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The winner of the Designing Buildings Wiki / Development Securities PLC ideas competition, "How do we keep investors interested in UK property?" is

Anna Rowell, a recent architecture graduate from the University of Nottingham, currently working for HTA Design LLP. Anna proposes that the industry should provide property investors with better information and that standard metrics should be adopted. "The digital era has transformed the role of the consumer, and it is time for this to translate to the property sector."

[Read more about Anna's idea](#)



Hidden waste

KLH Sustainability's Ritu Rajashekar considers waste streams on site and highlights the hidden impact of packaging.

Recent analysis carried out on the Media Centre project for London 2012 revealed that whilst only 469 tonnes of timber was officially delivered to site for use in the construction works, 907 tonnes of timber was skipped.

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Bid cost survey

In 2003, data gathered by the University of Reading and MarketingWorks revealed the internal cost of responding to a bid started at around £1.5k for consultants and £10k for contractors. This year they are re-assessing bid cost expenditure.

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3D printer

The RAF recently publicised their use of metal and 3D printers to manufacture spare parts for their Tornado jets, and in 2013 we were told a plastic rifle was manufactured using 3D printing. So it should come as no surprise to hear concrete could also be used as a layering medium with 3D printers.

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