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Featured articles and news

This week's featured article - High Speed 2 (HS2)



The current proposals for the High Speed 2 (HS2) project, plus the main arguments for and against.

What makes good housing?

Designing Buildings Wiki attended EcoBuild 2016, to hear a panel discussion on good housing, nimbysism and the need for rent controls.



Retrofit investment

From EcoBuild 2016, a seminar on how to make a business case for large scale retrofit investment, and some of the technical issues projects may encounter.



What makes housing fit for the future?

'Generation Rent' need to "get up and start shouting" about the current housing situation in the UK, according to panellists at EcoBuild 2016.



Unusual building design of the week - The Oculus

Santiago Calatrava's Oculus opens in Lower Manhattan, adjacent to the Ground Zero memorial.



The Mile

Concept designs unveiled for the world's highest vertical park and observation deck.



Steel Council

Government convenes the first meeting of the Steel Council to map the sector's long-term future.



BREEAM - Value increases while costs reduce

The additional capital costs of achieving a BREEAM Excellent rating have fallen to a surprising low over the last decade.



Building of the week - Trump Tower New York



Controversies behind the original Trump Tower, the building that "established Trump as a bad guy."

Around the web

New London Architecture, 10 March

Survey reveals an additional 119 tall buildings planned for the capital since last year, taking the total to more than 400.

CIOB 8 March

Winners of the CIOB International Innovation & Research Awards announced.

Gov.uk 7 March

Government publishes an interactive map listing protected assets and other community rights uses.

BBC, 4 March

New York opens the world's most expensive station, the World Trade Center Transportation Hub.

GCR, 4 March

Foster & Partners and Nissan announce plans for cars that can store and distribute renewable energy to their owner's homes.

Construction Enquirer 4 March

BDP bought by Japanese firm Nippon Koei.

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