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## Featured articles and news



A new court ruling could signal problems for Airbnb.

### Featured building

The Mesoamerican step-pyramid El Castillo of Chichen Itza, built by the Mayans more than a thousand years ago.



Schuppen house

A family home in Berlin that uses dappled green shingles to blend in with the garden.



Research reveals local Research reveals local authority conservation services have declined by 36% since 2006.



## Building better with earth

New techniques are making earth construction a viable alternative to modern high-energy materials.



## Build to rent

RICS calls on the government to do more to encourage investment in build to rent.

# Construction industry mascot



Considerate Contractors Scheme luanch a new female mascot to inspire children to consider a career in construction.

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Institution of Civil Engineers
BRE Trust
The Institute of Historic Building Conservation
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# Around the web

### RSHP, 6 Oct

RSHP wins BCO award for Best Commercial Workplace in the UK.

## Construction Index, 6 Oct

Milestone reached in the construction of the Chernobyl nuclear plant enclosure.

## Construction Manager, 5 Oct

How Carillion is converting the iconic gasholders at King's Cross into flats.

#### GCR, 5 Oct

Japanese experts warn the cost of the 2020 Olympics could be four times higher than estimated.

### BSRIA, October

Industry urged to take responsibility for indoor air quality.

#### UKGBC, 5 Oct

UKGBC responds to new housebuilding measures announced at the Tory conference.

## ICE, 5 Oct

How water companies are meeting asset management period 6 (AMP6) targets.

## GCR, 5 Oct

Paving work starts on the world's longest sea crossing.

# Construction Index, 5 Oct

Purchasers' index suggests construction has returned to growth.

## Construction Enquirer, 5 Oct

Green light given for three new East London crossings.

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