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## Featured articles and news

This week's featured article - Bin blight



CIAT take a look at the problem of bin blight and how it can be avoided.

Ideas competition - Make Buildings Better

There are just a few days left to tell us how you would improve the performance of buildings in use. You could win £500 of BSRIA goodies.



Crossrail station designs

New designs revealed for Crossrail's proposed station redevelopments.



Marine energy and hydropower

Across the world, hydropower schemes have considerable appeal as a source of renewable energy while posing great engineering challenges.



Unusual building design of the week - Ryugyong Hotel, North Korea

The monumentalist Ryugyong Hotel in North Korea, still the world's tallest unoccupied building after nearly 30 years of construction.



Blacklisting case ends

The full, sorry story of the TCA, the Construction Workers Compensation Scheme, and the close of a long-running legal case.



Step-by-step BIM guide

Our new BIM guide is supported by more than 100 articles covering everything from EIR's to soft landings. Take a look and tell us what you think.



NEC contracts and roads

How NEC contracts can be applied to road development schemes.



Timber shell structure

University of Stuttgart students create an innovative timber structure based on the shells of sea urchins.



Building of the week - Parthenon



The story of classical architecture's finest achievement and one of the world's most iconic buildings.

## Around the web

FMB, 12 May

Appeal Court upholds government waiving of affordable housing requirements for small developments.

Financial Times, 11 May

New agreement reached between Home Builders Federation and government to increase building output.

Deloitte, 11 May

Office construction has increased by 28% over the past six months to 14.2 million sq ft.

Dezeen, 11 May

10 projects that demonstrate the potential of robot-built architecture.

RICS, 11 May

Does the new Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards Regime (MEES) affect you?

The Guardian, 10 May

Photographs reveal the rapid urban expansion of China's Pearl River Delta.

Dezeen, 9 May

Expert believes robotic construction of carbon fibre elements could revolutionise the industry.

BBC News, 6 May

Ban on second homes in St. Ives backed by voters in local referendum.

The Guardian, 6 May

Algeria build giant mosque with the world's tallest minaret.

Arch Out Loud, 6 May

Submerged circular aquarium concept wins New York design competition.

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