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Featured articles and news

This week's featured article - U+I Think event with John McDonnell MP



Labour's Shadow Chancellor makes a plea for further engagement with the land development sector and the creation of more "beautiful and exciting" urban spaces.

New York Horizon

The winners of the eVolo Skyscraper Competition propose the radical transformation of Central Park.



Starter homes

Government announces plans for 1 in 5 new homes to be first time buyer 'starter homes'.



Data centres

BEMS are the key to unlocking more sustainable and resilient data centres.



Unusual building design of the week - Little Crooked House

The Polish city of Sopot's fairytale-esque 'Little Crooked House'.



Life cycle costing

New BSRIA guide, BG67/2016 Life Cycle Costing - an educated guess is better than an uneducated guess.



Skills gap

BRE Academy skills gap survey finds key BIM and management skills are lacking in individuals, organisations and the wider industry.



Government Construction Strategy

The government's new construction strategy moves towards BIM level 3, but sets unambitious efficiency targets compared with its predecessor.



Building of the week - Chrysler Building



The classic Art Deco skyscraper that frequently tops polls as the most popular in the world.

Around the web

BBC News, 31 March

Zaha Hadid dies aged 65.

Zero Carbon Hub, 30 March

Sustainability body announces closure following the withdrawal of government funding.

BuroHappold, 30 March

Milestone as BuroHappold becomes the first global engineering firm to receive JUST label.

The Guardian, 29 March

The UK's higher education boom sees a rise in luxury student accommodation.

GCR, 29 March

Dubai's Al Maktoum airport to become the largest in the world when construction is complete.

Raconteur, 27 March

Billionaires are building 'iceberg' basements in West London, but building underground poses considerable challenges.

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