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Snapdragon Consulting's Rebekah Paczek takes one last look at this year's conference season. This week, the Conservatives, with Thatcher tributes, "proper sciences," Help to Buy and family-friendly tenancies. Handbags at dawn anyone? [Read more...](#)



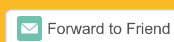
When the Housing Grants Construction and Regeneration Act was passed, Najma Dunnett recalls asking whether a collateral warranty constituted a construction contract. "Interesting question," came the response. The case of Parkwood Leisure Limited v Laing offers an interesting answer, and it seems to be "yes, it can." [Read more...](#)



We have some great new content from one of our top contributors "Kenny" (aka Chris). Everything you could possibly want to know about [defects in stonework](#), as well as [defects in brickwork](#) and [wall tie failure](#). A brilliant resource to help you avoid, identify and treat common problems.

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