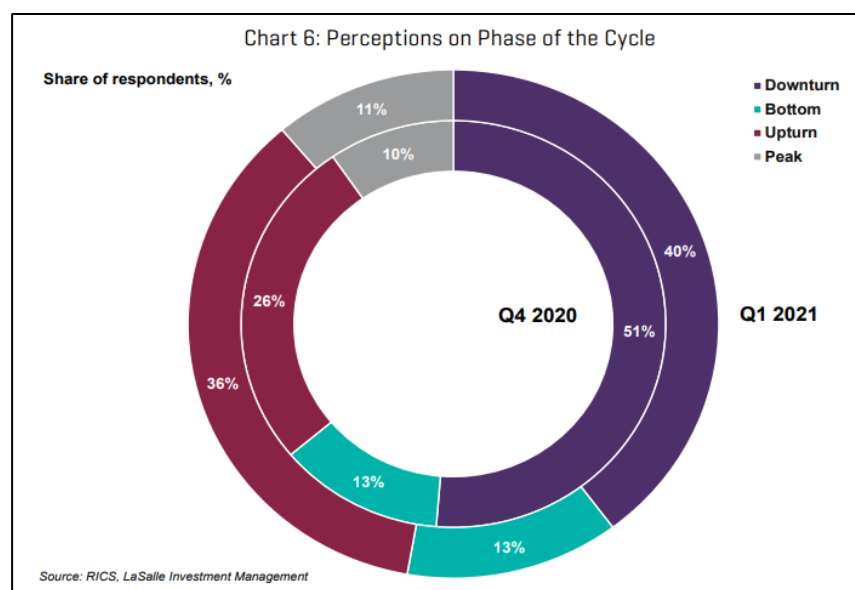
A striking feature of the feedback received in the Q1 Monitor is that the responses to the question about where markets are in the real



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estate cycle (Chart 6) are consistent with the gradual turnaround in sentiment highlighted previously.

**Chart 6: Perceptions on Phase of the Cycle:**



Source: RICS Economics Research: *RICS Global Property Monitor*, Q1 2021, London: RICS, p3 - Chart 6

At a global level, 39% of respondents now view the market as being in a downturn phase compared with 51% in the previous quarter. In addition, both periods saw 13% of respondents with the view that the market was at the bottom of cycle. Significantly, the share seeing the market as being in the upturn phase has climbed from just over one-quarter to more than one-third.

**[Read the latest RICS Global Commercial Property Monitor, Q1 2021 in full.](#)**

## 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: [March 2021](#), new orders and Construction Output Price Indices, [January to March 2021: March 2021](#)**

- Short-term measures of output by the construction industry, contracts awarded for new construction work in Great Britain and a summary of the Construction Output Price Indices (OPIs) in the UK for Quarter 1 (January to March) 2021.

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

- Monthly construction output grew by 5.8% in March 2021 because of growth in both new work (6.7%) and repair and maintenance (4.4%).

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- Construction output in March 2021 was 2.4% (£334 million) above the February 2020 pre-pandemic level: new work was 0.5% (£44 million) below this level and repair and maintenance work was 7.7% (£377 million) above.

- Quarterly construction output grew by 2.6% in Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2021 compared with Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2020, this was driven in both new work (2.8%) and repair and maintenance.

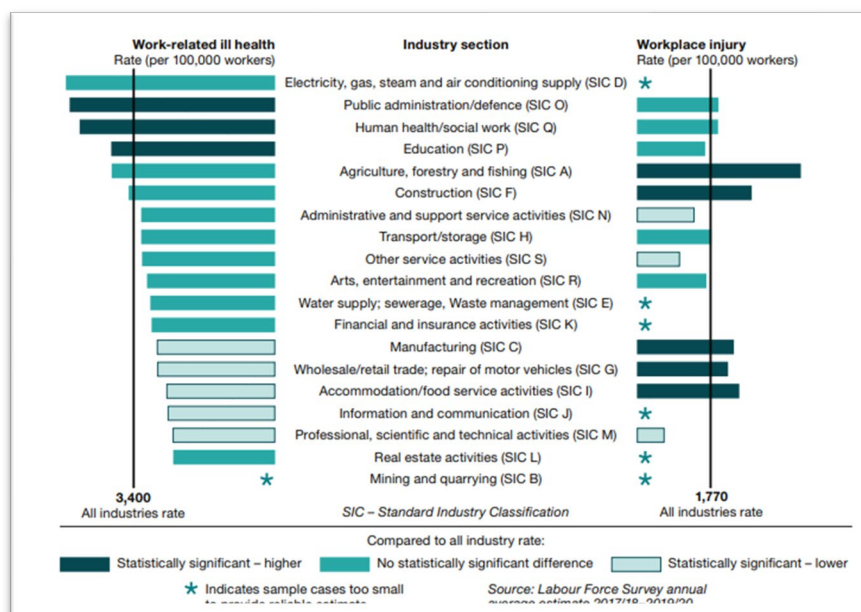
**Read the full statistical bulletin, 'Construction output in Great Britain: March 2021, new orders and Construction Output Price Indices, January to March 2021: March 2021'**

## Latest Statistics from HSE – Health and Safety Executive

### Latest Key figures for Great Britain (2019/20)

- **1.6 million** working people suffering from a work-related illness.
- **2,446** mesothelioma deaths due to past asbestos exposures (2018)
- **111** workers killed at work.
- **693,000** working people sustain an injury at work according to the Labour Force Survey
- **65,427** injuries to employees reported under RIDDOR.
- **38.8 million** working days lost due to work-related illness and workplace injury.
- **£16.2 billion** estimated cost of injuries and ill health from current working conditions (2018/19)

### For 'Rate of self-reported work-related health and non-fatal injury by industry'



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Source: HSE (2020) 'Health and safety at work: Summary statistics for Great Britain 2020',  
Bootle: HSE, p9.

More detailed statistics on selected industry groups (that include 'construction' can be found from [the suite of health and safety statistics tables](#) and '[Summary Statistics 2020](#)'.

[Access further information on health and safety statistics from HSE – Health and Safety Executive.](#)

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## e-Journal Review

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

#### MODUS

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

In the latest digital [MODUS \(May 2021\)](#), RICS takes a look at 'Wildfires: their devastating impact across the world' – From Australia to the Arctic Circle, no region has been spared the cataclysmic consequences of forest fires in recent years.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Natural disasters

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

- **Biden's trillions: fixing America's infrastructure** – President Biden has announced a package worth trillions but there is some confusion around the details, as Cornell University professor Rick Geddes explains.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Economics; Maintenance and repair; and Infrastructure and services.

- **How London's digital twin helps surveyors see the light** – Reducing existing properties' access to light can have serious consequences, which is why detailed 3D modelling is a valuable tool.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Technology; Cities and placemaking

- **From tired to wired: high-tech tools for effective retrofits** – Digital surveying technology is being used to refurb historic buildings and bring them in line with modern standards. Can the latest data collection tools cope with a range of structural styles?

Subject Terms/Keywords: Data management; Technology; Retrofit

- **Staying local – the future of home heating** – Heating with gas and other fossil fuels is commonplace but, with decarbonisation a priority, can local, shared networks that harvest excess heat provide a real alternative?

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Subject Terms/Keywords: Energy; Infrastructure and services; Sustainability

**- Flooding: four lessons from around the world** – How do different countries tackle the challenges of extreme rainfall?

Subject Terms/Keywords: Natural disasters; Environmental management

**- Stormy weather: who suffers most when the rain hits hard?**

– Climate Changes is making “once in a generation” weather events far more frequent – and all too often it is the poorest in society that bear their brunt.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Diversity and Inclusion; Environmental management; Housing; Natural disasters.

**- Home at last: how COVID took homelessness off the streets**

– During the pandemic, many homeless people were housed in hotels – it was supposed to be an emergency measure but some authorities have decided it could be a solution rather than a temporary plug.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Diversity and inclusion; Housing.

**- Women on top: making surveying more female- friendly** –

Three RICS presidents talk about how the industry has become more inclusive over the course of their careers – and how it can be improved still further.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Diversity and inclusion; Learning and development.

**- Work reboot: welcome to the hybrid office** – Are we at our best when working from home or office? The answer lies somewhere in the middle.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Wellbeing; Health and Safety; Running your business.

**Related Links:**

**- Another day at the (home) office** - As lockdowns continue for the foreseeable future (see publication date), stay motivated and mentally resilient while WFH with tips from the professionals who’ve been doing it for years.

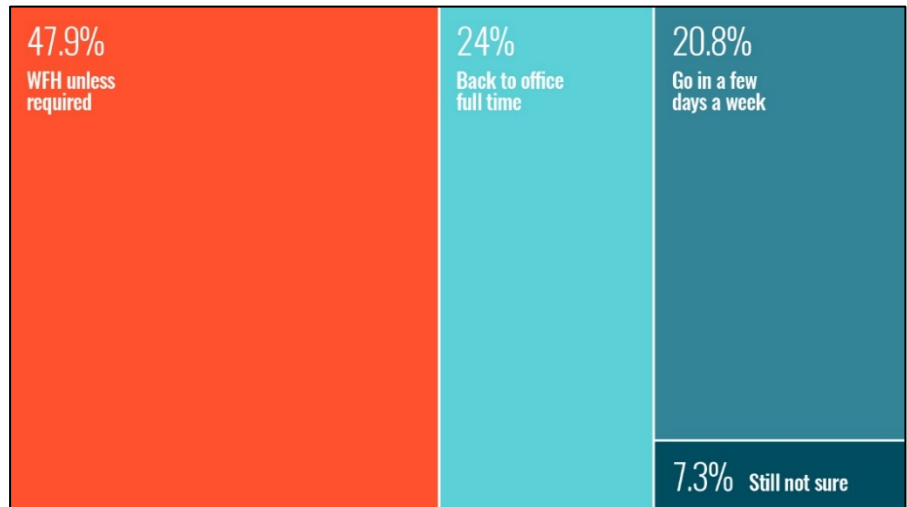
Subject Terms/Keywords: Wellbeing; Running your business; Learning and development.

**- Working from home: how was it for you?** Companies are calling for staff to get back to the office but the data (as shown overleaf) suggests that employees aren’t all ready to return to the commute just yet.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Running your business.

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### Working from home, how was it for you?



Source: RICS (2020) 'The results of the RICS Modus Twitter poll on home working', *Modus*, 1 October, London: RICS.

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, communication, 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 world.
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, **May 2021 – Issue 442** focusing on - New COVID-19 Reopening Guidance. Also covered within this issue – Recordings from the recent **#HeritageDigitalNow** event on **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 your digital activities and how to encourage your audience to create user-generated content.

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Institute of Workplace and Facilities Management (IWFM) [Facilitate](#), the latest **May/June '21** edition focusing on the IWFM *Market Outlook 2021* report released April '21 and highlighted that while most in the FM profession felt optimistic about the next year, some had legitimate concerns such as a potentially lower demand for services as organisations reduce their occupied spaces.

[Contractors World International](#),

[Construction Manager](#) is the magazine of the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) who also publish the [Global Construction Review](#) (GCR).

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

[Construction Information Service \(CIS\) Insight 2021](#). The Latest Edition focuses on – **Post-Brexit conformity marking and designated standards; how the new rules affect you**, and covers -

- **Understanding new terminology,**
- **How CE, UKCA and UKNI marking works, and**
- **UK Designated Standards and hENs.**

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7. COVID-19 and the economic implications for office occupiers
8. Book review – Where is My Office? Reimagining the Workplace for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

**Vol 10 (2) (2020-21) of *Corporate Real Estate Journal* incl.**

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2. Managing global property portfolios, transactions, and teams: A primer for corporate real estate executives – Part 1
3. Tokenisation of corporate real estate on the blockchain: New strategies for corporate ownership and financial management
4. Telia and Veolia: A case study of shifting from supplier to strategic partner
5. Back to the future: Changing business priorities have accelerated trends in the structure and approach to corporate real estate outsourcing
6. The United States civil engineer transformation initiative: A case study of successfully leading CRE organisational change management

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3. Gen Z and the workplace: Can we all get along?
4. Recognising the socio-technical opportunity of workplace: An analysis of early responses to COVID-19
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7. Exploring the meaning of ‘workplace’ in a post-pandemic world: The future of corporate real estate in delivering ‘place’

8. New demands for resilience in real estate: Resilience and adaptability after the COVID-19 pandemic

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10. COVID-19: Implications for real estate.

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[Open Praxis](#) – peer-reviewed open access scholarly journal focusing on research and innovation in open, distance and flexible education.



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This first Open Praxis issue in 2021 (January – March) presents a brief report on the Open Praxis progress since 2013, with a special focus on volume 12, published in 2020. It also introduces -

**Vol 13(1)**, that includes 7 research papers and 2 innovative practice papers.

#### Research articles include:

1. Exploration of China Africa Cooperation in Higher Education: Opportunities and Challenges in Open Distance Learning’,

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2. 'Evaluating student support provision in a hybrid teacher education programme using Tait's framework of practice',
3. 'Student support service excellence evaluation: Balancing the Iron Triangle of accessibility, cost-effectiveness and quality?'
4. 'Exploring Student Perceptions as Co-authors of Course Material',
5. 'Inequitable Impacts of Textbooks Costs at a Small, Private College: Results from a Textbook Survey at Gettysburg College',
6. 'A global crash-course in teaching and learning online: A thematic review of empirical Emergency Remote Teaching (ERT) studies in higher education during Year 1 of COVID-19',
7. 'Exploring Learners' Attitude toward Facebook as a Medium of Learners' Engagement'.

**Innovative practice articles:**

1. 'Does Virtual Field Experience Deliver? An Examination into Virtual Field Experience during the Pandemic and its Implications for Teacher Education Programs,
2. Lessons learned developing a massive open online come in implementation research in infectious diseases of poverty in-and middle-income countries.

**[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',
- '**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)**

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intersection of pedagogy, emerging technology, policy, and practice in online environments.

The OLC [Online Learning Journal](#), latest edition, **Vol 25(1)**. You probably know that the Online Learning Consortium publishes a peer-reviewed scholarly journal called Online Learning (OLJ). But did you know that this journal is entering its 25th year of publication? First published in 1997 as the Journal of Asynchronous Learning Networks (JALN), the journal changed names (and merged with MERLOT's Journal of Online Learning and Teaching) in 2014. To celebrate twenty-five years of excellence in systematic investigations of online education we will present a special issue in March 2021 edited by Dr. Shanna Smith Jaggars.

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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)[Back to top](#)

## 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

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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. It presents a practical and easy-to-read guide that can help organisations and their leaders engage with and apply this agenda to win the war for talent in real estate and construction.

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.

### **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

As this book states, “Motivation is central to all things human” and Online teaching and learning are no different. The authors of this free online book propose the TEC-VARIETY framework as a solution to the lack of meaningful engagement.

It can shift learners from nearly comatose states to actively engaged ones. *Adding Some TEC-VARIETY* helps instructors focus on how to motivate online learners and renew their own passion for teaching. Using 10 theoretically driven and proven motivational principles, TEC-VARIETY offers over 100 practical yet innovative ideas based on decades of author experience teaching in a variety of educational settings.

#### **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](#).

### **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 third 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 an expanded further resources section.

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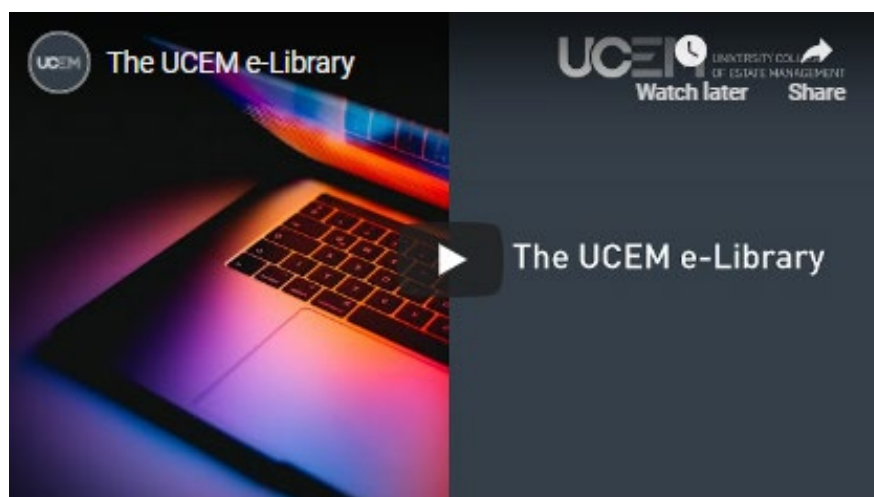
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The e-Library is made up of 11 sections and provides students with around the clock access to online searchable databases from key industry and educational sources, thousands of journals, books, and resources, UCEM's entire collection of study materials and published work and UCEM's dissertation library.

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**Industry-specific sources** that include- IHS's Construction Information Service, *Estates Gazette* digital journal and Estates Gazette Interactive (EGi), 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.

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**[May 2021]** - Here are some Open Access Journal articles available via Emerald, all around the theme of '**The COVID-19 pandemic and impact on the Built Environment**'.

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

1. Maturana B, Salama A M and McInnery A (2021) 'Architecture, urbanism and health in a post pandemic virtual world', *Archnet-IJAR (International Journal of Architectural Research)*, Vol 15(1), pp1-9, Emerald Publishing Ltd, and
2. Martel, A, Day K, Jackson M A, and Kaushik S (2021) 'Beyond the pandemic: the role of the built environment in supporting people with disabilities work life', *Archnet-IJAR*, Vol 15(1), pp98-112, Emerald Publishing Ltd.

### **Remember:**

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

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## Student Career Services

### UCEM Career Services

UCEM Career Services is part of the Student Outreach Team and Student Services. They offer careers Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) to potential, current and past students. The service is confidential, non-judgmental, and impartial.

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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).

**Property Elite** provides training and CPD services for property professionals, including students, APC candidates and corporate clients.

Their Hot Topic Highlight blog posts will arm you with the information on the hottest topics – ready to tackle an important client meeting or begin revising for your RICS APC final assessment.

This month (**May 2021**) the **Hot Top Highlight – RICS (2020) *Technical Due Diligence of Commercial Property* (1st edn, Jan 2020), Guidance Note [online], London: RICS.**

In this latest blog article, Property Elite takes a look at the new RICS Guidance Note, ***Technical Due Diligence of Commercial Property***, 1<sup>st</sup> edn., January 2020.

This is essential reading particularly for RICS APC and AssocRICS Building Surveying candidates, as well as candidates involved with acquisition due diligence for commercial property purchases.

The Guidance Note took effect from 1 April 2020. It replaced a number of former RICS Guidance Notes, namely Building Surveys and Technical Due Diligence of Commercial Property 4<sup>th</sup> edn in the UK.

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**What is Technical Due Diligence (TDD)?** - Technical Due Diligence is defined by RICS as the 'systematic review, analysis, discovery and gathering of information about the physical characteristics of a property and/or land'.

This covers instructions such as Building Surveys, Condition Inspections, Pre-Acquisition Surveys and Vendor Surveys. The term Structural Survey should not be used.

TDD includes an inspection and assessment of the property followed by a report including the surveyor's professional opinion on condition.

**What is the aim of TDD?** - The aim of a TDD report is to facilitate the client (e.g. prospective purchaser or occupier) in making an informed decision from a technical perspective.

Also covered within this blog:

- What is the purposes of a TDD report, and will a TDD report cover?
- How is the Guidance Note structured?
- What types of inspections are there and what needs to be considered when inspecting?
- What needs to be considered when taking instructions, and
- What should the report cover?

**Further details and access to the Property Elite blog entitled, 'RICS Guidance Note – Technical Due Diligence of Commercial Property'.**

**Lucy's Top Tip** – If you are planning to sit your RICS APC/AssocRICS, make sure you are aware of Property Elite's APC Support services, including submission reviews, question packs, revision quizzes and e-mock interviews.

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

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.

**Access Property Elite's 'Building Better Property Professionals', Latest Blogs**

### **Other related web-links**

**GoConstruct.org** website showcases the many career opportunities available in construction and the built environment. The website helps to meet the future skills needs of the industry and to recruit a workforce that is diverse and ready for the challenge of the future.

**TARGETjobs** – All TARGETjobs graduate career guides and directories are available for you to view online and download for

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future reference and include [Property 2020](#), [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



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

The aim of 'Building People' was to create a technology platform and collaborative network, that enables connections and seeks to reduce the skills shortages across the Built Environment.

In 2018 UCEM's widening participation ambitions were boosted after acquiring the innovative Built Environment digital network. '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, is now a subsidiary of UCEM.

### [People Wiki:](#)

## What are you looking for?

<p><b>Search Organisations</b></p> <p>See what help is available to find work, learning and/or support.</p> <p><a href="#">LEARN MORE</a></p>	<p><b>Find Information</b></p> <p>Our partnership with Designing Building Wiki brings together industry-wide content in one place.</p> <p><a href="#">LEARN MORE</a></p>	<p><b>Ask A Person</b></p> <p>Contact people to gain industry knowledge, experience and guidance.</p> <p><a href="#">LEARN MORE</a></p>
<p><b>Learning &amp; Events</b></p> <p>Find courses, training and events relevant to you.</p> <p><a href="#">LEARN MORE</a></p>	<p><b>Work Opportunities</b></p> <p>Employers opportunities in one place making it easy to find what you're looking for.</p> <p><a href="#">LEARN MORE</a></p>	<p><b>Resources</b></p> <p>Easily access sector-specific material, brought together all in one place.</p> <p><a href="#">LEARN MORE</a></p>

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Building People and Designing Buildings Wiki have launched People Wiki, a free, open access knowledge sharing platform for diversity and inclusion, skills and careers, and social value.

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.

The launch of People Wiki 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. This platform is now live and provides users with options to find organisations that can support them with built environment careers, as well as access to information and resources. In September, the platform will expand to include directories that bring together events, courses, and work vacancies (with an initial prototype focus on the surveying profession).

People Wiki has been created as part of Designing Buildings Wiki and is fully linked to its 10,000 existing articles and easily accessible by its 7.5 million annual users. This collaboration with an established and respected industry knowledge base will help Building People achieve its vision of a built environment that improves social and economic value by being better connected, more diverse and more inclusive.

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## UCEM Sustainability Hub

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.

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.

### **Building Research Establishment (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

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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](#)

## **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.](#)

## **The Pandemic Has Taken Cars Off Urban Streets. Will It Last?**

- With a sharp drop in auto traffic due to Coronavirus, cities around the globe have closed streets to cars and expanded pedestrian thoroughfares and bikes lanes.

But as life edges back to normal (see publication date), will these initiatives survive, especially if virus-wary citizens shun mass transit?

[Access this article entitled, ‘The Pandemic Has Taken Cars Off Urban Streets. Will It Last’ in full.](#)

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



[Image: courtesy Ed Hawkins]

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

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.

This comes ahead of prime minister Boris Johnson addressing the opening session of the US Leaders' Summit on Climate, hosted by President Biden on **Earth Day (22 April)**. Johnson will urge 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'

Prime minister Boris Johnson said: "We want to continue to raise the bar on tackling climate change, and that's why we're setting the most ambitious target to cut emissions in the world.

"The UK will be home to pioneering businesses, new technologies and green innovation as we make progress to [net zero emissions](#), laying the foundations for decades of economic growth in a way that creates thousands of jobs.

"We want to see world leaders follow our lead and match our ambition in the run up to the crucial **climate summit COP26**, as



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we will only build back greener and protect our planet if we come together to take action.”

### **‘Government must clearly map out how it plans to tackle the carbon emissions’**

Ben Harris, UK climate change & sustainability director at Arcadis, and Catherine Greaves, managing director of environment, safety & industry, said: “We welcome the news from the UK Government this morning on the adoption of the 78% reduction in carbon emissions by 2035 on the advice of the Committee on Climate Change.

“If we are to take this new target seriously, Government must clearly map out how it plans to tackle the carbon emissions attributable to the built environment, which account for approximately 40% of UK emissions.”

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

### **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:



Source: Designing Buildings .co.uk Wiki (2019) ‘Forgetting the big picture when considering sustainability’ [online], last edited 31 March. Note: “The Sustainable Development Goals icons and colour wheel are free to use” ([UN.org](#) 2021)

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

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

This can be avoided by following two simple rules:

- Remember that an encyclopaedia (which include Wikipedia and any other Wiki) can be a good starting point for research, and not an ending point.
- An encyclopaedia can be good for getting a general understanding of 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.

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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.

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## 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 [May 2021]

[Facebook v Apple: The ad tracking row heats up](#)

**Data Privacy:** New Apple iOS (Apple's Operating System) update includes new privacy features.

Apple has announced its new iOS 14.5 update for the iPhone and iPad, meaning users will have to "opt in" if they want their online activity tracked by companies.

### GDPR – What's new? [May 2021] -

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 as they occur, for example:

April 21 – The ICO have published guidance on the [National Security Provisions](#) in Part 3 of the DPA18 and updated the [Guide to Intelligence Services Processing](#).

March 21 – The ICO have published new guidance on the [national security exemption](#) in Part 2 of the DPA18.

January 21 - The ICO have published an 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 - The ICO published the new [Data Sharing Code of Practice](#), alongside a [data sharing information hub](#) with further resources and support.

In addition, the ICO published detailed guidance on [sharing personal data with law enforcement authorities](#), and detailed guidance on [data sharing and reuse of data by competent authorities for non-law enforcement purposes](#).

Nov. 2020 - The ICO published detailed guidance on [criminal offence data](#), & Sept. 2020 - The [Accountability Framework](#).

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February 2020 – The ICO published detailed guidance on [codes of conduct](#) and [certification schemes](#).

[Access the Information Commissioner's Office 'What's new?' section of their website](#)

**ICO Latest News [May 2021] -**

March 2021 – [Digital Regulation Cooperation Forum \(DRCF\) publishes its first annual plan of work](#) – On 10 March 2021 **The DRCF outlined its priorities for the coming year**, marking a step-change in coordination of regulation across digital and online services.

February 2021 – The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) is urging all organisations considering using data analytics on personal data to look at its new toolkit.

It can be found at **ICO > For Organisations > [Toolkit for organisations considering using data analytics](#)**

January 2021 – **The Information Commissioner looks ahead to 2021** - The ICO's immediate focus remains supporting organisations through the impacts of COVID-19.

The ICO have prioritised providing [advice and support on data protection related aspects of the pandemic](#) since the start, and will continue to do so, adjusting and responding to the new challenges the country will face until, well, 'all this is finished'. That work includes protecting people's rights and making sure data protecting is considered at the earliest stage of any innovations.

[Maintaining data flows for a digital world](#) – Information Commissioner Elizabeth Denham looks at the data protection aspects of the recently agreed UK-EU trade agreement.

December 2020 – [ICO calls on UK businesses to prepare to keep data flowing at the end of the transition period](#).

November 2020 - [UK political parties must improve data protection practices](#).

August 2020 - [Global privacy expectations of video teleconference providers](#) –

July 2020 - The Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in a sharp uptake in the use of video teleconferencing software, increasing risks around the collection and use of personal information.

Data protection and privacy authorities from around the world have [published on 21 July 2020 an open letter](#) to video teleconferencing companies, reminding them of their obligations to comply with the law and handle people's information responsibly, and provide principles to help identify and address key privacy risks to better protect people's personal information.

[Back to top](#)**Further guidance provided by the ICO.**

- [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

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

**Copyright**

"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 21<sup>st</sup> Century***

Computers and the Internet have transformed the way we produce and distribute information and entertainment. And copyright is struggling to keep pace with these changes. This book was written for those who want to learn about copyright in the 21st century. It 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 and (iv) copyright protection for works of traditional knowledge.

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



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

**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"]

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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 a new CLA Step-by-Step Guide and Interactive Toolkit for those checking permissions within their licence.](#)

### **Latest Copyright News**

**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 have until 7 June 2021 to implement the new reforms, but the UK will have left the EU by then.**

Copyright is the legal right that allows an artist to protect how their original work is used.

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

**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.

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

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## 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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As UCEM Information Governance Manager I regularly attend the Copyright Licensing Agency (CLA) CITE Forum.

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.

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 2021

This national conference was held on 10<sup>th</sup> May and in association with Naomi Korn Associates, as well as great speakers and further experts in the field in attendance. 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:

- The impact of Brexit on the copyright law in the UK.
- Responses to Covid in the provision of access and use of copyright resources.
- The crucial role of the copyright exceptions.



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- Familiarised with key issues on the horizon such as Plan S.
- Current legislative, licensing and publishing related landscape and the latest copyright research and how these might impact your day-to-day work.

Sessions covered broad copyright impact for the profession incl.

- **Keynote: Who's afraid of the copyright wolf: research, access, and respect**

Much of the digitisation landscape is dictated by copyright, particularly for 20th century content. For researchers, this can create complex barriers to access to either individual collections item, or aggregated collections data, that are often confusing to navigate. For researchers working in the Digital Humanities, access to materials can dictate project direction, or the questions that can be asked via digital methods. In this talk, *Professor Melissa Terras*: Professor of Digital Cultural Heritage, University of Edinburgh reflected on how copyright has shaped her research projects - and also, how the perceived boundaries of copyright affect the research environment. The fear of copyright affects both researchers and institutions: Terras asks if the framing of forceful copyright restrictions can also be replaced with stressing the contribution institutions make to safeguarding and stewarding collections for ongoing research access.

- **Brexit, orphan works, and your next steps**

*Naomi Korn*: Naomi Korn Associates analyses the UK Government response to leaving the EU and its position on orphan works. Based on key questions Naomi is answering as part of her part-time Phd research at the University of Edinburgh, Naomi will outline next steps and suggest what you might want to think about doing next.

- **Exceptions to Copyright**

In this talk, *Dr Jane Secker*: Senior Lecturer in Educational Development, City, University of London, and *Chris Morrison*: Copyright and Licensing Manager, University of Kent spoke about the ways in which educational establishments have addressed copyright issues associated with the shift to online learning. They discussed the importance of educational exceptions as a vital supplement to the use of licensed resources to enable the use of images, printed materials, and audio-visual content to teach online.

- **Open Access and Plan S**

The open access debate of the past two decades has raised issues around long-standing assumptions regarding copyright in scholarly journal articles. This has intensified as funders have looked to using rights as a way to promote greater open access. This talk by *David Prosser*: Executive Director, RLUK looked at

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the current state of the debate through the lens of recent policy from cOAlition S.

- **Bumps in the road: copyright responses to COVID in Higher Education**

Many aspects of our daily lives has been disrupted in some way over the course of the pandemic and copyright services are no exception. For those of us working in higher education institutions the sudden shift to online resource provision has meant that we need to work to adapt and enhance our provision in response to the lack of access to physical materials. At the same time, we need to manage expectations in terms of the availability of online materials and educate both users and staff in a constantly changing environment.

This talk by **Claire Sewell**: *Research Support Librarian for Physical Sciences, Cambridge University*, and **Kate Faulkner**: *Law Faculty Librarian, Cambridge University*, looked at the copyright journey taken by Cambridge University Libraries over the course of the last year. It will highlight how the initial response to the emergency was developed into a successful service, the challenges we faced as a university library with legal deposit responsibilities and the potential legacy of these changes for our copyright service. It will conclude with some of the lessons learnt and planned next steps to ensure that we build a copyright service useful to all.

- **Share Copies Not COVID: Update on CLA Developments**

**James Bennett**: *Head of Rights and Licensing, Copyright Licensing Agency* provided an overview of CLA's latest initiatives in response to the pandemic, looking at developments since the 2020 CILIP Copyright Conference, including licence enhancements to help with online teaching in schools and universities, and CLA and PLS's support for the process of REF submission by HEIs.

- **Europeana's licensing framework: a standardised approach to deal with unharmonised copyright frameworks**

Europeana aggregates and displays digital cultural heritage from across Europe and beyond, and as such, is in touch with the diverse copyright challenges faced at the national level by cultural heritage institutions. During this session, **Ariadna Matas**: *Policy Advisor, Europeana Foundation*. will briefly introduce how Europeana showcases and uses digital cultural heritage, its central licensing system, the standardised tools that Europeana relies on, what the coming changes such as the CDSM Directive might bring to challenges that are left to be solved.

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- **Brexit and Copyright - what does the future hold?**

In 2020, the UK was in a holding pattern with respect to Brexit. Although it had left the EU, the transition period meant that EU law continued to apply. With the expiry of the transition period on 31 December 2020, copyright stakeholders and policy-makers are now experiencing the full implications of Brexit, both in terms of day-to-day practices and the longer term vision for copyright law in this country. This presentation by *Dr Emily Hudson: Reader in Law, King's College London* does not seek to reventilate questions about whether Brexit was desirable. Rather, it asks what the future of copyright might look like. To answer this, it starts by explaining the current legal position in relation to the status of EU instruments and case law in the UK. It then identifies areas where EU harmonisation has been particularly significant and makes some predictions about the likely direction of UK copyright law over the coming years. Finally, it offers some views about the sort of copyright reforms that the UK should consider.

- **The Open University - challenges and opportunities with copyright and licensing**

In this talk *Priya Haria: Content, Licencing, and Intellectual Property Assistant, The Open University* will talk about the opportunities and challenges to The Open University in relation copyright and licencing. The effect of Covid19 has led other organisations to consider delivering courses online. Priya will be able to provide a unique perspective in this area because The Open University is a worldwide leader in teaching and delivering courses online for a number of years. Priya will also discuss how copyright and licencing opportunities allow an organisation like The Open University to expand their reach in delivering courses.

**#CILIPCopy21 / #copyright**

## **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.

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.**

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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 handled at all times in a way that is compliant with data protection law and our Data Protection and Privacy policies. While we have to adapt to comply with the official guidance, we will adjust our working processes to allow us to deliver our services. These are time limited instructions that will be kept under review. At the end of the period then all data that is held temporarily on personal devices as a direct result of this exceptional times, will be deleted.” (Tullo 2020)
2. **Set out what use of data**, contact lists, customer documents are being allowed.
3. As part of this exceptional response to homeworking **keep a full record of where staff are working from and what equipment they are using**.
4. **State that you have assessed the best way of ensuring homeworking efficiency** and are proposing that personal devices and mobile phones can be used. That you will review this [weekly seem sensible at present] in line with experience and how staff report it is working.
5. **Reissue and emphasise 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.

Source: Tullo C, OBE (2020) **‘The Challenges of Remote Working at Present’**. © **Naomi Korn Associates**, 2020. Some Rights Reserved. The text is licensed for use under the Creative Commons Attribution Share Alike Licence (CC BY SA).

[Back to top](#)**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 -

- On the **UCEM Website**,
- **VLE Help Page** (for students), and
- for all within the  
**UCEM Website Home > Supported Online Learning > e-Library** current awareness services, incl.
  - Information blog and
  - ***Knowledge Foundations***.

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- 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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### A

**Advance HE** (Previously HEA – Higher Education Academy) is dedicated to helping higher education shape its future. Providing insight, enhancing organisational performance, developing, and connecting people, and accrediting achievements. Advance HE [online]. Further information is available at: [www.advance-he.ac.uk](http://www.advance-he.ac.uk) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**American Society of Civil Engineers** (ASCE) Civil Engineering database provides free access to over 80 thousand abstracts taken from ASCE publications since 1973. ASCE [online]. Further information is available at: [www.asce.org](http://www.asce.org) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**Association of Researchers in Construction Management** (ARCOM) brings together all those interested in construction management research. It aims to further the advancement of knowledge in all aspects of management in construction by support education, dissemination, and research. ARCOM [online]. Further information available at: [www.arcom.ac.uk](http://www.arcom.ac.uk) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**AJ Buildings Library** (AJBL) – The AJ Buildings Library showcases thousands of exemplar projects, most from the last 20 years but including major projects back to 1900. Available at: [www.ajbuildingslibrary.co.uk](http://www.ajbuildingslibrary.co.uk) [accessed 25 May 2021] (This valuable resource is just one part of the *Architects' Journal* subscription, available via the VLE e-Library > OpenAthens Library login > Construction Information Service (CIS) and/or EBSCO Business Source Premier).

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

**ARCOM Newsletters** - contains the latest news from the industry.

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**BBC Education** [online]. Further information available at: [www.bbc.co.uk/news/education](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**BBC Search** [online]. Further information available at: [www.bbc.co.uk/search](http://www.bbc.co.uk/search) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**BIDSTATS** [online] – Free UK tenders' portal. Find UK public sector contracts and further information available at: <https://bidstats.uk/> [accessed 25 May 2021]

**BIM Task Group** – The Building Information Modelling (BIM) Task Group support and develop the objectives of the Government Construction Strategy and the requirement to strengthen the public sector's capability in BIM implementation [online]. **N.B.** This group and programme are now part of the University of Cambridge, **Centre for Digital Built Britain (CDBB)** [online]. Further



information is available at: [www.cdbb.cam.ac.uk/AboutDBB/FAQs](http://www.cdbb.cam.ac.uk/AboutDBB/FAQs) [accessed 25 May 2021]. Please refer to question 9 – What is the Digital Built Britain Programme? specifically.

**BIMForum** – The BIMForum’s mission is to facilitate and accelerate the adoption of building information modelling (BIM) in the AEC (Architecture, Engineering and Construction) industry. Further information is available via the BIMForum Website [online] and at: <http://bimforum.org> [accessed 25 May 2021]

**BOMA International** (Building Owners and Managers Association International) – a federation of 91 BOMA U.S. associations and 17 international affiliates. Founded in 1907, BOMA’s mission is to advance a vibrant commercial real estate industry through advocacy, influence, and knowledge. **BOMA Research and Resources** [online] and available at: [www.boma.org/BOMA/Research-Resources](http://www.boma.org/BOMA/Research-Resources) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**British and Irish Legal Information Institute** (BAILLI) Case Law Search [online]. Further information available at: [www.bailii.org/form/search\\_cases.html](http://www.bailii.org/form/search_cases.html) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**British Council of Shopping Centres** (BCSC) was the professional body and authoritative voice for retail-led regeneration and for the management of and investment in shopping places [online]. Note: BCSC has changed and is now **REVO – Retail. Property. Community**.

**British Institute of Facilities Management (BIFM)** – The BIFM is now the Institute of Workplace and Facilities Management (IWFM).

**British Property Federation** (BPF) – The British Property Federation is a membership organisation devoted to representing the interests of all those involved in real estate ownership and investment. BPF [online]. Further information available at: <https://bpf.org.uk> [accessed 25 May 2021]

**Building Conservation.com** [online] – Information resources for conservation, restoration, and repairs. Further information is available at: [www.buildingconservation.com](http://www.buildingconservation.com) [accessed 25 May 2021]

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**Building Design Directory** [online] – provides construction and environmental products / services / information for Architects, Engineers and Facility Managers. Further information is available at: [www.buildingdesign.co.uk](http://www.buildingdesign.co.uk) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**Building Engineer** [online] – Building Engineer website covers news and insights from the following topics: Building & Fire Safety; Business & Management; Construction & Building Materials; Energy & Sustainability; Health, Safety & Wellbeing; Policy & Regulations; Refurbishment; Technology & Digital Construction. Further information is available at: [www.buildingengineer.org.uk/](http://www.buildingengineer.org.uk/) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**Building People** - a technology platform and collaborative network, that enables connections and seeks to reduce the skills shortages across the Built Environment. Building People [online]. Further information is available at: [www.buildingpeople.org.uk](http://www.buildingpeople.org.uk) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**Building Research Establishment** (BRE) [online] is an independent and impartial, research-based consultancy, testing and training organisation, offering expertise in every aspect of the built environment and associated industries. Further information available at: <https://bregroup.com/about-us> [accessed 25 May 2021]

**BRE A-Z of BRE Services** (from Accreditation to Zero Carbon) [online]. Further information is available at: [www.bregroup.com/a-z](http://www.bregroup.com/a-z) [accessed 25 May 2021]



**BRE Case Studies** [online]. Further information is available at: [www.bre.co.uk/podpage.jsp?id=1744](http://www.bre.co.uk/podpage.jsp?id=1744) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**Building Services Research and Information Association** (BSRIA) [online]. BSRIA is a test, instrumentation, research, and consultancy organisation, providing specialist services in construction and building services. Available at: [www.bsria.co.uk](http://www.bsria.co.uk) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**Building talk** [online]. Available at: [www.buildingtalk.com](http://www.buildingtalk.com) [accessed 25 May 2021] *Building Talk* is an email newsletter for Architects, Civil Engineers and Building Services Contractors.

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**Campaign to Protect Rural England** (CPRE) campaign for a beautiful and living countryside. They work to protect, promote, and enhance our towns and countryside to make them better places to live, work and enjoy, and to ensure the countryside is protected for now and future generations. CPRE [online]. Available at: [www.cpre.org.uk](http://www.cpre.org.uk) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**CBRE Research and Resources** - CBRE sets the standard for global real estate research by providing clients with accurate and insightful market knowledge. CBRE [online]. Available at: [www.cbre.com/research-and-reports](http://www.cbre.com/research-and-reports) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**CPRE Resources** provides the latest news articles, policy guidance notes, published reports and research surrounding the following - Countryside, Farming and food, Housing and planning, Energy and Waste, and Transport. CPRE Resources [online]. Available at: [www.cpre.org.uk/resources](http://www.cpre.org.uk/resources) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**Centre for Architecture and Built Environment Research** (CABER) seeks to develop innovative approaches, procedures, technologies, and techniques that support the design, management, reconfiguration, maintenance and operation of buildings, their fabric, and the environments they create. Note: CABER incorporates the previous Centre for Construction and Property Research (CPRC). CABER [online] and available at: [www1.uwe.ac.uk/et/research/caber.aspx](http://www1.uwe.ac.uk/et/research/caber.aspx) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**The Center for Construction Research and Training** (CPWR) is dedicated to reducing occupational injuries, illnesses, and fatalities in the construction industry through research, training, and service programs. CPWR [online] and available at: [www.cpwr.com](http://www.cpwr.com) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**Centre for Digital Built Britain** (CDBB) is a partnership between the Department of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, and the University of Cambridge to deliver a smart digital economy for infrastructure and construction for the future and transform the UK construction industry's approach to the way we plan, build, maintain and use our social and economic infrastructure. CDBB [online]. Available at: [www.cdbb.cam.ac.uk/AboutDBB](http://www.cdbb.cam.ac.uk/AboutDBB) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**Centre for Sustainable Energy** (CSE) is an independent national charity that shares our knowledge and experience to help people change the way they think and act on energy.

**CSE Resources** [online] include - Reports & publications, Toolkits, Advice leaflets, Websites, *Energise* newsletter, Videos on The fundamentals, Improving your community building, Community-wide energy saving projects, Neighbourhood and low carbon planning, Renewable energy projects, and further Resources for schools and educators. Available at: [www.cse.org.uk/local-energy/resources](http://www.cse.org.uk/local-energy/resources) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**Chartered Association of Building Engineers** (CABE) is a member-focused non-profit organisation that brings like-minded professionals together. CABE shows knowledge, raises standards and developments professionals enabling a professional construction sector that works to create better, safer, and more sustainable buildings that enhance people's lives. CABE [online]. Available at: <https://cbuide.com/> [accessed 25 May 2021]

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**CIOB's Policy and Public Affairs portal** [online]. Available at: [www.ciob.org/industry/policy-research](http://www.ciob.org/industry/policy-research) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**The CIT-eA Project Creating Innovative Technology – Enhanced Assessments** – a research project that explored ways to increase the number of assessments in Further and Higher Education using technology. The CIT-eA Project [online]. Available at: <http://citea.digitalinsite.co.uk> [accessed 25 May 2021]

**Cities / buildings images database** [online]. Available at: [www.washington.edu/ark2](http://www.washington.edu/ark2) [accessed 25 May 2021] is a collection of images of buildings and cities from around the world aimed at students, researchers, and educators.

**C-Link** is a procurement software company who also provide resources (incl. guides, eBooks, and other materials) created to help you make more money on your construction project. C-Link [online]. Available at: [www.C-Link.com](http://www.C-Link.com) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**College of Estate Management** (CEM) – See University College of Estate Management (UCEM)

**Commercial Real Estate Services** (CBRE) is the world's largest real estate services provider, with a preeminent leadership position in virtually all key business centers globally. CBRE [online]. Available at: [www.cbre.co.uk](http://www.cbre.co.uk) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**Community-Led Housing** (CLH) Toolkit: a resource for local authority and housing professionals' [online]. Available at: <https://clhtoolkit.org/> [accessed 25 April 2021]. This Toolkit provides a wealth of technical and non-technical information on a broad range of issues relevant to CLH. There are five Toolboxes, covering (i) Housing (ii) Communities (iii) Legal (iv) Planning and (v) Finance.

**Confederation of British Industry** (CBI) is the UK's premier business lobbying organisation, providing a voice for employers at a national and international level. CBI [online]. Available at: [www.cbi.org.uk](http://www.cbi.org.uk) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**Conference on Training in Architectural Conservation** (COTAC) was formed in 1959 to improve the standard of education of everyone involved in building conservation, including

craftsmen, professionals, and homeowners. COTAC [online]. Available at: <http://ihbconline.co.uk/cotac2> [accessed 25 May 2021]

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**Constructing Excellence** (delivered with **bre**) is a platform for industry improvement to deliver excellence through clients, industry, and users through collaborative working. Resources include publications, tools, and newsletter. Constructing Excellence [online]. Available at: <http://constructingexcellence.org.uk/> [accessed 25 May 2021]

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**Construction Industry Council** (CIC) – The representative forum for the professional bodies, research organisations and specialist business association in the construction industry. CIC [online] and available at: <http://cic.org.uk> [accessed 25 May 2021]

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**Construction Products Association** (CPA) represents the UK's manufacturers and distributors of construction products and materials. Construction Products Association [online]. Further information is available at: [www.constructionproducts.org.uk](http://www.constructionproducts.org.uk) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**Construction Project Information Committee** (CPIC), responsible for providing best practice guidance on the content, form, and preparation of construction production information, and making sure this best practice is disseminated throughout the UK construction industry. CPIC [online]. Available at: [www.cpic.org.uk](http://www.cpic.org.uk) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**Construction and Property Research Centre** (CPRC), University of the West of England (UWE) – the CPRC's research activity is focused around the three inter-related stages of the built environment lifecycle, namely design, construction, and maintenance. Note: The UWE **Centre for Architecture and Built Environment Research** (CABER) now incorporates the CPRC.

**Contractors World** magazines (incl. *Contractors World International* and *Contractors World UK & Ireland*) are the leading international digital publications. Delivering site reports, equipment reviews and comments of interest on the construction, mining, quarrying and related industries. Contractors World [online]. Available at: <http://cwmags.com/> [accessed 25 May 2021].

**COPAC** exposes rare and unique research material by bringing together the catalogues of c.90 major UK and Irish Libraries. In a single search you can discover the holdings of the UK's national libraries (including the British Library), many University libraries, and specialist libraries. Note: From August 2019 Copac was replaced by **Jisc's Library Hub Discover**.

**Council for British Archaeology** (CBA) is an independent charity bringing together members, supporters, and partners to give archaeology a voice and safeguard it for future generations. Archaeology for all [online]. Available at: <http://new.archaeologyuk.org> [accessed 25 May 2021]

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**Designing Buildings Wiki** [online] and available at: [www.designingbuildings.co.uk/wiki/Home](http://www.designingbuildings.co.uk/wiki/Home) [accessed 25 May 2021] is an industry-wide, cross-discipline forum for finding and sharing information.

**Designing Buildings Wiki – Student resources** [online] and available at: [www.designingbuildings.co.uk/wiki/Student\\_resources](http://www.designingbuildings.co.uk/wiki/Student_resources) [accessed 25 May 2021] has a wide range of resources aimed at students of the built environment, as shown here.

**Designing Buildings Wiki – Construction industry acronyms** [online] and available at: [www.designingbuildings.co.uk/wiki/Construction\\_industry\\_acronyms](http://www.designingbuildings.co.uk/wiki/Construction_industry_acronyms) [accessed 25 May 2021] providing a list of commonly used construction industry acronyms.

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**Directory of Open Access Books** (DOAB) is a service which harvests details of academic and mainly peer-reviewed books published on open access. DOAB [online]. Available at: [www.doabooks.org/doab](http://www.doabooks.org/doab) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**Directory of Open Access Journals** (DOAJ) covers all open access scientific and scholarly journals, using a quality control system to guarantee the content. DOAJ [online]. Available at: <https://doaj.org> [accessed 25 May 2021]

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**Education and Employers Research** - Online research library marks its tenth anniversary. This online library provides a comprehensive repository of different and effective approaches to employer engagement and careers education. It brings together the latest thinking with selected research published over the past 40 years. Education and Employers [online]. Available at: [www.educationandemployers.org/research-type/research-library](http://www.educationandemployers.org/research-type/research-library) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**The Economics Network** [online] provides publications, events, and other resources to support university teachers of economics throughout the UK and worldwide. Available at: [www.economicsnetwork.ac.uk](http://www.economicsnetwork.ac.uk) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**EngineeringUK** is a not-for-profit organisation, which works in partnership with the engineering community to inspire tomorrow's engineers and increase the number and diversity of young people choosing academic and vocational pathways into engineering. EngineeringUK [online]. Available at: [www.engineeringuk.com](http://www.engineeringuk.com) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council** (EPSRC) is the main UK government agency for funding research and training in engineering and the physical sciences, investing more than £800 million a year in a broad range of subjects – from mathematics to materials science, and from information technology to structural engineering. EPSRC [online]. Available at: [www.epsrc.ac.uk](http://www.epsrc.ac.uk) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**English Heritage** cares for over 400 historic buildings, monuments, and sites – from world-famous prehistoric sites to grand medieval castles, from Roman forts on the edges of the empire to a Cold War bunker. English Heritage [online]. Further information is available at: [www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk) [accessed 25 May 2021]. Note: English Heritage has now separated into two organisations. If you are looking for information on listing, planning, grants or heritage research and advice, please visit **Historic England**.

**Estates Gazette** The UK's largest commercial property news team. *Estates Gazette Interactive* [online]. Available at: [www.egi.co.uk](http://www.egi.co.uk) [accessed 25 May 2021] incl. ***Estate Gazette, News from the nationals*** – Round-up of the top property stories with quick links.

**European Real Estate Society** (ERES) was established in 1994 to create an international real estate network between academics and professionals across Europe. ERES [online]. Further information is available at: [www.eres.org](http://www.eres.org) [accessed 25 May 2021].

**ERES Digital Library** [online] and available at: [www.eres.org/index.php/activities/libraryeres](http://www.eres.org/index.php/activities/libraryeres) [accessed 25 May 2021]

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**Great Buildings** [online]. Available at: [www.greatbuildings.com](http://www.greatbuildings.com) [accessed 25 May 2021] provides a database of buildings around the world and across all historic periods. You can search the database by building names, place, or architect name. It provides access to 3D models, photographic images, and architectural drawings.

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**The Green Construction Board** (GCB) is a consultative forum consisting of key members of UK construction and property industry. GCB [online]. Further information is available at: <https://cic.org.uk/projects/project.php?s=green-construction-board> [accessed 25 May 2021]

**The Guardian, Housing network** – providing insight, advice, and best practice from your community. The Guardian, Housing network [online]. Further information is available at: [www.guardian.co.uk/housing-network](http://www.guardian.co.uk/housing-network) [accessed 25 May 2021]

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**Health and Safety Executive** (HSE) is the national independent watchdog for work-related health, safety, and illness. HSE are an independent regulator and act in the public interest to reduce work-related death and serious injury across Great Britain's workplaces. HSE [online]. Available at: [www.hse.gov.uk/index.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/index.htm) [accessed 25 May 2021]



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**HSE Publications** [online]. Available at: [www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/index.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/index.htm) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**Heritage Alliance** - The largest coalition of heritage interests in England, the Heritage Alliance is the umbrella body for national and major regional Heritage NGOs. Heritage Alliance [online]. Available at: [www.theheritagealliance.org.uk](http://www.theheritagealliance.org.uk) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**Heritage Update: the online edition** of the fortnightly Heritage Alliance's *Heritage Update* e-bulletin [online] and available at: [www.theheritagealliance.org.uk/update](http://www.theheritagealliance.org.uk/update) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**Heritage Help** - Created by the Joint Committee of the National Amenity Societies, Heritage Help offers information and advice on matters related to the management and protection of local historic environments. Heritage Help [online]. Available at: <http://heritagehelp.org.uk> [accessed 25 May 2021]

**Higher Education Academy** (HEA) – The Higher Education Academy champions excellent learning and teaching in higher education. The HEA are a national and independent organisation, funded by the four UK Higher Education funding bodies and by subscriptions and grants. Note: HEA is now **Advance HE**.

**Higher Education Empirical Research** (HEER) Database comprises summaries of the latest published research on a range of topics related to higher education. HEER [online]. Available at: [www.srhe.ac.uk/links/higher\\_education\\_statistics\\_and\\_research.asp](http://www.srhe.ac.uk/links/higher_education_statistics_and_research.asp) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**Historic England** is the public body that looks after England's historic environment. Historic England champion historic places, helping people understand, value and care for them. Further information is available at: [www.historicengland.org.uk](http://www.historicengland.org.uk) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**Historic Environment Local Management** (HELM) - provides accessible information, training, and guidance to decision makers in local authorities, regional agencies, and national organisations whose actions affect the historic environment. Note: All HELM web content on the Historic England website [online] and available at: <https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/training-skills/helmtraining> [accessed 25 May 2021].

**Home Builders Federation** (HBF) represents and serves its members in a range of ways including; Ensuring senior politicians and government officials are aware of housing issues and the challenges faced by our members; and working with Government officials to ensure housing policies are introduced that facilitate housing supply, in a way that is workable for the industry [online]. Available at: [www.hbf.co.uk](http://www.hbf.co.uk) [accessed 25 May 2021]

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[online]. Further information that includes Subject Area Research – 1) Civil Engineering and Building Services Engineering, 2) Planning, Housing and Human Geography, and 3) Surveying, Construction and Project Management is available at: [www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/school-of-built-environment-engineering-and-computing/research](http://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/school-of-built-environment-engineering-and-computing/research) [accessed 25 May 2021]

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**National Building Information Modelling (BIM) Library**, the construction industry's free-to-use resource of the NBS (trading name of RIBA Enterprises Ltd) standard BIM content [online]. Available at: [www.thenbs.com/our-tools/nbs-national-bim-library](http://www.thenbs.com/our-tools/nbs-national-bim-library) [accessed 25 May 2021]

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**NBS Publication Index** [online] - this index provides information about key industry documents which are or have been available in The Construction Information Service (CIS), or cited in NBS Guidance. Further information is available at: [www.thenbs.com/Publicationindex](http://www.thenbs.com/Publicationindex) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**NBS Digital Construction Conversations podcasts** – New to 2021, NBS are talking to inspirational industry leaders about the trends and technologies impacting the construction industry – from sustainability to regulations to change management. NBS Digital Construction Conversations [online]. Available at: [www.thenbs.com/podcast](http://www.thenbs.com/podcast) [accessed 25 May 2021]

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**Open Praxis** – published by the International Council for Open and Distance Education – ICDE, *Open Praxis* is a peer-reviewed open access scholarly journal focusing on research and innovation in open, distance and flexible education. *Open Praxis* [online]. Available at: <http://openpraxis.org/index.php/OpenPraxis/index> [accessed 25 May 2021]

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**RICS Library Services and Online catalogue** - 2500 electronic documents selected and catalogued, plus books, magazine articles, law reports and transcripts [online]. Available at: <https://library.rics.org/> [accessed 25 May 2021]

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**Shoosmiths Insights & articles** – Shoosmiths is a major UK law firm with a network of offices working together as one team. Read the latest insights, articles, and commentary from Shoosmiths or explore their content library that include – Placemaking; Real estate; Diversity & Inclusion; Litigation & disputes; Governance; Employment, and more. Shoosmiths [online]. Available at: [www.shoosmiths.co.uk/insights](http://www.shoosmiths.co.uk/insights) [accessed 25 May 2021]

**Specification Online** – the free to use news and online products resource for specifiers working across the architectural and building sector [online] and available at: <http://specificationonline.co.uk> [accessed 25 May 2021]

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continued commitment to lead the industry into a brighter, more sustainable future. Supply Chain Sustainability School [online]. Further information is available at: [www.supplychainschool.co.uk/uk/default-home-main.aspx](http://www.supplychainschool.co.uk/uk/default-home-main.aspx) [accessed 25 May 2021]

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**Virtual Training Suite** - The Virtual Training Suite is a national eLearning service for Higher and Further Education in the UK, offering FREE "teach yourself" tutorials delivered over the Web, for students, lecturers and researchers who want to learn what the Internet can offer in their subject. This is a public service from **JISC**.

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