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## Featured articles and news

### This week's featured article - London Mayoral election 2016



As the election date nears we examine what the candidates are saying about London's built environment.

### Green Deal slammed

NAO report finds the Green Deal not only failed to deliver any meaningful benefit, it increased suppliers' costs – and therefore energy bills.



### US Embassy hotel plans

US Embassy in Mayfair to be transformed into Sir David Chipperfield's new hotel complex.



### Unusual building design of the week - Watts Towers

Built by one man over 34 years without mechanical equipment, the Watts Towers remain an architectural landmark of Los Angeles.



### Groundwater control

ICE examine how civil engineers control groundwater in urban areas.



### Wire mesh church installation

Installation artist completes wire mesh recreation of Italian Christian church.



### JTI Headquarters, Geneva

New building in Geneva hailed as one of the most sustainable developments projects in Europe.

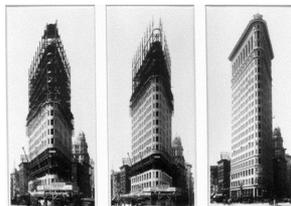


### Timber construction for London

Could London be about to get its first timber skyscraper?



### Building of the week - Flatiron Building



With its distinctive wedge shape, the Flatiron remains one of New York's most iconic buildings.

## Around the web

### The Building Centre, 14 April

Interview with illustrator Thibaud Herem, the man who drew 88,000 bricks for his Battersea Power Station image.

### Gov.uk, 12 April

Competition and Markets Authority to investigate anticipated acquisition of Hope Construction Materials by Breedon Aggregates Ltd.

### BuroHappold, 12 April

The beginning of the journey towards energy independence for Cornwall.

### Arcadis, 11 April

Research shows a 40% increase in the number of 'prime' homes being built in London since 2014.

### BBC, 10 April

New Dubai tower set to surpass world's tallest - Burj Khalifa - by 'a notch'.

### BSRIA, 8 April

BSRIA's reaction to Zero Carbon Hub closure.

### RICS, 8 April

What's the average house price across the UK?

### Construction Index, 7 April

Willmott Dixon and BRE collaborating on initiative to measure the benefit of making old homes more energy efficient.

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