



1,000 articles and counting

We've reached a huge milestone. There are now 1,000 articles on Designing Buildings Wiki.

We started out with a simple vision to put all construction industry knowledge in one place and make it available to everyone for free. Now we have 1,000 articles, ranging from general introductions to subjects like planning permission, right through to uber-detailed articles for specialists, like the resonant column method for measuring the dynamic response of soils.

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Ideas competition

We've had lots of great entries for our ideas competition, and there's still plenty of time to take part. All you need to do is answer the question:

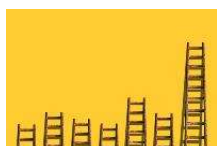
How do we keep investors interested in UK property?

We don't want long answers, so it only takes 2 mins to enter. The winner will get £500 and will be invited to Development Securities offices to see how they keep their investors interested in property. [Find out how to enter.](#)



Pioneer Cladding v John Graham Construction

Najma Dunnett draws lessons from another case of a party in an adjudication seeking to enforce payment but the opposing party securing a stay of enforcement pending the outcome of arbitration. Generally, the law will not assist parties contracting with financially weak companies which they knew about at the time of contract, but in this case, Graham had plainly done its homework in performing the necessary checks but was ultimately misled. [Read more](#)



New article - Workmanship

Trade skills in construction began to be recognised in the late middle ages. The crafts of carpentry, masonry and ironwork dominated construction before the emergence of design professions. Many of the city guilds can trace their origins to this era. During the industrial revolution the term 'workmanship' also started to apply to engineering and manufacturing. [Read more...](#)



New article - Insolvency

The possibility of insolvency is never far away in the construction industry. In the United Kingdom insolvent individuals are made 'bankrupt', while companies are put into 'liquidation' or 'administration'. Insolvency proceedings are effectively administrative processes to recover assets and distribute proceeds to creditors. [Read more](#)



New features

You may have noticed some great new features on the site recently. Our favourite is the random article button. Give it a click and see where it takes you.

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