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Statement from 8 contractors is interpreted as accepting workers have been defamed.



Affordable homes

Cameron announces redefinition of affordable housing to include starter homes costing up to £450,000.



Right to buy

Voluntary agreement extends right to buy to housing association tenants.

National Infrastructure Plan for Skills

Government analysis of the National Infrastructure Plan reveals a demand for 100,000 additional workers by the end of the decade.



Principal designer

As the transitional arrangements for CDM 2015 end, we summarise what the principal designer is and what they are expected to do.



National Infrastructure Commission

George Osborne announces the creation of a new Commission to provide an unbiased analysis of the UK's long-term infrastructure needs.



Control of design and production

In a 1967 article, Peter Trench asked whether anyone had assessed the skill required for design compared with construction, and why the levels of education were different.



Around the web

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Reports suggest planning cuts threaten economic prosperity.

Construction Manager 6 October

Designers reluctant to take on new role of principal designer.

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The century's most troublesome construction projects.

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Public consultation begins on the proposed £750m Silvertown Tunnel.

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