

Newsletter

**We've reached 800 articles - yes it's true.**

To celebrate we've launched a new 'Projects' category on Designing Buildings Wiki. So if you've worked on something interesting, why not add it in? Projects so far include; the Olympic Stadium, Cheshire Oaks M&S, the procurement of Heathrow T5 and more.. [Go to Projects](#)



**FG Skerritt v Caledonian Building Systems**

In her latest posting, construction lawyer Najma Dunnett considers FG Skerritt v Caledonian Building Systems and concludes that whilst a parent company guarantee did enable a summary judgment to be granted; beware, guarantees are worthless unless the parent company is financially sound.

"In the case of FG Skerritt v Caledonian Building Systems, the claimant, FG Skerritt became insolvent, but a stay of execution contended for by the defendant, Caledonian Building Systems Ltd, was refused on the basis of the provision of a parent company guarantee by the claimant..."

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**Chloe Souque of KLH Sustainability considers the impending demise of site waste management plans.**

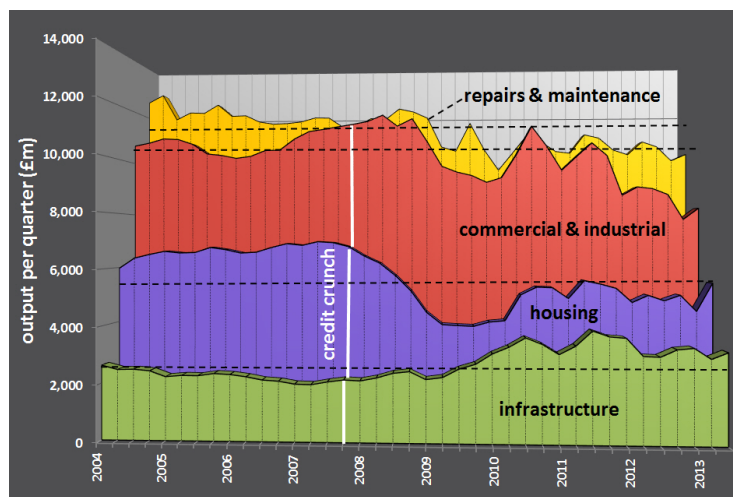
“In the Red Tape Challenge issued in March 2012, DEFRA wrote, ‘You told us to remove Site Waste Management Plans Regulations because they force companies to spend time and money estimating their waste production when they could be reducing waste through more effective activities, such as training employees’.

It is unclear how a client or contractor can actually provide useful training to their employees or implement 'more effective activities,' without having first understood their waste streams...“

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**Reasons to be cheerful?**

It's easy to get confused by monthly figures and short-term trends, so we've taken a 10-year view of the latest construction industry figures. The conclusion? There are reasons for optimism, but there's a very long way to go. [Read more](#)



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