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Abby Cristosomo from KLH Sustainability reflects on the end of the zero carbon homes standard.

Wireless electric highways

Government to trial wireless technology that could allow electric and hybrid vehicles to charge on the move.



International causes of delays

Delays on construction projects are a global phenomena. Maybe it's not the industry that's at fault, maybe our expectations are unrealistic?

Northern Powerhouse

Government publishes blueprint for £13 billion of investment in transport to help create the 'Northern Powerhouse'.



New Parliamentary Group

A new All-Party Parliamentary Group for Housing and Planning has been established to identify innovative solutions for tackling the housing crisis.

Landmark planning case

High Court quashes affordable housing exemption for small sites and the vacant building credit.



Around the web

Construction Manager 11 August

Code for Sustainable Homes levels 3 and 4 housing found to have inadequate ventilation leading to poor indoor air quality.

BBC 10 August

Home Office Minister James Brokenshire says building sites will be targeted in crackdown on illegal immigrants.

BRE 7 August

BRE has taken over responsibility for YellowJacket, the health and safety tool developed by Mace.

KPMG 6 August

'Report on Jobs' finds engineers were the most sought-after type of permanent staff in July, followed by construction workers.

The Construction Index 7 August

Hinkley Point C site huts could be the UK's largest ever modular buildings.

Planning Portal 6 August

Manchester unveils plans for multi-billion pound new neighbourhoods and vertical villages.

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