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# Designing Buildings Wiki

The construction industry knowledge base

## Featured articles and news

### This week's featured article - The state of the trades



A great infographic about the construction skills shortage and attitudes about the trades from Climadoor.

### Unusual building design of the week - Dancing House, Prague

Prague's Dancing House, inspired by Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, and built to celebrate the Czech Republic's birth.



### Fast track planning proposals

The government's radical proposals to marketise the planning application process.



### The rewards of complying with BIM Level 2

A BRE interview with engineering consultancy ADEPT about their Level 2 compliance. They discuss BIM's benefits to them, their clients and supply chain.



### Modern Slavery Act

With the passing into law of the Modern Slavery Act in March, what can responsible companies do to make a positive change?



### Buying green

Research reveals the proportion of construction businesses that use environmental and social criteria when selecting suppliers.



### Dumb buildings

BSRIA's Roderic Bunn asks whether 'smart' buildings are too clever by half.



### Performance gap

Review reveals striking variations in low carbon buildings performance.



### Building of the week - Sydney Opera House



A profile of Jern Utzon's Sydney Opera House; a project that challenged numerous engineering conventions and overcame political obstacles to become a lasting icon of Australia.

## Around the web

### The Guardian, 17 February

Photographs of weird reinventions of city buildings, from skate-parks in churches to telephone box micro-cafes.

### GCR, 17 February

London reservoir starts work on Europe's largest floating solar panel project.

### BIMplus, 16 February

'BIM for Building Regs' software plug-ins could be launched by October.

### LinkedIn, 15 February

The founder and CEO of TenderSpace on the strong-arm or collaborative approaches to contracting.

### BuroHappold, 15 January

London's housing crisis - how can London grow affordably and at speed?

### Channel 4 News, 12 February

Youtube video about the privatisation of public spaces in cities - a heated exchange between writer Will Self and Tory minister Chris Philp.

### The Guardian, 12 February

An article about the modernist enthusiasts in Sheffield and Manchester campaigning to secure Brutalist landmarks.

### Gov.uk, 11 February

Government launches Rural Planning Review aimed at boosting productivity in rural areas.

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