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"DECC should be reinstated, with teeth", says the man behind Grand Designs in a wide-ranging interview.

#### BRE on the election

BRE call for housing quality to be included in manifesto pledges.



#### Conservation areas 50 years on

The fascinating history of an idea first pioneered in the USA.



#### Autonomous vehicles

AXA UK look at how the insurance market will cater for driverless cars.



#### The Palimpsest

A new virtual reality tool that could change the way we look at cities.



#### CIOB 2017 manifesto

CIOB make the case for construction in the run up to the election.



#### The future of real estate

The real estate industry as we know it is set to disappear.

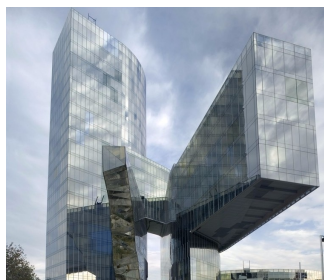


#### Letter of intent

What are letters of intent and what are they used for?



#### Featured building



This Barcelona skyscraper merges three buildings into one, with a gravity-defying cantilever.

### Around the web

#### GCR, 16 May

Delays hit construction of the world's tallest building, Jeddah Tower.

#### Construction Index, 16 May

Construction costs in London have increased by 5% in the past 12 months.

#### Dezeen, 15 May

The 2017 Mies van der Rohe Award goes to the revamp of a 60s block in Holland.

#### World Architecture News, 15 May

The Cambodian CAMBOO Festival highlights the use of bamboo in architecture.

#### RICS, 15 May

RICS outline their manifesto priorities for the built environment.

#### The Guardian, 12 May

The 'Belt and Road Initiative' in China could be the world's biggest building project.

#### CIC, 12 May

A new initiative to support mental health in construction.

#### Construction Index, 12 May

The Brexit Infrastructure Group press for the UK to stay in the European Investment Bank.

#### Planning Portal, 12 May

The Supreme Court has issued a ruling on paragraph 49 of the NPPF.