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The construction industry knowledge base

## Featured articles and news

### Zero-carbon homes

Read the whole sorry saga of the rise, fall and demise of the zero-carbon homes standard.



### Fixing the foundations

Government plan to increase productivity includes reforms to the planning system, initiatives to encourage new housing and a proposal to permit upward extension in London.

### Certified details

BRE Global to launch a Certified Thermal Details and Products Scheme which aims to reduce the level of thermal bridging.



### Health and productivity

White paper assesses health and productivity in sustainable buildings to raise awareness of positive impacts and financial benefits.



### BRE Trust Review

BRE report summarises its research programmes in the areas of sustainability, fire, energy, health and materials.

### Growing cities

Report by Shelter and IPPR proposes devolving powers and budgets to cities so they can build the homes necessary to support growth.



### We're hiring

We're excited to be creating a new role for a full-time content editor. Applicants should have exceptional writing skills and be passionate about the construction industry.



## Around the web

### Gov.uk 16 July

Membership of the Construction Leadership Council reduced from 30 to 12 and role of Government Chief Construction Adviser axed.

### GCR 14 July

Billion dollar plan to give UK world's biggest biomass power station.

### BIM plus 16 July

Spain may require BIM on public projects from 2018.

### The Construction Index 16 July

New RICS data suggests that civil engineering costs will rise by 26% by 2020.

### Construction Manager 13 July

CIOB joins global coalition to unify construction cost and classification standards.

### Construction Enquirer 14 July

Severfield face more bolt problems - this time at the US Embassy site in Battersea.

### The Construction Index 14 July

Allianz consortium preferred bidder to take over Thames Tideway Tunnel.

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