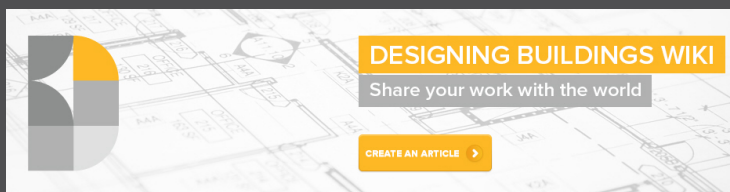


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A new look, new contributors and a word from our winner.

If you haven't had a look yet, check out our [updated site design](#). It's a bit cleaner, a bit clearer, and a bit easier to navigate. Watch out for changes to user profiles in the next few weeks.



We have some great new articles from construction lawyer Najma Dunnett.

[Westshield v Buckingham](#)

Very persuasive reasons are needed to convince the court to grant a stay of execution.

[Derek Hodd v Climate Change Capital](#)

What's in a name? A warning shot to those hastily-preparing contracts.

[Bonds and guarantees](#)

Is it a bond or guarantee? Does it matter and what's the difference? Important questions for contractors and consultants in these tough times.

[Atkins v Secretary of State for Transport](#)

NEC3 faced a rare test in the courts when the Technology and Construction Court decided lump sum contracts are intended to be win/lose, not win/win.



Introducing a new blog from KLH Sustainability.

[Delays to Part L: A Risk to Growth](#)

The 2012 budget statement committed the government to publish a detailed plan, setting out its response on changes to Part L of the Building Regulations by May 2013. However, the detailed requirements of the updates have still not materialised. Without the comprehensive update of Part L, many fear that the government's ambitious carbon reduction target is unrealistic.

The delay is causing a multitude of concerns and the longer it continues the more potent they become, with some designers now creating multiple building models to compensate for the uncertainty. This drives up costs for clients, diverts money away from new projects and can even cause work to be terminated. Manufacturers are also losing out too, with the possibility of having to repeat detailed U-value calculations when new regulations are published. [Read more...](#)



We asked Mark Wilson, winner of our CIOB-backed competition what motivated him to research insulation and why he chose Designing Buildings Wiki to showcase his work.

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