



Knowledge Foundations

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- **Things you need to know this week** – Public Accounts Committee (PAC) report finds delays in converting government funding dedicated to levelling up to project delivery.
- **Latest Research** from Savills, RICS, CIOB, CBRE, JRF, The Smith Institute, and more.

Happy reading!

Issue 5 – May 2024

Welcome to UCEM's monthly *Knowledge Foundations* newsletter (formally the library e-bulletin), a compendium of news and views, research and resources relating to the educational sector and Built Environment.

The UCEM Library aims to disseminate information, promote current awareness, and share good practices, to assist in the continual professional development of all those working and aspiring to work within the Built Environment/Property and Construction industries.

"The mission of librarians is to improve society through facilitating knowledge creation in their communities."

(R. David Lankes)

The initial aim of this UCEM Library's current awareness service was to help keep students and staff informed of the education sector and industry-specific news, share current and best practices, highlight the latest research, and identify case studies that will support studying and supplement teaching and learning resources. However, over the years and upon request, the readership has now expanded.

We welcome news and information from readers to include in future editions - please [**email us**](#).

Supported Online Learning

The readership of *Knowledge Foundations* has expanded (to include Alumni) and is now promoted further afield, with the latest version appearing on the UCEM Website.

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UCEM News

LATEST UCEM News: Climate and Social Action

UCEM conference proposes collaboration to foster built environment inclusivity

- Leaders from across the built environment came together to discuss inclusivity and collaboration in a conference held by UCEM. "Joined up leadership for an inclusive built environment," was the latest in UCEM's 'INSPIRE' series,

"INSPIRE - so that we can together **IN**fluence for **S**kills, **P**roductivity, **I**ndustry, **R**esearch and **E**ducation"

this event underscores UCEM's commitment to **INSPIRE**. It embodies UCEM's dedication to reducing fragmentation and duplication in the sector, thereby enhancing the impact of existing diversity initiatives. Access further information on the event, and the article, ['UCEM conference proposes collaboration to foster built environment inclusivity'](#) in full.

Related link(s):

- ['UCEM to host built environment leadership event championing inclusivity'](#), and
- ['UCEM INSPIRE helps leaders build sustainable future'](#).

Other UCEM News



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UCEM's Built Environment Apprenticeship Awards 2024

- On Thursday 8 February, apprentices, employer representatives, alumni, staff and trustees came together to celebrate excellence across UCEM's various apprenticeship programmes.

Held in line with **National Apprenticeship Week (NAW)**, the ceremony was a chance to champion and recognise the impact of Apprenticeships on the built environment. Once again, The Orangery, Cavendish Square, London provided the perfect location of the ceremony, blending the old and new as various generation of UCEM apprentices and alumni began arriving.

Access further information on the event, the award winners and the article, ['UCEM's Built Apprenticeship Awards 2024'](#) in full.

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UCEM celebrates receiving ISO 14001 certification

UCEM have been awarded an ISO 14001 certification – an internationally recognised global standard that sets out the criteria for successful environment management systems.

This ISO is UCEM's first recognition of this kind. The aim of this standard is to help organisations establish an environmental management system – a framework that allows them to manage environmental issues, improve the efficiency of resource usage and reduce waste.

Being awarded this ISO:

- Demonstrates UCEM's commitment to the environment
- Increases employee engagement and environmental awareness throughout the organisation
- Improves the confidence of stakeholders and strengthens UCEM's reputation
- Provides UCEM with a competitive and financial advantage through improved efficiencies and reduced costs
- Encourages suppliers to improve their environmental performance.

The awarding of this ISO is just one part of our wider sustainability strategy and fits into the **How we operate** stated of the UCEM's ongoing [Globe initiative](#). It also addresses 13 of the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) set out by the United Nations. Rather than existing within a silo, this certification forms part of our vision to create a culture of sustainability within the organisation.

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The next steps moving forward will be for UCEM to maintain this standard, keep up the hard work that went into achieving it, and more forward by displaying continuous improvement in future audits.

Access further information on the event, and the article, '[UCEM celebrates receiving ISO 14001 certification](#)' in full.

Related Links:

- [Globe: UCEM's ambition go create a more sustainable built environment](#)
- [Introducing: our Student Officers for Sustainability.](#)

Also: Please visit the '[Sustainability Hub](#)' within **Knowledge Foundations** for further supporting information.

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UCEM awarded two research grants to explore gender equality challenges in 2024

UCEM is proud to have received two more externally funded research grants from the British Council to continue its exploration of gender equality.

These two projects follow **three previous grant received in 2023**, which led to successful research in Egypt and Jordan in the form of **project workshops** and reflect UCEM's continued efforts to champion gender equality on an international scale.

The new grants, which will focus on gender equality **Pakistan** and **Brazil**, are 12 months in duration.

Access further information on the event, and the article, '[UCEM awarded two research grants to explore gender equality challenges in 2024](#)' in full.

UCEM co-hosts international conference and signs partnership agreement with Batangas State University, Philippines

On November 22-24, UCEM co-hosted the sixth International Research Conference on Innovations in Engineering, Science and Technology (IRCIEST) at Batangas State University – Philippines' national engineering university.

UCEM was invited to co-host, and to sign a 5-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) collaboration partnership, as a leading player in sustainable built environment research. The MoU will support academic collaboration in the pursuit of mutually beneficial activities over the coming years, including research projects, conferences and webinars.

IRCIEST is a biannual conference that brings together academics, researchers, students and industry professionals from the Philippines and around the world. This event is designed to be a collaborative platform for attendants to network and share their knowledge, findings and experiences in the fields of engineering, science and technology. The overarching theme of this year's conference was ***Propelling Transformations and Accelerating Reforms through Research Innovations***. Specific focus was paid to artificial intelligence, food and agriculture and energy and environment, among many other fields, emerging technologies and approaches in the global landscape.

Learn and access further information on the [IRCIEST event](#), and the article, '[UCEM co-hosts international conference and signs partnership agreement with Batangas State University, Philippines](#)' in full.

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Also:

UCEM launches 'Be part of the change' to challenge lack of representation in the built environment

UCEM INSPIRE event brings together sustainability leaders, and related articles -

- **Foundations for success: UCEM convenes experts to improve built environment apprenticeships**
- **UCEM to convene cross industry event on enabling successful built environment apprenticeships.**

Tackling the Climate Crisis – deeper engagement from smaller and specialist universities highlighted in new report,

UCEM places 13th in list of best 50 training providers,

UCEM hosts hybrid workshop on gender equality in Jordan and Egypt,

UCEM joins campaign to drive better gender balance at board level, and

- **Access more information on UCEM's diversity and inclusion objectives.**

CIOB and UCEM team up to deliver an apprenticeship with a route to chartered status,

UCEM gains indefinite degree awarding powers,

UCEM reasserts its commitment to organisational excellence with Advance HE membership,

Note: Keep abreast of the latest UCEM News and events

– Read our blog to keep updated on Building Environment industry insights, student case studies, and thoughts from UCEM Principal: Ashley Wheaton.

- **For more on UCEM's ambitions, take a look at the Institution's *Vision and Strategy* brochure**

Further information and the latest developments can also be found via the **UCEM Website**, & don't forget that the UCEM **e-Library** can be accessed 24/7 (via the VLE-Virtual Learning Environment) with a wealth of valuable resources to help 😊. If you have any further questions, please contact:

- Student enquiries – Student Central on our VLE
- Employer enquiries – **businessdevelopment@ucem.ac.uk**
- Other enquiries –

Email: **reception@ucem.ac.uk**, Tel: +44(0)118 467 2100

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Other News

Things you need to know this week: Report highlights failings in levelling up funding

- Public Accounts Committee (PAC) finds delays in converting government funding dedicated to levelling up to project delivery.

Just over 10 percent of government funds promised for levelling up have been spent and are making a difference on the ground, [a report](#) issued by the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) in March 2024 has found. The PAC's report says that, of the £10.47 billion in total funding from central government, which must be spent by 2025-26, local authorities were able to spend only £1.24 billion from the government's three funds as of September 2023. The three significant funds to support local places are the Towns Fund, Levelling Up Fund and UK Shared Prosperity Fund. It found only £3.7 billion had been given to local authorities out of the total allocation by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) by December 2023. DLUHC cited project-specific issues and the impact of the pandemic and inflation for its lower than anticipated level of spending to date. Dame Meg Hillier MP, chair of the committee said, "The levels of delay that our report finds in one of the government's flagship platforms is absolutely astonishing".

Also, this month,

- A panel tasked with shaping Liverpool's long-term future has recommended the city establish a locally led urban development corporation (LLUDC) to help drive its regeneration and growth, and housing secretary Michael Gove has endorsed its finding. Liverpool is set to be the first area to adopt the LLUDC model, which was established by the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act. The move would pave the way for dedicated planning powers and speedier routes to compulsory purchase of land and be supported by an expanded city development team in Liverpool City Council, supplemented by expertise from government agency Homes England. The report by the Liverpool Strategic Futures Advisory Panel says the LLUDC will be nested in the Liverpool Regeneration Partnership. The advisory panel is chaired by Liverpool City Region mayor Steve Rotherham, working with Baroness Judith Blake and Sir Howard Bernstein. Housing secretary Michael Gove called the panel's report "a clear vision for building a better, stronger future for the citizens of Liverpool and the wider city region."

- Developer Urban Splash has agreed a deal with Sheffield City Council to lease the former Cole Brothers building in the city. The deal will see the former store building converted into a mixed-use entertainment, leisure and retail venue with flexible workspace. The grade 2 listed building is a local landmark, having opened as

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Cole Brother's store in the 1960s and later being home to retailer John Lewis before closing in 2021.

- Affordable homes provider Places for People and its fund management business Thriving Investments have acquired for-profit registered housing provider Rosewood Housing from FRP, the administrators of housebuilder Inland Homes. Rosewood has 61 homes in management across the south east. John Tatham, finance and investor director at Thriving Investments, said "This transaction enables us to become an active market participant in what is a high growth asset class, whilst also ensuring the long-term future of Rosewood business."

- Government agency Homes England has acquired a brownfield site in Worthing town centre from the council, with a view to bringing it forward for development with around 250 homes. The Teville Gate site was bought by the council in 2021 to drive its regeneration and is the first site in the south east to be acquired by the government agency through the Brownfield Infrastructure and Land Fund. Homes England is now working up its proposal, but in the meantime will lease the site back to Worthing Borough Council.

- Jim Eyre, co-founder and director of architect WilkinsonEyre was awarded the Outstanding Contribution to Real Estate Award at the Urban Land Institute's (ULI) UK Leadership Awards this month (see publication date). At the same event, Adina David, executive director of investment manager MGT, received the Emerging Talent Award for her contribution to real estate.

[Read the article, Smit, J. \(2024\) 'Need to know: Report highlights failings in levelling up funding' in full.](#)

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Case Study: Creating a sustainable neighbourhood in a city

- Leeds' Climate Innovation District is designed to be both environmentally and socially sustainable, the author of this article finds.

As its name suggests, the Climate Innovation District is a trailblazer. Located in Leeds' South Bank regeneration area, beside the River Aire, the scheme by developer CITU has been inspired by sustainable thinking in housebuilding and by Scandinavia design and placemaking.

The first phase of homes was released for sale in late 2017 and first residents moved in two years later. The latest element of the sustainable neighbourhood is the apartment development, Aire Lofts.

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Challenges

The district has been designed to be environmentally, economically and socially sustainable. It has highly energy efficient, low carbon homes, social amenities and a walkable and family friendly environment, which is itself within easy walking distance of Leeds city centre.

This broad model for sustainable living was masterplanned by Scandinavia architect White Arkitekter and draws on Scandinavian housing design ideas and densities. As part of its sustainable approach, the district's homes are designed and manufactured on site in Leeds, with CITU's in-house design and architecture team leading the scheme.

Since the scheme's inception, CITU has been working with affordable housing provider Leeds Community Homes (LCH) to incorporate affordable housing into the district. "Often developments treat affordable housing as an inconvenient add-on to be accommodated," says CITU managing director Jonathan Wilson, "rather than an opportunity to build a truly inclusive and diverse community where every person has something to value to contribute."

Solution

Aire Lofts comprises 108 apartments, 100 of which are for market sale. The developer has also worked with LCH to provide eight one- and two-bedroom apartments on affordable tenures, three of which are being marketed for shared ownership with the remainder being for social rent.

The development is designed to the Passivhaus energy efficiency standard, having a high level of airtightness, high performing insulation and triple glazed windows, which are estimated to be 24 per cent more efficient than a standard double-glazed equivalent. These elements are intended to help to minimise heating requirements and bills for residents, while providing high levels of comfort.

Social sustainability is also designed into the scheme. Open, shared outdoor spaces, including a large central green, enable residents to come together so that, over time, they are able to form a sociable and inclusive community.

A new green space, due to be opened to the public imminently, will incorporate a football pitch, outdoor cooking activities and a tennis wall.

In total, there are now 210 completed homes in the Climate Innovation District, so its community is already becoming established.

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The neighbourhood is, however, far from completed. The developer estimates that it is around eight years away from build out, when it is expected to have 955 homes in all.

[Read the Case Study, Smith, J \(2024\) 'Creating a sustainable neighbourhood in a city' in full.](#)

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Analysis: Concerns continue as biodiversity rule comes into force

- Developers are now required to protect and enhance the natural environment, but questions remain over delivery and the likely impact on nature, finds the author of this article.

After some three months' delay, the government's biodiversity net gain (BNG) requirement came into force this week (see publication date) for major new housing, industrial and commercial developments in England. The new rule requires developers to improve habitats for wildlife, setting out how they will deliver an improvement of at least ten per cent in the biodiversity value of their sites in a BNG plan, which must be approved by the local planning authority. Small sites – of one to nine homes – will have to meet the requirement from 2 April, while implementation is not expected to happen for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project until next year (2025).

The delays in introducing the BNG requirement prompted concerns that the ground had not been sufficiently prepared for its implementation. Three months on, questions remain.

The findings of an ongoing survey on BNG by the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) show confidence in the ability to handle the new requirements in the planning process remains low. In the public sector, 81 per cent of survey respondents said they needed further "guidance, advice and support", while 68% of all planners said they needed more staff and skills, with 61 per cent requiring more case studies of best practice.

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) has confirmed funding of £10.6 million for the next financial year to help support the provision of essential additional resources to help implement BNG. "Only time will tell whether this funding will be enough," said Victoria Hills, RTPI chief executive.

RTPI members are not alone in voicing doubts about resourcing for the new requirement. Rob Wall, associate director of property industry body the British Property Federation, noted that, "The new mandatory BNG regulations will place an additional burden on

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already over-stretched local authority planning departments.”

Sam Stafford, planning director at housebuilder body the Home Builders Federation, also pointed to the new demands being placed on housebuilders. “Operational challenges must not be underestimated,” he said. “Ensuring there are viable options available – particularly for small sites – is vital and expectations must be managed as this new way of working beds in.”

He continued, “Whilst the developers of larger sites have been increasingly including BNG on their developments, for smaller sites, where it is not possible to deliver on-site solutions, there is a reliance on off-site credits, the availability of which is a challenge in some areas, with the market still in its infancy.”

While local authority planners and developers may still be getting to grips with the BNG requirement, some rural landowners have been quick to see the potential to market off-site biodiversity units to developers.

Further comments from industry, information and read the article, Smit, J. (2023), ‘Analysis: Concerns continue as biodiversity rule comes into force’ in full.

Also: Analysis: Property prospects for 2023

- The UK may be destined for recession this year (2023), but property and construction industry forecasters see some bright spots among the gloom.

Smit, J (2023), ‘Analysis: Property prospects for 2023’.

Review: Conversion and extensive of a historic mill building

- Crusader Works is the latest mill building to be revived for housing in Manchester, retaining many original features, but without affordable homes the scheme lacks social diversity, find the author of this article.

Is Manchester in danger of running out of mills to convert? The heart of the city is now unrecognisable as many areas of dereliction and wasteland have been converted or used to provide high-rise apartment blocks. The Ancoats area has led the way, where many of the mills such as Murray Mill, Avro Mill and Beehive Mill have been extremely successfully converted into new homes and office space. Each one has incorporated innovative architecture and modifications to appeal to millennials and generation z. That process is now moving out from the centre and to the west. The Crusader Mill redevelopment on the edge of the centre is the latest addition in an area called Piccadilly East, behind the city’s main station.

Crusader Works, which was originally known as the Phoenix

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Works, was built in the late 1840s, and is a rare example of a large, mid-nineteenth-century textile machinery works. The building was grade 2 listed in 1994. Developer Capital & Centric acquired the building in 2017 when it was semi-derelict and embarked on the residential conversion. The scheme, designed by architect shedkm, comprises two elements:

- The conversion of the existing building, and alongside it,
- A new build section.

The conversion of the listed shell now consists of the existing building together with a community courtyard and other amenities alongside 75 dwellings in the adjacent new build complex.

On first arriving at Crusader, like all mills, the scale is dominant and impressive with its industrial character strong and repetitive. The outside façade is uniform and the best features have been preserved and enhanced with the building's exterior brickwork lightly cleaned. Walking round the side of the building you reach the concealed entrance, marked with an industrial gate that is highly appropriate for the setting.

On entering, you go into an enclosed communal courtyard with a not unattractive landscaped garden with seating, barbecues, timber and industrial elements have been retained, which ensure the history of the building is still visible. The communal courtyard features an attractive cloistered walkway on either side and each apartment is accessed from an inward-looking deck.

There are the usual shedkm-branded yellow accents, which work well in breaking up the walls of brick and create a sharp contrast between old and new. Glazed lift cores and metal-gridded bridges provide views down to the courtyard from the apartments. The new building does not set my heart racing architecturally, but it continues the industrial feel of the area.

It is disappointing that the development has no affordable housing, which means the development lacks social diversity, and is almost too manufactured to appeal to a certain demographic. It is however, a well-designed and executed project that brings an underused historical building back into use. Working with a listed historic mill obviously is not easy, but repurposing historic buildings is not only essential in maintaining the social heritage of a city, but it is also part of a diverse built environment.

[Further information and read the article, Graham, M., 'Review: Conversion and extension of a historic mill building' in full.](#)

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Education Latest [[April 2024](#)]

[Access the latest Education news](#)

[Teachers back call for suicide prevention training](#) – Teachers have supported calls for all school leaders to be given suicide prevention training amid warnings of a “mental health emergency.” Education watchdog Ofsted has faced greater scrutiny since the suicide of headteacher Ruth Perry.

For Education sector-related articles, see also: [School forced into daily Raac inspection](#), and UCEM article (2023) [‘The concrete crisis: what’s being done to address RAAC risks’](#), 13th September. Reading: UCEM.

UCEM student, Turner C (2022) [‘Apprentice shares experience as she learns’](#), *Built Environment Journal*, London: RICS.
#BuiltForApprenticeships #BuildingControl #Apprentice

BBC Latest – Climate [[April 2024](#)]

[Access the BBC News, Latest Climate reality check](#)

[Rail body wants staff to be ‘amateur meteorologists’](#)

- Network Rail is aiming to turn hundreds of staff into “amateur meteorologists” as part of plans to deal with the effects of climate change.

It wants to help staff to interpret weather forecasts to make better decisions during storms or heatwaves.

The public rail body said it will spend £2.8bn over the next five years on efforts to cope with extreme weather.

Also: [What is COP28 and why is it so important?](#)

[Four ways climate change worsens extreme weather](#), and

[UN calls for radical changes to slow warming](#)

- A review of action on climate since the Paris agreement calls for an end to fossil fuels without carbon capture.

Related article: - [A really simple guide to climate change](#)

Also: Please visit the [‘Sustainability Hub’](#) within *Knowledge Foundations* for further information and related articles.

BBC Latest - Coronavirus – latest developments [[April 2024](#)]

Coronavirus pandemic

- What to do if you have Covid,
- Covid jab could be available privately from 2024,
- Error to open pubs not schools, Covid inquiry told, and
- Is Covid now just a regular winter bug.

[Access the BBC Health News, incl. Latest Coronavirus pandemic news](#)

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Related Link(s): Coronavirus: Why some people want to keep working from home –

[Access the BBC News article entitled, ‘Coronavirus: Why some people want to keep working from home,’ in full.](#)

Also:

[Living with Covid plan to restore our freedom - PM](#)

[What are the UK’s ‘Living with Covid’ plans?](#)

The evolution of building surveying education during COVID-19

- In January and February 2020, as the pandemic was starting to gain momentum and spreading around the globe, universities in the UK were beginning to consider how to react. As a sector, UK higher education is relatively familiar with web-based methods of communication, teaching, and learning.

In fact, the University College of Estate Management (formerly the College of Estate Management) and the traditional home of RICS correspondence courses, operates their business totally online.

A lot of universities operate a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) which allows them to communicate with their students and provides the opportunity to interact with them in terms of online courses and assessments, and as a depository for learning materials.

This is allowing the students to revisit the materials to embed or reinforce their learning or to catch up if a session was missed. Common VLE’s include Blackboard, WebCT, and Moodle. Their functionality and features are all relatively similar.

Although the physical libraries were closed, universities operate electronic libraries which offer access to a large number of electronic databases, and a growing number of books and journals, ensuring that the students and staff, can continue to access the majority of relevant information for their studies and research.

Note: Further information and the **UCEM e-Library Portrait** is provided later within *Knowledge Foundations*.

[Further information and access to the article ‘The evolution of building surveying education during COVID-19’, in full.](#)

[Access further information about UCEM’s Supported Online Learning > e-Library.](#)

Lessons Learned - Did COVID-19 accelerate construction’s digital transformation?

- With many industry professionals forced to work remotely, is now the perfect time for construction to get up to speed with all

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things BIM and digital? *Construction Manager* magazine discusses if the coronavirus changed the way we work forever.

David Philp – Global BIM/MIC consultancy director, AECOM says, **“It’s an opportunity to rethink how we can use technology and innovate.”** (Philp 2020)

Mark Boyle – Global design direct, Robert Bird says, **‘Our digital processes lend themselves to remote working.’** (Boyle 2020), and Gary Fannon – Technology director, Turner and Townsend says, **‘Early digital adopters will be reaping the rewards.’** (Fannon 2020)

Andrew Gamblen – Digital manager, Willmott Dixon says, **‘People will become more comfortable collaborating remotely.’** (Gamblen 2020)

Richard Saxon – CBE Chairman of JCT, client adviser at Deploi BIM Strategies says, **“Wartime scenarios” will push the digital agenda.’** (Saxon 2020)

[Read the *Construction Management* \(formerly *Construction Manager*\) article ‘Will Covid-19 accelerate construction’s digital transformation’, in full.](#)

Related links:

What will the post-pandemic office look like? - With remote working seemingly here to stay, anecdotal evidence suggests that firms are looking to cut office space by up to 40%. How is the workplace having to evolve to remain relevant?

[Read the *Construction Management* article, ‘What will the post-pandemic office look like?’ in full.](#)

‘Generation Work from Home’ – the impact of default flexible working - The UK government has announced proposals to make flexible working a ‘day one’ right for employees, as part of reforms to the Flexible Working Regulation 2014.

[Read the Shoosmiths article, ‘Generation Work from Home’ – the impact of default flexible working’ in full.](#)

Free content related to Coronavirus, the management of epidemics and the wider impact on society



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Emerald Publishing, one of the UCEM e-Library subscription services, have brought together a number of research

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resources related to the Coronavirus group of viruses, and epidemics more broadly.

Emerald collated research and the management of epidemics and made it freely available to assist practitioners and researchers who are working to tackle the current situation and likely consequences. Whilst these materials do not only relate to the current clinical challenges of Novel Coronavirus, but they may also provide relevant context to how the world reacted to other previous Coronavirus outbreaks (notably SARS) and epidemics.

[Access Emerald Publishing's 'Coronavirus, the management of epidemics and the wider impact on society'](#)

Covid-19 and the impact on business

HSTalks

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HS Talks - Interviews with academics and experts from the business community, on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, are now available in the HS Talks 'Business & Management' collection that UCEM subscribes to.

1. **[The impact of Covid-19 on organisations](#)**
2. **[The impact of Covid-19 on psychological safety in the workplace](#)**
3. **[The impact of Covid-19 on cybersecurity and data privacy](#)**

Latest News: *Construction Management (CM)* (formerly *Construction Manager*) [April 2024]

Bletchley Park: the enigma of estate management

- Home of World War Two's codebreakers, Bletchley Park is constantly looking for new ways to tell its stories. The author of this article talks to head of site works Phil Atkins about the conservation and new build projects on the famous estate.

When the board of trustees at Bletchley Park advertised for a head of site works in late 2015, there can't have been many who could have fitted the bill. They were looking for someone who could manage the FM and maintenance team, the landscaping team of salaried staff and volunteers, and someone who could project manage an ongoing programme of capital works. They even wanted the candidate to have CAD skills.

Step forward Phil Atkins, whose unusual career path now seems almost tailor-made for his job at the former workplace of codebreakers such as Alan Turing during the Second World War.

Further information, as well as access to read the article in full – Smith, K. (2024) '**Bletchley Park: the enigma of estate management**', *Construction Management* [online], 4 April. Available at: <https://constructionmanagement.co.uk/bletchley-park-the-enigma-of-estate-management/> [accessed 5 April 2024]

[Back to top](#)**Also: Reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC): key questions answered**

Useful RAAC guidance is shared, including the following:

- [Institution for Structural Engineers: RAAC investigation and assessment guidance page.](#)
- [Office of Government Property: RAAC safety briefing notice.](#)

Further information and related articles, as well as access to read the article in full – Mann, W. (2023) '[Reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete \(RAAC\): key questions answered \(constructionmanagement.co.uk\)](#)', *Construction Management* [online], 4 September. [accessed 9 February 2024]

Related article:

UCEM article (2023) '[The concrete crisis: what's being done to address RAAC risks](#)', 13th September. Reading: UCEM.

Latest News: Global Construction Review (GCR) [April 2024]

[Designs complete for \\$2.5bn Baghdad Metro as 26 bidders express interest](#) – The government of Iraq has announced that designs for the \$2.5bn Baghdad Metro have been completed, agency Iraqi News reports.

According to Nasser Al Asadi, the prime minister's adviser on transport affairs, the system will eventually cover 148km. Its 64 stations will bring mass transit to 85% of the city's 8 million inhabitants, and will link up all of its holy sites, colleges and tourism districts.

Access and read the article in full, Rogers, D., (2024) '[Designs complete for \\$2.5bn Baghdad Metro as 26 bidders express interest](#)', *Global Construction Review* [online], 5 April. Available at: www.globalconstructionreview.com/designs-complete-for-2-5bn-baghdad-metro-as-26-bidders-express-interest/ [accessed 5 April 2024]

Shoosmiths UK law firm Insights and Articles

- Read the latest insights, articles, and commentary from Shoosmiths UK law firm or explore their content library, or listen to the latest podcasts **[April 2024]** surrounding sectors such as **Living (Sector) incl. Real Estate** covering:

- [Shoosmiths part of new commission to tackle England's housing shortage](#), (03/24). Also:
- [Shoosmiths experts comment on the Spring Budget '24](#), &
- [One step closer to the new Building Safety Levy](#) (02/24).

[Court considers discretionary grounds of opposition to a proposed lease renewal under the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954](#)

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How developers can prepare now for the Building Safety Act series:

How developers can prepare now for the Building Safety Act: Part 1 of 3

The Building Safety Act received Royal Assent on 28 April 2022. With aspect of the new regime unclear, this series of articles looks at what steps developers can take now.

How developers can prepare now for the Building Safety Act: Part 2 of 3

In Part 2, Shoosmiths discuss the duty holder regime and look at the steps developers can take now to prepare.

How developers can prepare now for the Building Safety Act: Part 3 of 3

In this final part of this series, Shoosmiths take a look at the new gateway regime for higher risk buildings.

Keywords – Real estate, ESG, New How Perspectives, New How,

The future of build-to-rent market Real Estate Podcast series Podcast – Government policy BTR (Build to Rent)

The future of the BTR market from Shoosmiths' Living team:

Podcast series #1 – The future of BTR (Build to Rent)

Issues discussed in this podcast include:
Performance of the sector; Rent collection rates; Challenges of lockdown restrictions; How buildings and amenity space will change as a result of the pandemic; and where the market is going.

Podcast series #2 – The future of BTR (Build to Rent)

Issues discussed in this podcast include:
Ongoing attractiveness of the sector; Top three things to look for in a BTR scheme; Future challenges for BTR; The role of technology, and BTR housing.

Podcast series #3 – The future of BTR (Build-to-Rent)

In this podcast, the last in this series, issues discussed include:
Planning reforms; Permitted development rights; Rise of residential in the high street; Fire Safety; and Rent controls / regulations.

The Pathway to Lifelong Education: Reforming the UK's Skills System

- The UK has a longstanding skills problems which is impacting on economic growth. Adult participation in learning has declined, particularly among part-time students, while fewer people in work are taking up training to reskill or upskill. More

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generally, there is a shortfall in vocation and higher technical qualifications.

In this first report, with Ashley Wheaton, Principal, University College of Estate Management acknowledged as one of the contributing experts, the Lifelong Education Commission seeks to recommend how the barriers to adult learning can be removed; what future investment is needed to support this; and what change is needed to ensure the maximum flexibility that will benefit learners and deliver on the promise of a whole system change for lifelong education.

The Report makes a series of recommendations for reform, including:

- A single source of careers advice, to 'professionalise' and regulate careers information, advice and guidance
- Means-tested Maintenance Grants for learners over and above the Lifelong Loan Entitlement, in order to subsidise costs and encourage uptake, particularly among those for whom debt is a barrier
- The abolition of the Equivalent or Lower Qualification (ELQ) rules, to support retraining at higher levels
- Extending the Apprenticeship Levy to cover a wide range of high- quality training, including short modular courses, in order to provide additional flexibility and incentivise employer investment in skills training
- Stronger HE-FE partnerships to provide integrated pathways to higher-level skills; and alignment with industry and online providers to enable better coordination between schools, colleges, universities, and employers.
- Reform of the regulatory framework to simplify the jurisdiction between multiple qualification bodies;
- Learning lessons from Scotland, where 'articulation agreements' offer clear routes between FE and HE allowing students with Higher National Certificates and Diplomas to access the second or third years of degree programmes.

Access the summary and report, 'The Pathway to Lifelong Education: Reforming the UK's Skills System' in full.

Related Links:

FE news.co.uk (2021) '[Reforming the UK's Skills System – First Report from the Lifelong Education Commission](#)'[online]. Available at: www.fenews.co.uk [accessed 8 October 2021]

Learning and teaching reimagined - Exploring the 2020 experience as well as the changing aspirations of the nature and shape of learning and teaching for the future.

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Maguire D, Dale L, and Pauli M (2020) [Learning and teaching reimagined: a new dawn for higher education?](#) Bristol: JISC

New guidance from CIRIA - Construction Industry Research and Information Association

Latest update [April 2024] CIRIA is pleased to announce new [free CIRIA practice guidance](#) and publications that include:

[Code of practice for property flood resilience \(C790\)](#) –

This guidance provides confidence on the use of the standards within the code of practice that provides a benchmark for those procuring and delivering property flood resilience (PFR).

[The Management of advanced numerical modelling in geotechnical modelling \(C791\)](#) -

This guide provides a framework for those who oversee the process, provide the information needed for this task and use the results of the numerical modelling.

[Methodology for quantifying the benefits of offsite construction \(C792\)](#) -

This guidance proposes a framework for comparing construction approaches, making it possible to keep consistent records across projects and identify all the possible benefits available.

Other guides include:

[Retrofitting ground gas protection measure \(C795\)](#)

[Grouted anchors and soil nails \(C794\)](#)

Grenfell Tower Inquiry – latest developments

- The Grenfell Tower Inquiry was created to examine the circumstances leading up to and surrounding the fire at Grenfell Tower on the night of 14 June 2017.

[Latest update \[April 2024\]](#)

[End of Phase 2 Hearings](#) – The Inquiry concluded hearings from Phase 2 and is closed to the public. The Inquiry Panel will continue preparing the final report.

Phase 1 Report – The Inquiry has published its report on Phase 1 of its investigations.

Also: Latest update from the Inquiry – The next drop-in session for BSRs and members of the public will be on Monday 25 March 2024 from 16:30-17:30 at Bay20, 71 St Marks Rd, London W10 6JG.

• **January 2024 Newsletter** – The Inquiry has published an update on its work.

[Read further information from the ‘Grenfell Tower Inquiry’ website.](#)

[Back to top](#)**Related Links:**

By visiting the 'Built Environment Research' section of *Knowledge Foundations* and House of Commons Library, you will note under 'Housing and Planning' and within 'Social policy,' the top research briefings include - **The Cladding External Wall System (EWS)**.

Also:**Cladding: Panels failed fire tests 13 years before Grenfell -**





Leaked test results suggest the government and construction industry had early evidence of the dangers posed by cladding, 13 years before the Grenfell Tower fire.

Panels, commonly used on buildings in the UK, failed fire tests carried out in 2004. The Inquiry venue at 13 Bishop's Bridge Road, London, W2 6BU. The results marked "Commercial in confidence," were circulated within an industry advisory group. They were recently passed to the BBC (see publication date) and, until now, never made public. Hundreds of thousands of flat owners are now threatened with large bills because of construction materials which pose a risk in fires.

The 2004 results were among the first from a British test of full-scale building systems, developed in the late 1990s when there were growing concerns in Parliament about the risks of cladding. The tests were part of research commissioned the then Labour government to determine what standards building systems should have to meet.

Symonds T (2021) '[Cladding: Panels failed fire tests 13 years before Grenfell](#)', *BBC News* [online], 16 September. Available at: www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-58584348 [accessed 23 February 2022]

Related Topics:

-  [Construction industry](#)
-  [UK fire safety](#)
-  [Grenfell Tower fire](#)
-  [Grenfell Tower Inquiry](#)

Also:

[RICS Fire safety Hub \[online\]](#) - containing advice for the public, building owners, landlords, corporate occupiers and RICS professionals and information on fire safety on buildings with external wall systems.

[Shoosmiths Insights](#) [online] - **[Lessons from Grenfell: New fire safety responsibilities](#)**

Amendments to the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 will add to the existing responsibilities of Responsible Persons under the Order which were expanded earlier this year (2023) by The Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2021[1].

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Government details fire safety-related changes to planning system

- The government has released details of new requirements in the planning system to bolster fire safety in high-rise residential buildings, in response to the Grenfell Tower Fire.

The changes come in the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government's (MHCLG) plans to introduce '[planning gateway one](#)', which it said would deliver on one of Dame Judith Hackitt's recommendations following her independent review of Building Regulations and fire safety.

The new requirements aim to ensure fire safety matters as they relate to land use planning are incorporated at the planning stage for schemes that involve high-rise residential buildings.

The changes, which came into effect from **1 August 2021** will:

- involve the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) becoming a statutory consultee before permission is granted for development which involves or is likely to involve a high-rise residential building.
- require relevant applications for planning permission to include a fire statement to ensure applicants have considered fire safety issues as they relate to land use planning matters such as layout and access.
- help inform effective decision-making by local planning authorities or the secretary of state so that those decisions reflect and respond to the needs of the local community.

The new requirements will be introduced by making amendments to the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015.

As announced in the Queen's Speech (11 May), the Building Safety Bill is also expected to be introduced this year, which will establish a new building safety regime in England.

[Further information and access to the *Construction Manager* article, 'Government details fire safety-related changes to planning system,' in full.](#)

[RIBA Stirling Prize 2023](#)

The RIBA Stirling Prize is the UK's most prestigious architecture award. The award is given to the architect of the building thought to be the most significant of the year for the evolution of architecture and the built environment.

RIBA Stirling Prize winner 2023: John Morden Centre by Mae. The [John Modern Centre](#) by Mae has been named winner of The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) Stirling Prize 2023, awarded to the UK's best new building.

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Founded in 1695, Modern College is a charity dedicated to providing older people in need with a home for life, including the provision of residential and nursing care. Further information (including a video of the project) is available via RIBA, [Architecture.com](#) [online].

Skills Agenda: Concerns for Skills Shortages in the 21st Century: A Review into the Construction Industry, Australia

This research paper addresses the underlying, influential factors concerning skills shortages in the Australian construction industry. The influential factors addressed include funding, training statistics, employer expectations, financial limitations, Industrial Relations and immigration.



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[Read the full research report 'Concerns for Skills Shortages in the 21st Century](#).

Tomorrow's Engineers



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Tomorrow's Engineers brings together resources and evidence to support the engineering community in getting the most out of their engagement activity. It includes information and guidance on a range of topics curated from across the STEM community.

[Access the Tomorrow's Engineers website](#)

RICS insight report: [Women in surveying](#)

- Women in surveying and the wider built environment sector face recurring challenges through their careers due to discrimination, bias (whether unconscious or intentional) and inequity in opportunities and systemic practices. This '23 [Women in Survey insight report](#) analyses existing RISC membership data and the results of their flagship 2022 Survey of women in the profession.

RICS's aim is to offer insights on why women are not progressing

Also:

[Access Women in construction: building a career in a challenging environment](#). Twelve case studies of women working in the construction industry and their experiences, and

Shah, R. (2024) '[Women in construction: how are minoritised ethnicities represented?](#)', *Construction Management*, 5 March 2024.

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RICS Market surveys – leading indicators in the real estate industry

Market surveys from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) include:

- **UK Residential Market Survey** – Used by government and key institutions, the Resi. Market Survey is a key indicator of conditions in UK residential sales and lettings.
- **Hong Kong Residential Market Survey** – The Hong Kong Residential Market Survey is a leading sentiment indicator of conditions in the Hong Kong residential sales and lettings markets.
- **UK & Global Construction Monitor** – The leading sentiment indicator of the construction markets.
- **UK Facilities Management Survey** – The UK Facilities Management survey is a quarterly indicator of activity and sentiment across the facilities management industry.
- **UK & Global Commercial Property Monitors** – The global commercial property monitors are leading indicators of conditions in commercial property occupier and investor markets around the world.
- **UK Economy and Property Market Update** – The Economy and Property Market Update is a new quarterly assessment of key macro, real estate and construction trends.
- **Market Surveys and Economic Analysis** – Used by governments, central banks, investors and other key stakeholders across the built environment, RICS market surveys provide a source of market intelligence.

Note: Further updates are provided within the 'Latest Property and Construction Statistics' section of *Knowledge Foundations*.

RICS – The Future of Surveying

- We know the challenges facing the built environment and the surveying profession – now it's time to act. We know the challenges facing the built environment and the surveying profession – now it's time to tackle them.

For over 150 years, RICS has led our profession through change, enabling our members to take advantage of the opportunities and manage the risks it presents. This change is now happening faster than ever, requiring us to think strategically about how we deploy our expertise and resource. To continue to provide leadership, we are constantly assessing our role as a standard setter, regulator, educator, and global professional body – to deliver confidence to governments, markets, and the public.

RICS Futures Report 2020 is our action agenda to keep up in a changing world.

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Access and download the Futures report to read RICS' full agenda for effecting change and responding to the biggest issues facing the natural and built environment, in full.

[Read the article, 'Future of Surveying' and gain access to the Futures report in full.](#)

GOV.UK, National Statistics - UK House Price Index: reports [Last updated March 2024]

- The UK House Price Index is a National Statistic. The [Northern Ireland House Price Index](#) is calculated and published quarterly.

The UK House Price Index (UK HPI) captures changes in the value of residential properties. The UK HPI uses sales data collected on residential housing transactions, whether for cash or with a mortgage.

Contents include the following:

- January 2024
- About the UK HPI
- Archived reports and data

Data is available at a national and regional level, as well as counties, local authorities, and London boroughs.

The summary report contains:

- Headline statistics
- The economic statement
- Price changes
- Sales volumes
- The property status
- The buyer status for Great Britain (excludes Northern Ireland)
- The funding status for Great Britain (excludes Northern Ireland)
- Housing transactions distributions

[Read the GOV.UK, National Statistics: 'House Price Index: reports,' Last Updated 20 March 2024' in full.](#)

Contents:

- December 2023
- About the UK HPI, and
- Archived reports and data.

Related Content:

- UK House Price Index: data downloads September 2022
- UK House Price Index: reports 2022
- UK House Price Index: data downloads October 2022
- UK House Price Index for October 2022
- UK House Price Index

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Tackling mental health and wellbeing within the construction industry



The construction industry reports some of the highest levels of workplace mental ill health.

Over the last three years (see publication date) Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) England has been working with Building Mental Health, the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) and the Lighthouse Club Construction Industry Charity to create a freely available, industry-wide framework and charter to tackle the mental health crisis in the construction industry.

[Find out more about the social value of the programme](#)

Related Links:

Q&A with Harold Samuel Research Prize (HSRP) recipient, Dr Katharine van Someren

Research is a fundamental aspect of university life. It is used to gain a further understanding for assignments and dissertations and by academics to explore topics that will broaden our understanding of society and the world around us. The HSRP is an annual opportunity for those interested in the building environment to submit a research proposal on a topic that could offer sector-changing insights.

What is the relationship between job and financial security and mental health in the construction workplace? UCEM spoke with HSRP recipient Dr Katharine van Someren, about her research on UK construction workplace poverty. You can access [UK construction workplace poverty: the impact of financial and job insecurity on mental health](#) on UCEM's publication page to learn more about Katharine's research.

Access the article '[Q&A Harold Samuel Research Prize \(HSRP\) recipient, Dr Katharine van Someren](#)' in full.

UCEM mental health strategy

UCEM published its first mental health strategy on 10 May 2021.

The strategy is designed to benefit both UCEM students and staff, having been written with input from both stakeholder groups.

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At the core of the document is the vision which states: UCEM will take a whole institution approach to develop one community that enables students of all levels along with staff to prioritise mental health and wellbeing.

There are five strategic aims supporting this vision which are:

1. to create a supportive whole university community that promotes positive mental health, and ensures mental health is a key strategic priority.
2. to ensure the UCEM community is informed and aware of the importance of good mental health and works to tackle the stigma surrounding mental health.
3. to ensure appropriate and timely support is provided to those who need it.
4. to develop links with external support services and stakeholders
5. to use data to evaluate and monitor the effectiveness of mental health interventions and inform future strategic development.

For more details, take a look at [UCEM's mental health strategy document](#). Access the article '[UCEM launches mental health strategy](#)' in full.

Understanding Mental Health in the Built Environment

In May 2020, the CIOB published their report on Understanding Mental Health in the Built Environment. The report, which surveyed people across the globe, presented harrowing statistics of high numbers of workers experiencing extreme levels of stress over a prolonged period, with many people reporting that they had considered taking their own life in 2019.

Access the CIOB's latest report *Understanding Mental Health in the Built Environment*, including the results from the CIOB survey of over 2,000 professionals. [Access CIOB online Policy Portal](#), & '[CIOB surveys the sector to gather data on mental health & stress](#)'

How can buildings have positive impact on wellbeing?

BSRIA's Henry Lawson discusses the importance of designing buildings that promote 'Wellbeing.' The theory sounds compelling but in practice, creating such building is complex.

[Access and read 'How can buildings have positive impact on wellbeing' in full.](#)

[Read Construction Manager article\(s\) entitled, 'Samaritans to work with roofers on mental health' in full,](#) and

[Banner artwork highlights construction suicides](#)

Sustainable outcomes for buildings

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) has published

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guidance on targeting, designing, and evaluating sustainable outcomes for buildings, defining concise measurable set of eight sustainable outcomes that correspond to key UN Sustainable Development Goals and can be delivered on building projects of all scales.

Access the RIBA Sustainable Outcomes Guide

National Trust planning principles

National Trust (NT), a charity that works to preserve and protect historic places and spaces – for ever for everyone.

The National Trust protect historic houses, gardens, mills, coastline, forests, woods, fens, beaches, farmland, moorland, islands, archaeological remains, nature reserves, villages, and pubs. While they are very passionate about open spaces and historic places, they also work hard in other areas too, including the environment, food, farming, transport, and heritage – to name but a few.

Most of the work they do though is affected by much wider global issues, which is why their interests extend far beyond just bricks and mortar.

National Trust (NT) – “Our planning principles”

The National Trust principles are used to guide them in their decision-making on the way land is developed and managed and include:

1. **Seeking to influence** – The NT seek to influence the planning system at local, regional, and national levels,
2. **Supporting spatial planning** – The NT support spatial planning which takes a holistic approach to its environment and its resources,
3. **Sensible management** – The NT promotes the wise management of the natural environment and built and cultural heritage,
4. **Protecting our environment** – The NT will seek to protect wild and remote landscapes from built development or urbanisation.
5. **Using property management plans** – In managing its land through management plans, the NT will support and help to achieve objectives,
6. **Objecting to proposals, where appropriate** – The NT object to land use or marine-based proposals that have a significant adverse impact on its properties and their settings and context, or in its wider interests.
7. **Using a sustainable construction approach** – When proposing development on their land to meet justified needs, the NT will use a sustainable construction approach. This will include the following:

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- Minimising resource use and generation of waste,
- Being energy efficient,
- Minimising or preventing all types of pollution and risk of flooding,
- Safeguarding important wildlife, landscape, and historic interests,
- Respecting local/regional distinctiveness, supporting local sources for goods and services where practical, and
- Encouraging community involvement and access.

The National Trusts' conservation process

The NT have developed the following criteria to ensure online suitable projects proceed:

- Adhere to the policies in the relevant local plan,
- Deliver energy efficiency and reduce carbon dioxide emissions,
- Build in harmony with the local environment, built and natural,
- Involve the local community throughout the process.

[Read the National Trust Land use and planning.](#)

[Access the National Trust website and our cause](#) (including Nature and climate, History and heritage, and Communities).

Foster + Partners Projects

Foster + Partners Projects – one of the most innovative architecture and integrated design practices in the world. Over the past four decades the practice has pioneered a sustainable approach to architecture through a strikingly wide range of work, from urban masterplans, public infrastructure, airports, civil and cultural buildings, offices and workplaces to private houses and product design. By visiting their website, you can gain further information about their current and past work, upcoming projects, and gain access to their-

- Image gallery,
- Sketches and drawings,
- Construction, - Facts and Figures, and
- Project downloads.

[Access Foster + Partners Projects](#)

New RIBA Plan of work 2020

RIBA Plan of Work 2020. This blog takes a look at the new RIBA Plan of Work 2020.

What is the RIBA Plan of Work? The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) first published the RIBA Plan of Work.

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in 1963. It originally provided a matrix to show the roles of participants in the design and construction processes.

It has since been updated in several editions, most recently in 2020. This has allowed it to adapt to the complexity of modern projects, industry demands and legislative and regulatory requirements.

What changed in 2020? In 2020, key changes were made to reflect the importance of sustainability and Building Information Modelling (BIM) in construction. The Plan of Work now also incorporates issues such as digitisation of the industry, Modern Methods of Construction, ethical issues, the value of aftercare and timing relating to planning applications and procurement.

This has included restructuring and renaming of the work stages from the 2013 Plan of Work:

0 – Strategic definition – no change

1 – Preparation and briefing – brief amended to briefing

2 – Concept design – no change

3 – Spatial coordination – formerly Developed design

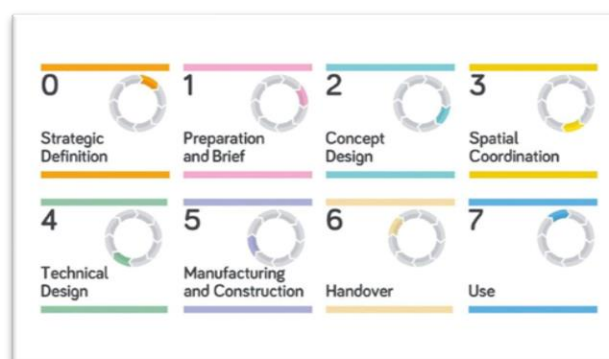
4 – Technical design – no change

5 – Manufacturing and construction – formerly Construction

6 – Handover – formerly Handover and close out

7 – Use – formerly in use

RIBA Plan of Work 2020:



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Source: Royal Institute of British Architects (2020) 'RIBA Plan of Work'

Note: The author of this blog, Jen Lemen-Hogarth is an Associate Tutor – UCEM and Partner – Property Elite.

[Access Property Elite's, Building Better Property Professionals, 'New RIBA Plan of Work 2020' \[Blog\], in full](#)

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Autodesk and CIOB map the digital construction journey

Autodesk and the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) have prepared an infographic to help construction businesses visualise their position on the digital journey.

[Access more information, view the infographic and read the article, entitled 'Autodesk and CIOB map the digital construction journey' in full.](#)

[Access further information from CIOB 'Digital Construction'](#)

- Digital technologies are now an integral part of our built environment. The choice is not when or if built assets will use technology, but rather how much will be used.

Building Information Modelling (BIM)

[UK BIM Framework – BIM Standards, Guides and Resources](#) - the overarching approach to implementing BIM in the UK, brought together by UK BIM Alliance, BSI and CDBB. The guidance is structured as indicated below:

Guidance Part 1 and **Guidance Parts A-F** support the implementation of the overall published ISO 19650 series. **Guidance Part 2 and 3** pick up on content specific to ISO 19650-2 and ISO 19650-3, respectively. Additional **guidance** is also available as part of the **UK BIM Framework** to support the transition to ISO 19650 and Government Soft Landings

[Access UK BIM Framework - Resources](#)

[Latest BIMPlus News and Projects](#)

[April 2024] –

- **Projects – The digital transformation of Auckland's water works**, 25 March 2024.

- "Digital transformation isn't about adopting new tools or platforms; the key to success lies in consistent implementation of practical solutions." So says Steve Webster, chief infrastructure office at Watercare Services in New Zealand.

To understand [Watercare](#) and its digital journey, we must first understand the scope of Watercare's responsibilities and its work. Watercare is New Zealand's largest company in the water and wastewater industry. It supplies more than 400 million litres of water to the approximately 1.6 million people of Auckland every day.

Watercare draws water from 27 sources, treats it and supplies it to homes and businesses via a vast network of pipes. It collects, treats and disposes of around 409 million litres of wastewater daily, including trade waste from industry.

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Watercare also carries out significant work to upgrade and build infrastructure, so that it can maintain levels of service and provide capacity for the fast-growing Auckland population.

Gain access to further information surrounding

- **Enterprise model** – The Watercare Enterprise Model (EM) is a strategy and planning, design, and construction partnership to deliver a NZ\$13bn (£6.16bn) programme of work for the design and construction of water and wastewater infrastructure for Auckland over 10 years.
- **The digital journey** – To maximise the value of digital engineering across the EM, Watercare first needed to understand where value had already been realised through the implementation of digital engineering processes.
- **Realising value** – To measure the success of digital engineering adoption, the EM established the value realisation implementation (VRI) that is sponsored and managed by Steve Webster, chief infrastructure office at Watercare. **Also:**

The lessons - The lessons learned are:

- A successful digital transformation in infrastructure is not about digital products or tools: it's about being able to adapt and systemise what already exists.
- A collaborative environment is required to enable a successful digital transformation at the programme level.
- The EM environment cultivates individuals who identify value, decide where to invest and then deliver.
- Proposing to use a digital tool, product or approach without the ability to demonstrate tangible value and return on investment may not be the most productive use of time or energy.

Gain access to further information and full access to the project case study article by Farkadi, F. and Webster, S. (2024), entitled, '[The digital transformation of Auckland's water works](#)', BIMPLUS Projects.

Other BIMPLUS Projects include:

- **Projects – How to handle data from the survey of 45,000 bridges**, 19 March 2024.

- The agency tasked with surveying 45,000 bridges in France in just 18 months turned to Esri's ArcGIS platform to facilitate its work.

Gain access to further information and full access to the project case study article by Koeppel, I. (2023), entitled, '[How to handle data from the survey of 45,000 bridges](#)', BIMPLUS Projects.

- **Projects – BIM's role in bungee jumping**, 23 January 2024.
- 180kph winds, monsoon rain, landslides: designing and

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building the tallest bungee tower in the Himalayas was just as challenging as jumping off the structure when complete. Jana Miller of Bentley Systems spoke to the engineer that took on both challenges.

Gain access to further information and full access to the project case study article by Miller, J., (2023), entitled, '[BIM's role in bungee jumping](#)', BIMPLUS Projects.

- **Projects – Mace and Glider at 40 Leadenhall Street: from delay to digital exemplar**, 25 September 2023.

- A significant delay to starting on site allowed Mace and Glider to turn what would have been simply a challenging project in the City into a digital exemplar.

Gain access to further information and full access to the project case study article by Stanton, J., (2023), entitled, '[Mace and Glider at 40 Leadenhall Street: from delay to digital exemplar](#)', BIMPLUS Projects.

- **Projects – Digital collaboration key to Manchester campus success**, 15 August 2023.

- A joint collaboration between Bond Bryan and Simpson Haugh has delivered a state-of-the-art city centre campus for The Manchester College and University Centre (UCEN) Manchester and digital played a central role.

Gain access to further information and full access to the project case study article by Stanton, J., (2023), entitled, '[Digital collaboration key to Manchester campus success](#)', BIMPLUS Projects.

- **Projects – Sisk Group's path to paperless procurement with Causeway**, 11 July 2023.

- Digital twins of three buildings at the University of Glasgow have been used to assess how compliance models can be used to improve building performance.

Gain access to further information and full access to the project case study article, entitled '[Sisk Group's path to paperless procurement with Causeway](#)', BIMPLUS Projects.

- **Projects – Glasgow university digital twins improve energy performance**, 16 June 2023.

- Digital twins of three buildings at the University of Glasgow have been used to assess how compliance models can be used to improve building performance.

Gain access to further information (surrounding Performance digital twins) and full access to the project case study article, entitled '[Glasgow university digital twins improve energy performance](#)', BIMPLUS Projects.

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22 December 2020

- Hospitals, housing, hotels: **BIMPLUS** covered case studies of BIM in action in all sorts of construction projects across the world. Given what happened in 2020, it's not surprising that three of the most read case studies focus on hospitals.

2020's top five projects (and all covered within this and previous issues of *Knowledge Foundations*) incl.

1. [Sisk reap rewards of high-tech approach at Wembley](#)
2. [Finland's Hospital Nova uses VR to involve staff in building](#)
3. [NHS Nightingale Hospital, East London – how BIM played its part](#)
4. [Mace uses AI tech on Mayfair project to meet covid-19 safety challenges.](#)
5. [AI tracks work quality at Norway's Stavanger Hospital.](#)

[Access BIM+ that include project entitled, 'BIM in action: 2020's top five projects' available in full.](#)

Related BIM+ Projects

- **(1) Project:** [John Sisk relies on BIM best practice to deliver Malmo data centre](#), 2nd November 2020.

- John Sisk & Son is nearing completion on a data centre project in Malmo, Sweden. Adopting BIM best practice has been crucial to keep construction on programme given a fast-tracked programme amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

The John Sisk & Son team has nearly 40 years of experience in data centre construction and has brought a digital project delivery approach to the Malmo project.

Sisk highlights some significant outcomes:

- The Sisk team-built dashboards that stored live clash trend reports to track progress weekly, resulting in a 50% efficiency increase in the BIM management process compared to traditional, manual methods of construction coordination without the automating power of the cloud.
- The tight integration between BIM 360 Docs, Microsoft Power BI, and Sisk's own "Design Changes Control" dashboards provided the commercial teams with a faster way to visualise the cost and/or schedule impacts, reducing the overall take-off by a potential 40%
- By using BIM 360, the project continued uninterrupted as construction continued in Sweden during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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- **(2) Project: [Finland's Hospital Nova uses VR to involve staff in building](#), 28th April 2020.**

Lead Contractor: The Central Finland Health Care District
BIM Tools: Tridify

- Innovative processes have been used in the co-design of Finland's new Hospital Nova using BIM models and involving more than 350 staff.

- **(3) Project: [NHS Nightingale Hospital, East London – how BIM played its part](#), 5th May 2020.**

Client: Barts Health NHS Trust, Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust

Lead Contractor: Lead Designer: BDF

BIM Tools: Autodesk Revit

- The UK's newest (see publication date) and largest hospital, based at the ExCel conference centre in London's Docklands, is designed to care for up to 4,000 people affected by Covid-19. The hospital is now in standby mode and will be used should cases in the London area rise again.

- **(4) Project: [Mace use AI tech on Mayfair project to meet Covid-19 safety challenges](#), 1st October 2020**

- Work was already underway on Lodha's No 1 Grosvenor Square flagship project when the lockdown and then social distancing added to the normal construction challenges.

Client: Lodha; Main contractor: Mace

Balancing the many requirements of a building project – cash flow, cost, quality, and timelines – is always a significant challenge for project leadership. The Covid-19 pandemic made the balancing act even more intense, costing projects valuable time at the start of lockdown and requiring adjustments to ensure the health and safety of all personnel on site as production restarted.

- **(5) Project: [AI tracks work quality at Norway's Stavanger Hospital](#), 21st June 2020.**

Client: Stavanger University Hospital

BIM Tools: 100% International open standards, compatible with Revit, ArchiCAD, Solibri and others

- Oslo-based BIM developer Imerso has been given responsibility to monitor work progress in one of the biggest public construction projects in Scandinavia.

[Access the Chartered Institute of Building's \(CIOB\), BIM+ articles, projects, case studies and more, in full.](#)

Latest BIM news – 10th annual BIM report 2020 available

NBS 10th National BIM Report 2020 - The 2020 annual BIM report marks the 10th year of recording over 1,000 industry professional's view about BIM. It illustrates how usage and perceptions of BIM have changed since 2011, progress made as an industry, and anticipated changes in the next decade.

Construction Information Service (CIS) Insights

The latest edition [**April 2024**] of NBS CIS *Insights* focuses on – **Targeting net zero: addressing energy efficiency, ventilation and thermal comfort**, and covers – • Net zero and greenhouse gas emissions, • Operational, embodied and whole life carbon, and • UK legislation and Approved Documents L, F, O.

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Property and Construction Statistics

Latest Property and Construction Statistics from RICS:

- Input from RICS Professionals ensure RICS surveys are leading indicators in the real estate industry.

Latest: Market Surveys - RICS [April 2024**]****UK Economy and Property Market Update, **February 2024****

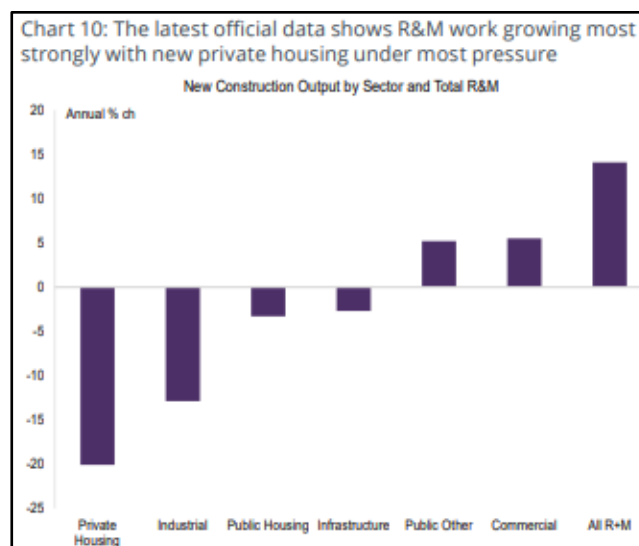
- Easing inflation and subdued macro environment points to lower base rates as the year wears on.

Summary: The Bank of England is likely to start cutting interest rates during the second half of the year given the recent moderation in inflationary pressures. The prospect of an easing in credit conditions is now being reflected in the feedback received to the RICS suite of surveys (covering the residential and commercial markets, as well as the construction industry). That said, many significant changes remain, whether these are around affordability in housing, repurposing of the unviable parts of the commercial property estate, or skill shortages in construction.

Construction Sector – Official data around construction comes out with something of a lag and is indicative of a mixed picture. The latest reading (covering November) shows output 0.9% higher than a year ago and 5.8% above the pre-pandemic level of January 2020. Year-on-year changes in new activity at a sector level are captured in Chart 10. This suggests that commercial and other public work are recording gains while private housing and industrial are posting significant declines. That said, the latest RICS sentiment data on current workloads paints a slightly different picture in signalling a modestly positive trend in

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In infrastructure while being more downbeat on commercial. Another area of contention is highlighted by the Construction Products Association who continue to draw attention to (what they see as) the overestimation of private housing repair and maintenance output; their judgement is that the deflator in this area in particular is being underestimated.



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Source: RICS Economics Research: *RICS UK Economy and Property Market Update* (November 2023), London: RICS, p5 - Chart 10.

Read the full piece of research 'RICS UK Economy and Property Market Update, February 2023

Also: UK Economy and Property Market Chart Book, Q4 2020

- Agreed sales rise over the month with expectations modestly positive regarding the near-term outlook

UK Residential Market Survey: February 2024

- Buyer demand continues to recover modestly alongside a rise in new instructions to sell

- Survey feedback points to an emerging more positive trends in buyer enquiries and new listings,
- Sales expected to rise modestly in the near-term and gain further momentum over the year ahead, and
- House prices continue to stabilise with twelve-month projections signalling a return to growth.

The February 2024 *RICS Residential Survey* results are consistent with a slightly more upbeat picture for sales market activity than was the case throughout much of last year. Nevertheless, the near-term outlook is still somewhat cautious reflecting, in part, the suspicion that the recent easing in mortgage rates is likely to stall on the back of ongoing uncertainty about the timing and speed of interest rate reductions.

At a headline level, the new buyer enquiries indicator posted a net balance reading of +6% in February (identical to last month's

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figure). This marks the second successive reading in positive territory, and therefore continues to signal an upward trend in buyer demand. When disaggregated, most parts of the UK have seen a recovery in buyer enquiries over the past two months.

Looking at the agreed sales series, February saw a new balance reading -3% returned. Although the latest results is a little softer than that recorded in the previous iteration of the survey (+4%), both readings are indicative of a stronger trend in sales volumes than was evident through much of the past twelve months. Indeed, the average net balance for this metric is -22% when looking back over the past year (see publication date).

Going forward, near-term sales expectations are marginally positive, posting a net balance of +6%. While this is slightly more modest than the figure of +12% seen last time, sales activity is still anticipated to gain further momentum over the coming year (net balance +42%). Moreover, respondents across all UK regions/countries foresee residential sales activity picking up over the longer-term horizon.

Interestingly, one of the more noteworthy developments to come through in the February survey was a solid rise being reported in new instructions to sell. The latest net balance of +21% represents the strongest reading since October 2020, standing in stark contrast to the continuously negative picture cited throughout 2023. In keeping with this, average stock levels on estate agents books now sit at 42 properties, the highest since February 2021 (albeit that this number remains quite low on a longer-term comparison).

[Read the latest RICS UK Residential Market Survey: January 2024 in full.](#)

RICS - SPACIOUS 千居 Hong Kong Residential Monitor / Market Survey: February 2024

- Market sentiment improves as the government removes all cooling measures

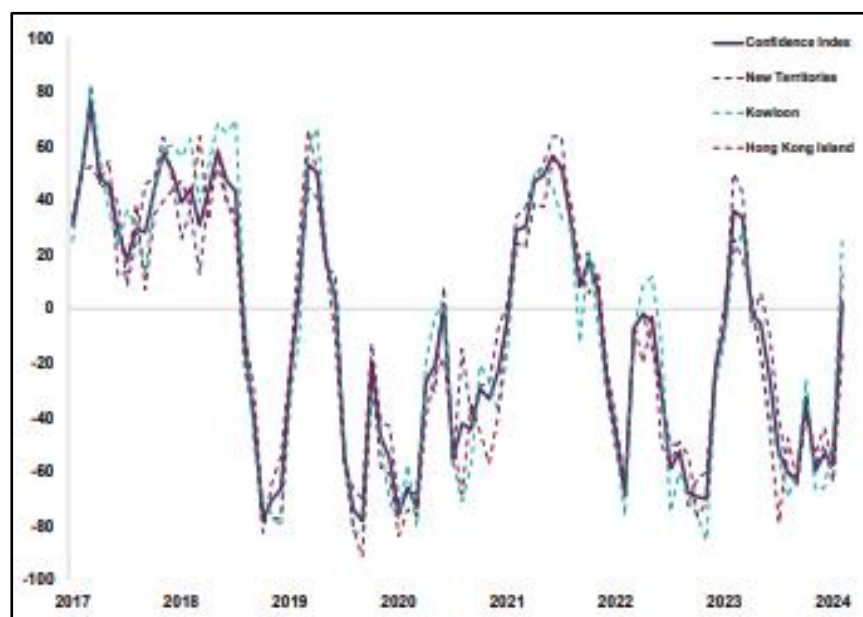
- Headline confidence index returns to neutral ground,
- Sales expectations turn positive but price projections still show weakness,
- Mixed picture observed in the lettings market.

The results for the 2024 *RICS-Spacious Hong Kong Residential Property Monitor* in February 2024 reveal improved sentiment across the sales and lettings markets.

Shown in Chart 1, the headline confidence index rose to +2 in February, significantly improved on -58 in January. At the district level, Kowloon and Hong Kong island have received a noticeable boost from recent easing measures, while responses remain somewhat subdued across the New Territories.

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Chart 1: Confidence Index*:



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Source: RICS Economics Research: *RICS Hong Kong Residential Monitor – February 2024*, London: RICS, p1 - Chart 1.

* The Confidence Index is a composite measure capturing overall market momentum, encompassing variables on short-term price and sales expectations.

The Home Price Perceptions Index measures the perceived monthly change in home prices as reported by survey participants, where March 2015=100. The Rent Perceptions Index measures the perceived monthly change in rents as reported by survey respondents, where March 2019=100.

[Read the latest RICS HK Residential Monitor: February 2024 in full.](#)

- *RICS-Spacious HK Residential Monitor* is a monthly guide to the trends in HK's housing market. The report is available from the [RICS website](#) along with other surveys covering global housing, commercial and land markets, as well as construction industry.

Global Commercial Property Monitor, Q4 2023

- Credit conditions for CRE stabilise but feedback remains cautious away from MEA and a few parts of APAC.

- RICS Commercial Property Sentiment Index remains negative, and little changed from Q3 at a headline level,
- Modest signs of improvement evident across some of the more mature markets albeit the better readings are still generally tentative, and
- Feedback from MEA continues to strengthen but aggregate APAC sentiment deteriorates.

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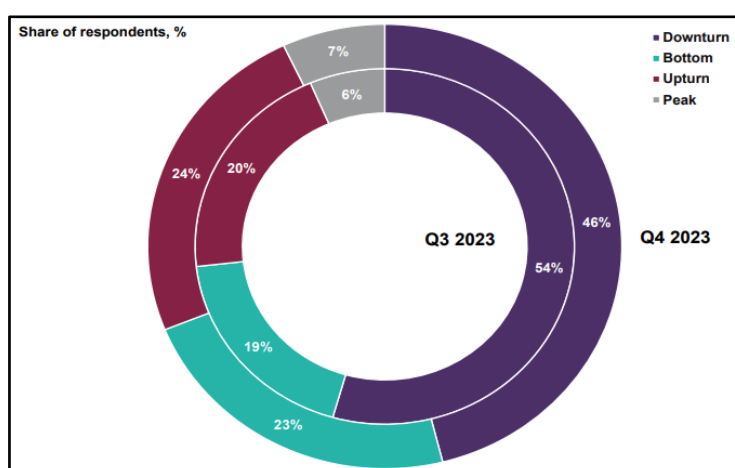
The Global Commercial Property Monitor (GCPM) Q4 2023

The headline RICS Global Commercial Property Sentiment Index (CPSI) for Q4 2023 came in broadly in-line with the Q3 reading at -15%. Significantly, this global metric has been little changed since the middle of 2022. A similar story is visible when the headline number is broken down into its component parts, with the investment component (ISI) steady at -18 and occupier sentiment (OSI) unchanged at -13.

Stage in cycle metric suggests gradual progress - Chart 6 shows the feedback to the question about where the real estate market is in the property cycle at a global level. In the latest iteration of the survey, 46% of contributors indicated that it is still in a downturn phase, with a further 23% signalling that it is now at the bottom of the cycle. The comparative results from Q3 are 55% and 19% (for Q2, the numbers were 58% and 14%). Meanwhile the share of respondents suggesting that the market is in the upturn phase of the cycle has edged up very slightly from 21% to 24%.

At a regional level, the results tell a similar story to a greater or lesser extent. For the Americas, the proportion of respondents who view the real estate market to be in either a downturn or at the bottom of the cycle has slipped from 70% to 65%, with an increasing share in the latter category. The equivalent figures for APAC are 68% and 66% and for Europe 88% and 82%. Meanwhile, the insight provided from MEA is understandably rather different with over 50% of respondents continuing to view the property market to be in an upturn phase of the cycle.

Chart 6: Global Perceptions Regarding Point in Cycle



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Source: RICS Economics Research: *RICS Global Commercial Property Monitors*, Q4 2023, London: RICS, p4 - Chart 6.

[Read the latest RICS Global Commercial Property Monitor, Q4 2023 in full.](#)

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Latest Statistics from the Office for National Statistics (ONS)

UK economy latest – A roundup of the latest data and analysis on the UK economy, business and jobs following Brexit and during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Construction Industry highlights

Construction Industry highlights include – Construction output in Great Britain: **January 2024**

- Short-term measures of output by construction industry in January 2024.

What's covered in the latest bulletin?

- Construction output is estimated to have decreased 0.9% in the three months to January 2024; this came solely from a decrease in new work (4.5%), as repair and maintenance increased by 4.0%.
- The decrease over the three months came from infrastructure new work and private housing new work, which fell 9.3% and 5.3%, respectively; with the main positive contributions coming from non-housing repair and maintenance, and private housing repair and maintenance, which increased 3.2% and 3.3%, respectively.
- Monthly construction output is estimated to have increased 1.1% in volume terms in January 2024; this follows three consecutive monthly falls, with the monthly value in levels terms at £15,422 million in January 2024..

Read the full statistical bulletin, 'Construction output in Great Britain: January 2024.'

Also:

Latest release - Construction statistics, Great Britain: 2021 - A wide range of statistics on the construction industry. including the value of output, new orders by sector, number of firms and total employment, insolvencies and Output Price Indices.

Latest Statistics from HSE – Health and Safety Executive

Latest Key figures for Great Britain (2021/22)

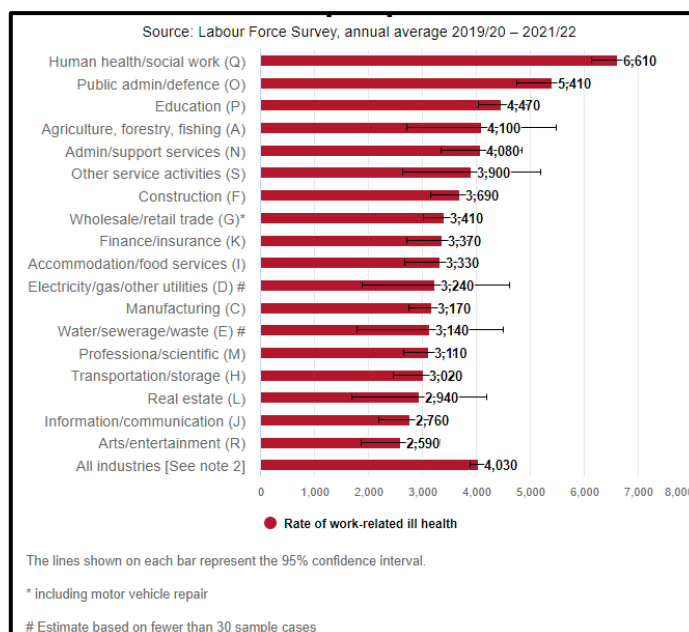
In 2021/22 an estimated 1.8 million workers (**N.B. 1.7 million in 2020/21**) were suffering from an illness they believed was caused or made worse by their work and 565,000 (**N.B. 441,000 in 2020/21**) workers sustained a non-fatal injury at work. [Source: Self-reports from the Labour Force Survey]. However, the risk of injury and work-related ill health varies across industry, being more likely in some industries than others.

The chart overleaf shows how the overall rates of self-reported work-related ill health and workplace injury vary between industry groups. While the chart shows the overall picture for each industry group, this may be masking differences at more detailed levels (for example, illness type or more detailed industry sub-groups).

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From the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), 'Self-reported work-related ill health', and covering 'Construction':

Rate of self-reported work-related health by industry for people working in the last 12 months (per 100,000 workers)
[Note 1], [Note 3]



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Note 1: Industry groupings based on the section level of the 2007 Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) & **Note 3:** These estimates are based on results from a survey and are subject to sampling error.

Source: HSE (2022) 'Self-reported work-related ill health', Bootle: HSE [online]. Available at: www.gov.uk/statistics/industry [accessed 17 March 2023]

Access further information on health and safety statistics from HSE – Health and Safety Executive.

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Built Environment Research

Latest Policy and Research from:

1) Savills Market Trends

- LATEST: Market Trends: Savills.com [April 2024]

Office in equilibrium Q&A series: Spotlight on London and New York City

- In the first of the Savills Offices in Equilibrium A&A series, Mat Oakley, Head of Savills UK and European Commercial Property Research, explains that while average take-up is down 10-15% in London, many companies are looking to upsize

- In the second of the series, Marisha Clinton, Vice President, Research East at Savills in New York City, explains that while

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utilisation rates haven't hit pre-pandemic levels, deep-pocketed tenants are trying to secure prime office space.

Access further information and the articles in full,

- [Offices in equilibrium: Spotlight on London](#)
- [Offices in equilibrium: Spotlight on New York City](#)

Also: [Market Trends 2024](#)

- [Europe and Middle East investment outlook and tips](#)
- [US investment outlook and tips 2024](#), and
- [Asia Pacific investment outlook and tips 2024](#).

On the up: global real estate investment picks up for 2024

- 2024 should be a better one for global property investors, with a sustained bounce back expected. However, regional variations remain.



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Real estate investors are looking forward to a more positive 2024, with recovery predicted across key parts of the global property market.

The outlook is for increased activity on the back of more attractive yields, with prime rents rising and repricing starting to re-align buyer and seller expectations.

Charts provided within this article (and including 'Outlooks for 2024' provided overleaf) are based on Savills' annual survey of Savills global research experts, who provide their investment outlooks and top tips for the coming year.

The outlook for global property is becoming more positive. Investment activity is expected to rise moderately or remain unchanged across most property sectors in Europe and the Middle East in 2024. Only a small minority of respondents expect activity to decline, so the worst of the contractions caused by rising interest rates appear to be behind us.

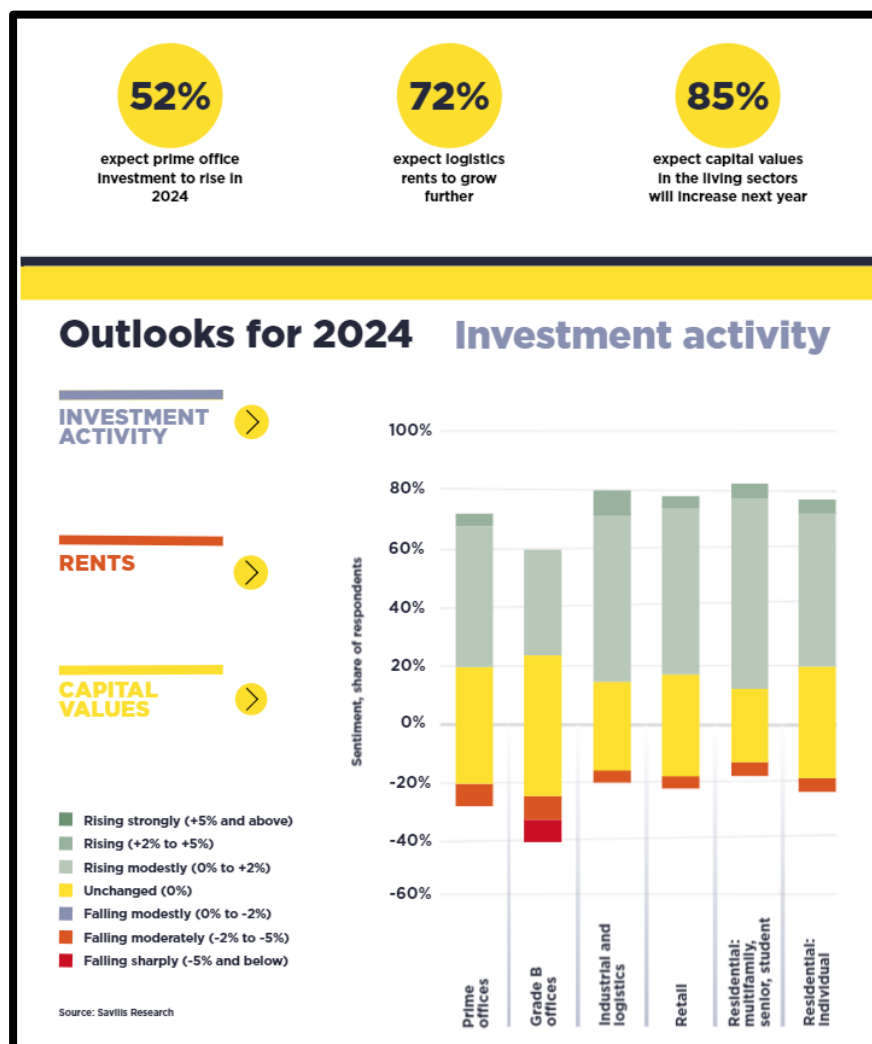
There is more optimism about the activity in residential markets, particular the multifamily sector, where demand outstrips supply in the many areas. Buoyed by strong fundamentals, the logistics property market also looks set to perform well in 2024.

It's a more mixed outlook for offices, however, especially outside the prime sector, where 16% of respondents expect investment activity to decline in 2024.

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Overall, 5% to 10% of respondents anticipate a strong rise in investment activity. Savills believe this will be driven primarily by prime purchases, alongside opportunistic investment in distressed assets that are expected to come to market.

[Outlooks for 2024](#)



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Source: Tostevin, P., and Mitsostergiou, E, (2023) *Market Trends: On the up: global real estate investment picks for 2024*, Savills [online]. Available at: www.savills.com/impacts/market-trends/on-the-up-global-real-estate-investment-picks-for-2024.html [accessed 8 December 2023]

Access [‘On the up: global real estate investment picks for 2024’, in full.](#)

Also: [Market Trends – ‘The total value of global real estate’, in full.](#)

Read Savills Investment tips and trends by region -

- [Read more EMEA tips](#), ○ [Read more Asia-Pacific tips](#)
- [Read more North America tips](#)

[Read Savills World cities prime residential forecasts](#)

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[Read the full Savills Impact Publication 'The Impact of Covid-19 on real estate', 2020'](#)

[Savills \(2020\) 'Welcome to Impacts 2020' *Impacts*, May, Savills \[online\]. Available at Savills.com](#)

2) Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) -

- Inspiring Social Change: The Joseph Rowntree Foundation is an independent social change organisation working to solve UK poverty.

A framing toolkit: How to talk about homes

Part of [Talking about housing](#)

Related topics – Housing; Affordable housing; Housing Market

- You can download the framing toolkit to help tell a new story about homes. It contains essential guidance and tips for how to communicate to the public about the important of decent and affordable homes as fundamental to a healthy, decent life.

The toolkit offers practical examples to bring to life the five framing principles for explaining about homes and the housing crisis. These frames are designed to support communicators and campaigners in the housing sector and beyond.

This FrameWorks UK toolkit is part of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and the Nationwide Foundation's co-funded Talking about Housing project.

Access the JRF(2023) '[How to talk about homes – toolkit](#)' (1.41 MB), in full.

Also gain access to the following free downloads that include: Research Findings and Related Links surrounding:

- **Housing**
 - Affordable Housing
 - Home Ownership
 - Housing Market
 - Private Rented Sector,
 - Social Housing
- **Society**
 - Emerging Futures,
- **Living Standards**
 - Cost of Living,
- **People**
 - **Child poverty**, and

UK Poverty:

[JSR article entitled, 'UK Poverty 2022: The essential guide to understanding poverty in the UK' in full](#)

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[JRF \(2022\) UK Poverty 2022: The essential guide to understanding poverty in the UK \(3.71 MB\).](#)

[Read the JSR report entitled, 'UK Poverty 2020/21' in full](#)

[Read the article 'UK Poverty 2019/20 Housing' in full](#)

[UK Poverty Statistics from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation -](#)

The latest UK poverty data, statistics and analysis from JRF's Analysis Unit. This **online toolkit** can be used to find information about poverty rates and related issues in the United Kingdom.

[JRF Spring Budget 2021 analysis](#)

[JRF Analysis of the 2020 Spending Review](#)

3) The Smith Institute

- The Smith Institute is a leading independent 'think tank' which promotes progressive policies for a fairer society. They provide a high-level forum for new thinking and debate on public policy and politics. Through research, reports, briefings, monographs, events, lectures, education, and their website, the Institute offers a platform for thought leadership on a wide range of topics.

Making retirement living affordable: the role of shared ownership for older people

APPG on Housing and Care for Older People (2023)

The Smith Institute supported the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Housing and Care for Older People inquiry and report into the role of shared ownership housing for older people.

The report from the Inquiry Panel highlights and evaluates the key issues concerning the development of the market for shared ownership for older people, with particular regard to the government's current Older People's Shared Ownership (OPSO) scheme. It then, in respective sections on the key issues, comments on the current situation and set out recommendations for improving the offer and supporting the growth of the sector.

[Read the full piece of research, 'Making retirement living affordable: the role of shared ownership housing for older people.'](#)

Temporary accommodation at crisis point: Frontline perspectives from London and Greater Manchester

Farrelly, M., and Hackett, P, The Smith Institute (2022)

- This report examines statutory homelessness and temporary accommodation (TA) in London and Greater Manchester.

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It is a public policy facing report to shed light on what is currently happening with the supply and demand of TA and to open up a wider discussion around what can be done to improve the situation going forward. It is not intended as an academic or technical comparative analysis of the different boroughs homelessness activities.

The findings and evaluations are based on extensive desk research and one to one interviews with housing officers and other housing professionals, housing providers, investors, politicians, experts, homelessness charities and campaigners. We also hosted two virtual roundtable discussions in the Spring of 2022 on Greater Manchester, chaired by Paul Dennett, Salford City Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Greater Manchester, and on London, chaired by Tom Copley, London Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development.

Where relevant we have highlighted what specific boroughs are doing and have included examples of best practice and new ideas and approaches. We have laced the report with anonymised quotes from the interviews and made reference to the work of the GLA, London Councils, GMCA and other relevant organisations. We have evaluated the data and opinions and on the basis of what we've offered a series of talking points and policy recommendations. The concept of a TA system as used in this report combines the boroughs' statutory duties under the Homelessness Reduction Act (2017) and their responsibilities under relevant housing legislation and regulations.

The report covers the GLA and the 32 Greater London boroughs and the GMCA and its boroughs (Bolton, Bury, City of Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford, Wigan). The data was drawn mainly from DLUHC, GLA, GMCA and other official statistics, as well as information collated by the boroughs, housing charities and professional bodies.

[Read the full piece of research, 'Temporary accommodation at crisis point: Frontline perspectives from London and Greater Manchester.'](#)

Understanding the impact of almshouse charities in the pandemic.

Hunter, P., The Smith Institute (2022)

- This independent study, commissioned by The Almshouse Association, seeks to understand the impact of the pandemic on almshouse charities and their residents, examine the difference almshouse charities have made, identify the lessons that can be drawn from the past two years; and highlight challenges the sector faces going forward.

[Read the full piece of research, 'Understanding the impact of almshouse charities in the pandemic.'](#)

[Back to top](#)**Housing allocations and the vacancy chain: how coordinating chains can better meet housing needs and tenant choice.**

The Smith Institute (2022)

- This report is an exploration into the factors influencing vacancy chains in London's social housing, covering general needs stock held by councils, ALMOs and housing associations, with interplays from supported and specialist housing. The report is in five sections, including a set of recommendations.

[Read the full piece of research, 'Housing allocations and the vacancy chain: how coordinating chains can better meet housing needs and tenant choice.'](#)

Pulling at the Roots: A report by the Southwark Council Housing Resident's Working Part on understanding and mitigating the economic and financial impacts of Covid for residents of council housing in Southwark

Southwark Council Housing Residents' Working Party (2021)

The Smith Institute provided support for the Southwark Council Housing Residents' Working Part on understanding and mitigating the economic and financial impacts of Covid for residents of council housing in Southwark.

To get a better understanding the Council helped establish a Council Housing Residents' Working Party (RWP), comprising tenants and homeowners in June 2021. The Working Party was tasked to examine the economic and financial impacts of the COVID pandemic, including paying special attention to who has been worst affected, what support the Borough's council housing residents have had, and what is needed to improve this morning forwards.

The RWP took oral and written evidence from Council officers, housing and debt experts, and representatives from the community and voluntary sector, considered government and Council held data on rent arrears and the impact of Covid; and conducted its own survey of over 1,800 tenants and leaseholders.

[Read the full piece of research, 'Pulling at the roots: A report by the Southwark Council Housing Residents' Working Party on understanding and mitigating the economic and financial impacts of Covid for residents of council housing in Southwark.'](#)

A Just Transition: Ensuring responsible investment for a just transition to net zero.

The Smith Institute (2021)

The Smith Institute supported the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Local Authority Pension Funds inquiry into 'Responsible investment for a just transition.'

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This report is based on evidence sessions and written submissions to that inquiry from investors, industry, academics, community groups, trade unions, and other non-government organisations. The inquiry report seeks to inform politicians, policymakers, stakeholders and the public on the roles and responsibilities that investors can play, with the support of their members and government, in enabling a just transition to net zero carbon emissions.

[Read the full piece of research, 'A Just Transition: Ensuring responsible investment for a just transition to net zero.'](#)

Publications – The Smith Institute

[- The Living Wage Dividend: maximising the local economic benefits of paying a living wage.'](#)

[- Planning for the recovery and the shift towards homeworking: implications for poverty in outer London.](#)

[- A National Housing Conversion Fund: buying properties to boost affordable housing supply.](#)

[- Falling behind: The impact of Universal Credit on rent arrears for council tenants in London.](#)

[- Making Housing Affordable after Covid-19: A follow up report from the Affordable Housing Commission.](#)

[- Making Housing Affordable Again: Rebalancing the Nation's Housing System: The final report of the Affordable Housing Commission.](#)

4) CBRE Insights and Research

The CBRE Research blog showcases a variety of informed viewpoints, spanning all major property sectors that include –

- **Offices** – Discover up to the minute and future looking trends in the Office sector for occupiers, landlords, investors and developers
- **Retail** in detail,
- **Industrial** – CBRE 'shed' light on all things industrial,
- **Residential** – CBRE's 'house' vide on all things residential, and
- **Investment** – addressing the challenges and opportunities facing commercial real estate property investors

[Access the CBRE website: Insights and Research](#)

[Access 'Sustainability in real estate decision-making: views from the coal face.'](#)

[LATEST: CBRE \(2024\) 'UK Real Estate Market Outlook 2024'](#)

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5) CABE – Chartered Institute of Building Engineers

Latest news: Fire Safety Act and Regulations

- **Changes to Building Regulations for fire safety in specific types of buildings**
 - In 2022, the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC) announced the outcome of its consultation on extending controls on use of combustible materials, and additional fire safety measures in higher risk buildings. These will come into force on 1 December 2022.
 - [Further information on the Changes to the Building Regulations](#) and
 - [More details can be found in the Amendment Document issued by DLUHC](#)
- 1. **Coming into force of Schedule 1 of the Fire Safety Act relating to Fire Risk Assessments**
 - The Fire Safety Act 2021 came into force in 2023, but ahead of this Section 1 – Premises to which the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order (FSO) applies and Section 3 – Risk-based guidance about the discharge of duties under the FSO of the Act commenced on 16 May 2022.
 - [Fire Safety Act Commencement Prioritisation Advice](#)
 - [Information on commencement of Section 1 and 3 of the Fire Safety Act](#)
 - [Fire Risk Assessment Prioritisation Tool](#)

Key publications from CABE

Setting the Bar – a blueprint to improve competence for those working on higher risk buildings and drive culture change has been set out by a cross-industry group representing more than 150 organisations, including CABE, in the fire and built environment industries. [Access *Setting the Bar* – Final Report](#)

Also: [Access *Safer people, safer homes: Building Safety Management*](#)

[Access the Chartered Association of Building Engineers for further information.](#) and [Access *Building Engineer* website](#)

6) RICS – Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

- RICS recognise the huge importance of property, land, construction and the built environment. Through their market surveys and research, they aim to advance the thinking of the profession and raise the profile of the industry.

Note: Latest research published by RICS is covered earlier within *Knowledge Foundations* and under **Other News > RICS Market Surveys**.

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As of **April 2024**, the [latest news & insights](#) include:

- **News & Opinion –**
 - [RICS Construction productivity report 2024](#)
 - [UK construction workloads a mixed picture while infrastructure remains as area of strength](#),
 - [Building Safety Act FAQs and Information](#) (02/24)
- **Digital Transformation / Tech Partner Programme –**
 - [Using AI across the built environment](#),
 - Advancements in drone technology, and
 - Unlocking Operational BIM Benefits
- **Market & Geopolitics –**
 - The outlook for office markets: Towards a two-tiered system?
- **Fire Safety –**
 - [Cladding External Wall System \(EWS\) FAQs](#) (4/24),
 - [RICS Fire Safety Hub](#) – read the latest guidance and development from RICS in the area of fire safety,
- **Also: [The future of BIM](#)** – An overview of what BIM is and how it is evolving.

7) CIOB – Chartered Institute of Building

The quality of the built environment effects every member of society. As a professional body that represents the leaders and managers who work at every stage of the lifecycle of a construction project, The CIOB seek to influence government, industry and other stakeholders around the world with the aim of promoting the construction management discipline and addressing the challenges that the sector faces.

As of **April 2024**, the latest CIOB Policy and [Research](#) incl.

Future of Construction

- **[Latest Research](#):** *Building Opportunity: Employing People with Criminal Convictions in Construction* (03/24)
- *Modern Methods of Construction: barriers and benefits for Irish housing* (01/24)
- *The Real Face of Construction 2023* presents a picture for each economic region of the United Kingdom and Ireland, highlighting how the construction industry has performed.

Quality

- Research: *New-build housing – how regulation can improve the consumer journey* (12/23)

Economic and Social Impact

- Research: *Balancing the tax system with climate goals* (10/23)
- *CIOB Special report on Social Value for SMEs* (05/23)

Ethics research

- *Understanding Mental Health in the Built Environment*; and *The State of Well-being in the Construction Industry*.
- *Exploring the impact of the ageing population on the workforce and built environment*.

[Access the Chartered Institute of Building's Policy and Research website](#)

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8) [House of Commons Library](#), 9) the House of Lords Library and 10) the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST)

About the House of Commons Library - The House of Commons Library is a research and information service based in the UK Parliament. Their impartial analysis, statistical research and resources help MPs, and their staff scrutinise legislation, develop policy, and support constituents.

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Source: UK Parliament (2020) 'How the House of Commons Library works', YouTube [video]. Available at: youtube.com.

As of November 2022, the House of Commons Library updated their website that is now broken down into the following sections or subject areas:

Services that include Research, Resources, Training & Events,

Brexit and UK-EU relations – Research covering key Brexit moments negotiations the EU and its institutions and UK-EU relations after Brexit.

Coronavirus – Research relating to Covid-19 from the Commons Library and other parliamentary research services.

Economy, Business and Transport – Research on the economy, business transport and work and incomes. Also includes Economic Indicators and monthly economics updates.

Home Affairs incl. Research on communities, crime, family & civil law, justice, immigration, security, and culture, media & sport,

Parliament & Elections that include devolution, elections, government, parliament, and local government,

Science, Environment and Technology that include **Energy, Environment, Climate Change, Sciences, Local Data**

Social Policy that include **Education, Families & Social Services, Health, Housing & Planning, and Welfare & Pensions,**

World Affairs that is broken down into Africa, Americas, Asia Pacific, Defence, Europe, Institutions, and Middle East, and more.

As of **April 2024**, the latest House of Commons Library, **[Research publications](#)** incl.

1. Research for Commons business,
2. Accessibility of shops and businesses for disabled people,
3. Autism: Overview of policy and services, and
4. What is NATO?

[Review House of Commons Library, Research for this week](#)

As of **April 2024** the latest **[House of Commons Research](#):**

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Under '**Education**' and within 'Social policy,' the top research briefings incl.

1. Eligibility for home fee status and student support in England,
2. Eligibility for home fee status and student support in Northern Ireland,
3. Autism: Overview of policy and services,
4. Student support for undergraduates across the UK,
5. General Debate: Tutoring provision,
6. The Lifelong Learning Entitlement,
7. Estimates Day: Spending of the Department for Education on SEND provision, and
8. Support for children and young people's mental health (England), and Suicide prevention: Policy and strategy, and

Under '**Housing and Planning**' and within 'Social policy,' the top research briefings incl.

1. Planning appeals (England),
2. Call-in of planning applications (England),
3. Housing Market: Key Economic Indicators,
4. Tenancy related fees,
5. Stamp Duty Land Tax: Current situation and developments since 2020,
6. Leasehold high-rise flats: who pays for fire safety work? and
7. Fire safety in houses and flats.

Under '**Energy**,' '**Environment**' and '**Climate change**,' and within 'Science, Environment and Technology' include:

1. High Speed Rail 2 – an overview,
2. Debate on the Flood Recovery Framework,
3. Climate change adaptation and resilience in the UK,
4. Rising cost of living in the UK,
5. Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism,
6. Debate on the environment impact of neonicotinoids and other pesticides,
7. The UK's plans and progress to reach net zero by 2050,
8. The Energy Bill and households: FAQs,

[House of Commons Library search](#) on '**construction industry**' identifies 18 key documents, that incl. 'Taxation in the construction industry', 'CITB – Construction Industry Training Board Levy', and '**The construction industry: statistics and policy, Dec. 2019**' -

Abstract: Construction industry – employment, new orders, output. [Construction 2025](#), [The Farmer Review](#) and the [Construction Sector Deal](#) (part of the government's [Industrial Strategy](#)).

Key statistics – In 2018, the construction industry contributed £117 billion to the UK economy, 6% of the total.

Economic output in 2018 was slightly down on 2017, the first fall since 2013.

There are 2.4 million construction industry jobs in the UK in Q2 2019, 6.6% of all jobs. There are more construction jobs now than at any time since 2007, although throughout this period, roughly the same proportion of jobs have been in construction.

The construction industry is unusual because of the high proportion of self-employment in the sector – 36% in Q2 2019, compared to the average for the whole economy of 13%.

New orders to the construction industry were worth £61.7 billion in 2017. This is 13% down in 2017, the first fall since 2011. New housing orders accounted for 35% of all construction orders, commercial orders accounted for 25% and infrastructure orders accounted for 19%.

[Access and download the full report, 'Construction industry: statistics and policy'](#)

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e-Journal Review

Built Environment Industry Journal titles reviewed by UCEM e-Library

MODUS

MODUS - the RICS magazine that brings you the latest news and views, expert advice and in-depth features spanning the breadth of the surveying profession around the world.

In the latest digital *MODUS* (**April 2024**), 'Unpacking IKEA's new property strategy'. – The Swedish furniture giant, known for its out-of-town warehouses, is moving into urban areas and wants to offer communities something more than just shopping.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Cities and placemaking; Commercial property; Commercial valuation; Economics; Property finance and investment, and Valuation

Latest articles within *Modus*:

- **'We can't decarbonise if we don't have a workforce'** – RICS President Tina Paillet FRICS looks at the Institution's contribution to the international effort to decarbonise our built environment.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Building control; Commercial property; Land and resources; Materials and resources; RICS standards and guidance; and Sustainability.

- **Can the Church of England ease the housing shortage?** – Shrinking congregations are unable to support large amounts of land and property, so the Church is looking at ways it can create 'truly affordable' homes.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Building surveying; Ethical practice;

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Housing; Project management; Residential; and Residential valuation.

- **Zollverein: converting a coal mine** – At the height of its industrial power Zollverein could extract 12,000 tonnes of coal a day. Now you're more likely to go there for a concert, festival or family day out.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Building conservation; Cities and placemaking; Facilities management; Heritage and conservation; Infrastructure; and Sustainability.

- **Preserving a national treasure: the Royal Albert Hall** –

Renovations take place behind the scenes at the world-famous venue while it hosts thousands of visitors each day for memorable performances.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Commercial property; Dilapidations; Facilities management; Heritage and conservation; project management; Projects; and people.

- **'How LiDAR is helping surveyors preserve the past'** – From robot-carved copies of ancient Greek statues to AI revealing the locations of hidden relics, cutting-edge technology is revolutionising the preservation of ancient artefacts and monuments.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Building pathology; Building surveying; Geomatics; heritage and conservation; Research; and Technology.

- **Four-day week: coming to the built environment?** – Shorter working weeks with no loss of pay to employees have been successful in a series of global trials – staff are better rested, happier and more productive.

Subject terms: Building control; Commercial property; Economics; Research; Sustainability; and Wellbeing.

- **Urban planning after dark with London's night czar** – In a city where one in eight jobs happens at night, ensuring harmony for workers, visitors and residents in a prosperous night time economy is a major balancing act.

Subject terms: Cities and placemaking; Commercial property; Diversity and inclusion; Infrastructure and services; Planning and development; Property Finance & Investment.

Also:

- **What were the most popular stories of 2023 on Modus?** – Profiles of RICS members, as well as topics related to climate change and architecture have it into our top 10 most-read articles in 2023.

[Back to top](#)**The Top ten most read articles include the following:**

1. Which real estate sector pays the most?,
2. Future-proof: retrofitting commercial property,
3. Brutal or beautiful? The Barbican Estate,
4. Alexandra Revell MRICS: renovating the Royal Albert Hall,
5. At your convenience: the importance of good toilets,
6. From soldier to surveyor,
7. Alan Bainbridge FRICS: transforming the BBC's estate,
8. Buildings that elevated cities: The Shard, London,
9. What are the most important features of office design?, and
10. How to ensure biodiversity net gain in developments.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Commercial property; Commercial valuation; Corporate real estate; Economics; Residential; and Sustainability,

and more.

Please note: In addition to *MODUS*, RICS publishes other journals that are free to view online incl.

1. **Construction Journal** - The journal helps **quantity surveyors** and project managers with the technical and professional aspects of their day jobs and keep up to date with developments and practical matters in the profession. It covers topics including contracts, cost management, procurement, construction law and regulations, communications, and project management skills.
2. **Built Environment Journal** (Incl. Building Surveying, Building Conservation, and Building Control) - Coverage keeps practitioners in the disciplines of building surveying, building control, and building conservation up to date on the latest developments, products, standards, and guidance.
3. **Land Journal** - The journal emphasises the crossovers in these practice areas and their global nature, with articles contributed by experts from all over the ..
4. **Property Journal** - The journal contains high-quality technical material in clearly defined sections, as well as some material that crosses professional groups to reach a wider audience.

Further information can be accessed via the RICS Website, Home > **News & Insights** > **RICS Publications** [online].

The Heritage Alliance's (HA) **Heritage Update**, the latest edition, **April 2024 - Issue 515** focusing on – Funding Boost for Museums and Libraries across England; Changes to Sustainable Farming Incentive Scheme to Focus on Food Production; and Labour Publishes New Campaign Document outlining Plans to 'Power Up Britain'.

Also: **Engaging Digital Audiences**, available on the **HA project portal** - access webinars on diversifying digital audiences, how to plan great webinars, how to use exceptions to copyright in

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your digital activities & how to encourage your audience to create user-generated content.

Institute of Workplace and Facilities Management (IWFM)

Facilitate, - This latest **March/April 2024** edition of *Facilitate* focuses on the long-term impact of the smartphone – that ubiquitous device still evolving our ideas of what instant internet access can do for us – it may seem a bit early to be unnerved at Apple's latest exercise in popularising an emerging technology.

Read more related articles on the [IWFM Insight webpage](#).

Construction Management (formerly *Construction Manager*) is the magazine of the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) who also publish the ***Global Construction Review*** (GCR). Note: Latest articles from both journals are covered earlier within this issue of *Knowledge Foundations*.

Subscriptions available via the VLE e-Library include:

Construction Information Service (CIS) Insight 2024. The Latest Edition [**April 2024**] focuses on –

Targeting net zero: addressing energy efficiency, ventilation and thermal comfort, and covers -

- **Net zero and greenhouse gas emissions,**
- **Operational, embodied and whole life carbon,** and
- **UK legislation and Approved Documents L, F, O**

Taylor and Francis Online and include the following e-Journals:

- *Construction Management and Economics,*
- *Building Research and Information,* and
- *Journal of Property Research*

Henry Stewart Publications and include the following e-Journals:

- *Building Survey, Appraisal and Valuation,*
- *Journal of Urban Regeneration & Renewal,* and
- ***Corporate Real Estate*.**

Corporate Real Estate Journal is the essential peer-reviewed, professional journal for corporate real estate executives.

Each quarterly 100-page issue publishes high quality articles and real case studies on new thinking, strategies, and techniques in corporate real estate. It cuts through the deluge of information facing corporate real estate professionals to deliver content, which is authoritative, practical, and relevant by providing a blend of genuine thought-leadership – which expands what can be achieved with corporate real estate – with detailed, actionable advice and 'lessons learned' from industry peers.

In-depth articles and case studies scheduled for the new volume of *Corporate Real Estate Journal* are provided overleaf.

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In-depth articles and case studies scheduled for the new volume, **Vol 13, Number 2 (2023-2024)** of ***Corporate Real Estate Journal*** incl.

Vol 13, Number 2 (2023-2024)**Practice papers**

1. The pitfalls of a post-COVID-19 portfolio implementation,
 2. Beyond the spend: How corporate real estate is a key driver for elevating diversity in the industry, workforce and communities,
 3. A records and information management lens on workplace transformation: How to minimise risk and reap the rewards during real estate changes,
 4. After the pandemic: Contemplating the future of central office buildings,
 5. Implementing an integrated workplace management system at a major university: Part 1,
 6. Evolving metrics in a changing corporate real estate landscape, and
 7. Beyond sustainability: Decarbonisation, health and wellness
- 20 storey about Times Square.

Vol 13, Number 1 (2023-24)**• Case Studies**

Cutting the cord: How and why HERE Technologies fired their service provider and took real estate in-house (and whether other end users should too)

Also:

- Delivering inclusive workplace experiences to support corporate strategy, and
- Reimagining real estate and facilities management outsourcing: A bp and JLL case study.

Vol 13, Number 1 (2023-2024)**Practice papers**

1. The critical role of data governance in corporate real estate,
2. Leveraging healthy buildings as a tool to apply a people-centric approach to ESG,
3. Strategies for using quantitative and qualitative metrics to optimise hybrid work solutions,
4. Meeting the demand of change: A clear path to a better digital enterprise architecture,
5. Redefining the modern urban office: The role of gardens in elevating productivity and well-being in the workplace, and
6. Creating a workplace fit for your current and future workforce.

Vol 12, Number 4 (2022-2023)**Practice papers**

1. Tactical approaches to achieving net zero carbon buildings,

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2. Successful asset data collection and management programmes in corporate real estate,
3. Managing real estate risk with environmental due diligence: Transaction strategies for environmentally impacted properties,
4. Reaching the unreachable workforce: Adopting a mobile-first communication strategy to retain employees, and more.

Also:

Vol 13 (2023-24) of [Corporate Real Estate Journal](#)

Vol 12 (2022-23) of [Corporate Real Estate Journal](#)

Vol 11 (2021-22) of [Corporate Real Estate Journal](#)

Vol 10 (2020-21) of [Corporate Real Estate Journal](#)

Vol 10 (1) (2020-21) Special issue: COVID-19, CRE and workplace response

Vol 9 (2019-20) of [Corporate Real Estate Journal](#)

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This latest *Open Praxis* special issue **Vol 16(2)** includes nine research papers, two innovative practice articles and one book review.

Keywords: open education, distance education, e-learning, online education, quality, internationalisation, autonomy, personality traits, scale, textbook, engagement, accessibility, inclusion.

Editorial: Introduction to *Open Praxis* **Vol 16(2)**

'Tell Me Your Prompts and I Will Make Them True: The Alchemy of Prompt Engineering and Generative AI.'

Research articles include:

1. 'Fostering Intercultural Competence Through Virtual Exchange: Perspectives of Undergraduate Health Students'.
 2. 'Generative AI and Educators: Partnering in Using Open Digital Content for Transforming Education',
 3. 'Advancing Students' Academic Excellence in Distance Education: Exploring the Potential of Generative AI Integration to Improve Academic Writing Skills',
 4. 'How to Maintain Education During Wars? An Integrative Approach to Ensure the Right to Education,'
 5. 'The Use of Open Educational Resources and Renewable Assignments in Social Work Ph.D. Programs in the United States',
 6. 'Artificial Intelligence use to Empower the Implementation of OER and the UNESCO OER Recommendations,
- and more.

Innovative practice articles

1. 'Let's Get Practical! Two Frameworks to Improve Practices of Open Education,' and
2. 'Threading Humanity Back into Education and Educational Research'.

Book review(s):

1. 'Book Review of [The ADA Book](#) - by Curley A.

Source: Baldwin, P (2024). *Athena Unbound: Why and How Scholarly Knowledge Should be Free for All*. Cambridge, MA, MIT Press. ISBN 978-0-2623-7395-1.

Keywords: Independent learning, scholarly publishing, knowledge sharing, open access, accessibility in education, and independent researchers.

[European Journal of Open, Distance and E-Learning](#)

(EURODL), an electronic, multi-media, open access journal. It publishes the accounts of research and presents scholarly work and solid information about open, distance, online and e-learning in technology-enhanced education and training in its most inclusive definition.

Published in the **[Latest Issue of EURODL](#), Vol. 26 (2024): Issue 1 (March 2024)**, article titles include:

- 'Critical factors affecting student satisfaction in a distance learning environment.' and
- 'The effect of digital literacy on student identity and inclusion: insights from the University of Western Macedonia.

[Back to top](#)**Also, in EURODL – Articles by UCEM staff, incl.**

- 'Transcript and Accessibility: Student Views from Using Webinars in Built Environment Education,' Vol 23(2), and
- 'Massive Open Online Courses and Economic Sustainability,' by Liyanagunawardena, T.R. [et al.] UCEM, Vol 18(2). Also,
- 'Open Badges: A Systematic Review of Peer-Reviewed Published Literature (2011 – 2015)', by Liyanagunawardena, T. R., Scalzavara, S [et al.], UCEM, Vol 20(2)

Online Learning Journal (OLJ), the official journal of the Online Learning Consortium (OLC)

The **Online Learning Consortium's** premier journal dedicated to the development and dissemination of new knowledge at the intersection of pedagogy, emerging technology, policy, and practice in online environments. **Note:** OLJ is indexed in the **Web of Science** (ESCI) with a **Journal Citation Indicator** of 1.32, and **Scopus** citesscore of 5.7 for 2021, ranking it in the 93rd percentile of all journals in **Education**. OLJ is ranked among the top 3% of all open-access journals in the field of Education.

The OLC **Online Learning Journal**, latest edition,

OLJ June 2023 Vol 28(1)**2023 OLC Conference Special Issue: AERA Online Teaching and Learning SIG**

Editorial - Introduction to OLJ Volume 28(1).

Learner Engagement - Articles/Papers include:

1. The role of self-regulation in the relationship between adaptability and engagement: A case of online mathematics learning for elementary school students.
2. Students' perceived social presence and media richness of a synchronous videoconferencing learning environment.
3. Using Learning Analytics to Understand K-12 Behavior in Online Video-Based Learning.
4. Parent's Perceptions of Online Learning during Covid-19 Pandemic: The Road Ahead

Academic Integrity Online - Article/Paper(s) include:

5. Assuring Academic Integrity of Online Teaching in Fundamentals of Accounting Courses

Faculty Issues - Articles/Papers include:

6. Instructor Leadership in Online Learning: Predictive Relationship Between Servant Leadership and the Community of Inquiry Framework

7. What it takes to Teach in a Fully Online Learning Environment: Provisional Views from a Developing Country.

Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) Research:

8. The Viability of Topic Modeling to Identify Participant Motivations for Enrolling in Online Professional Development

Students, Community, and Online Learning:

9. Online University Students' Perceptions of institution and Program Community and the Activities that Support Them.

[ISSN: 2472 – 5730]

[Higher Education Pedagogies](#), an Open Access Journal.

[Henry Stewart Publications](#), Management e-Journal collection incl. *Journal of Education Advancement & Marketing*.

[The Open Education Research Hub](#) (OER Hub), and

[The Directory of Open Access Journals](#) (DOAJ)

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e-Book Review

Managing Diversity and Inclusion in the Real Estate Sector

Clack A and Gabler J (2019) *Managing diversity and inclusion in the real estate sector* [e-book], Oxon: Routledge. e-ISBN-13: 9780429428975

Managing diversity and inclusion in the real estate sector is the first to place D&I at the centre of successful real estate and construction organisations. It provides guidance to, and most importantly, actions for professionals in the sector who want to make D&I an inherent part of the culture of their organisation. This book has been written to bring the sector up to speed with what D&I is all about and how a D&I strategy can be implemented to secure future success.

Real Estate: The Basics

Forsyth, J. and Wilcox, J. (2022) *Real Estate: The Basics*, Oxon: Routledge. ISBN-13: 9780367725433

Real Estate: The Basics provides an easy-to-read introduction to the core concepts of the industry to students new to the subject or professionals changing direction within the sector. The book encapsulates the key 'need to know' aspects of Real Estate including the 'language' of real estate; its value and contribution to countries' GDP; its primary purpose, whether as an asset or as a resource; valuation concepts; asset classes; basic concepts of land law, and of landlord and tenant law; the increased role and

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importance of sustainability and technology; and an overview of the wide range of professionals involved in the industry.

Studying at a Distance

Talbot C (2010) *Studying at a Distance* [e-book]. Maidenhead: Open University Press, e-ISBN-13: 9780335238057

This essential guide provides practical help and support for those who have not previously studied at a distance and is ideal for students returning to study after a break. It covers fundamental issues such as motivation, goal setting, time management and coping strategies. Additional coverage in this edition includes specific information on the use of new technologies in distance learning; detailed coverage of referencing, citation, and plagiarism; description of using mind maps and other techniques for planning and writing essays or reports; support for disabled students, particularly those with dyslexia; and a further resources section.

Adding some Tec-Variety: 100+ Activities for Motivating and Retaining Learners Online

Bonk C J, and Khoo E R (2014) *Adding some Tec-Variety: 100+ Activities for Motivating and Retaining Learners Online* [e-book]. CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, e-ISBN-13: 9781496162724. [Access the free online book Adding Some TEC-VARIETY](#)

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Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB)

The primary aim of DOAB is to increase discoverability of Open Access books.

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Benchmarking Library, Information, and Education Services

Roper, L. (2023) 'Benchmarking the impact, quality, and value of an academic online e-Library', in Baker, D., Ellis, L., Williams, C. and Wragg, C. (eds) *Benchmarking Library, Information, And Education Services* [print book], Cambridge MA: Chandos

The book contributes to practical outputs of general benefit to the sector, including customers, clients or stakeholders, offering ideas for how to identify comparative strengths and weakness and improve or enhance present practices regardless of how well institutions currently perform.

Note: In the book chapter I wrote, I look at benchmarking libraries, applying the latest quality research to current working practices and showing how the UCEM library and information services perform against its peers and the benefit this has in supporting the organisation's future strategic planning.

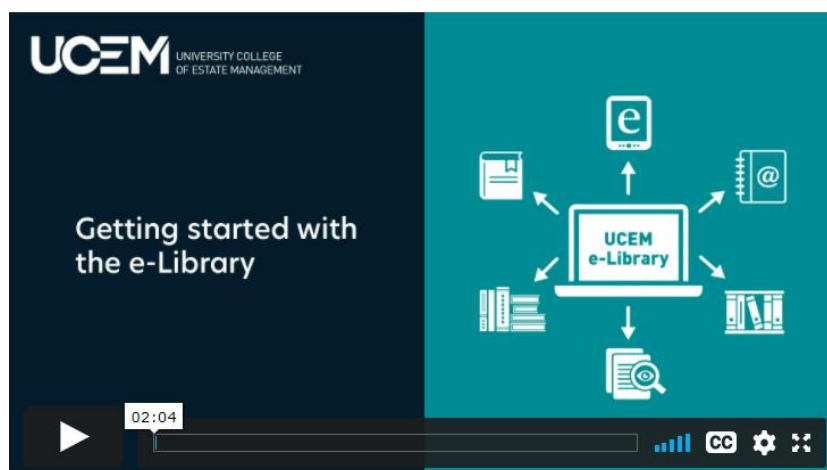
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UCEM e-Library Portrait

The aim of the e-Library

The aim of the e-Library is to:

- disseminate information, share good practices, and promote current awareness to assist in underpinning written work,
- add value and depth to our students' study experience, and
- support the continuing professional development of all those working and aspiring to work in the built environment.



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At UCEM, we recognise that in an information-rich age and when everyone is pressed for time, it can be a challenge to find good-quality information when you need it.

Whether you are obtaining a qualification, undertaking CPD or researching a particular field, having access to a well-equipped library is essential.

The UCEM e-Library (accessed through the Virtual Learning Environment - VLE) is a comprehensive and valuable online resource, enabling students to access a wealth of subject-specific and credible information to support them throughout their studies and career development.

What resources are available in the UCEM e-Library?

The e-Library is made up of eleven sections and provides students with around the clock access to online searchable databases from key industry and educational sources, thousands of journals, books, and resources, UCEM's entire collection of study materials and published work and UCEM's dissertation library.

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The sections that make up the UCEM e-Library:



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Resources available within the UCEM e-Library include Up-to-date information and online searchable databases from –

Key educational sources that include- Taylor and Francis Online, Ingenta Connect, Henry Stewart Publications and HS Talks, vLex | Justis, Westlaw EDGE UK, EBSCO Business Source Premier, Emerald Insight - access to around 2600 e-Book titles and their entire 'Property Management and the Built Environment' collection of journals, and

Industry-specific sources that include- IHS's Construction Information Service, *Estates Gazette* (EG) digital journal and EG Radius, *Property Week*, RICS's BCIS – Building Cost Information Service and ISURV online information service, NEC - New Engineering Contract Academia, BSRIA – Building Services Research and Information Association, and more.

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[April 2024] - Here are some Open Access Journal articles available via Emerald, all around the theme of

'Artificial Intelligence in Education.'

Note: The following article examples are freely available via **Emerald Publishing Open Access:**

1. Wójcik, M. (2021), 'Augmented intelligence technology. The ethical and practical problems of its implementation in libraries', **Library Hi Tech**, Vol. 39(2), pp. 435-447.
2. Giuggioli, G. and Pellegrini, M.M. (2023), 'Artificial intelligence as an enabler for entrepreneurs: a systematic literature review and an agenda for future research', **International Journal of Entrepreneurial Behavior & Research**, Vol. 29(4), pp. 816-837.
3. Fedock, B., Paladino, A., Bailey, L. And Moses, B. (2018), 'Perceptions of robotics emulation of human ethics in educational settings: a content analysis', **Journal of Research in Innovative Teaching & Learning**, Vol 11(2), pp. 126-138.



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Student Career Services

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- UCEM presented its first online Careers Week event.

Through workshops, pod casts and interactive presentations, alumni, recruitment specialists and industry leaders shared their views, experience and advice with UCEM students.



Sessions included the following:

- “A day in the life of...” with UCEM Alumni
- Sector Insight discussion with UCEM Academics and industry professionals.
- Career Skills Workshop with employers and recruiters
- Creating Impact and Influence sessions; professionalism, leadership and future perspectives

To see the full programme and gain further information, visit the UCEM Careers Service, [Careers Pages – Careers Week, Inform, Connect, Inspire](#), via the UCEM secure VLE.

UCEM Career Services

UCEM Career Services offer careers Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) to potential, current and past students. The service is confidential, non-judgmental, and impartial. **[Access and read the UCEM Careers interactive brochure](#)** and **[Access UCEM Career Services](#)**

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This month [**April 2024**] the **Hot Topic Highlight/Blog - RICS Property Journal – An A-Z of the Landlord & Tenant Act 1954 for APC**

What is the RICS Property Journal article about? Landlord and tenant is a technical competency on a variety of APC pathways, including Commercial Real Estate, Corporate Real Estate, Facility Management, Property Finance and Investment, Residential, Rural and Valuation.

The pathway guides explain that the competency relates to ‘the management of the landlord and tenant relationship. It has a broad scope covering all aspects of lease negotiations arising between landlord and tenant.’

The two core activities relating to this competency for Commercial Real Estate candidates are lease renewals and rent reviews. The former require a robust understanding and application of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954.

[Access the Property Elite blog](#)

Also: Further details and more from Jen Lemen’s, in this RICS Property Journal Article on An A-Z of the Landlord & Tenant Act 1954 for APC.

Also –

RICS *Property Journal* – An A-Z of Inclusive Environments.

- Ensuring an accessible built environment is as much an ethical obligation as a legal requirement.

Estates Gazette – APC Series -

- RICS APC Pathways, & APC Lifeline 2024 Update
- Rent Reviews and Calderbank Offers.

- Property Elite Hot Topic Highlight blog: A-Z of Investment Terms, and Access Property Elite’s ‘Building Better Property Professionals’, Latest Blogs

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Note: The author of most of these blogs, Jen Lemen-Hogarth is an Associate Tutor – UCEM and Partner – Property Elite.

Lucy's Top Tips – If you are planning to sit your RICS APC/AssocRICS, make sure you are aware of Property Elite's APC Support services, including submission reviews, question packs, revision quizzes and e-mock interviews (available via the e-Library). You can also download this blog [in audio format](#) and listen whilst on the move. When you're done, you can request further information and a free CPD certificate.

Other related web-links



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Estates Gazette recently published a supplement entitled '[Starting out in Real Estate](#)'.

This publication highlights the many varied and interesting career opportunities in real estate and has a number of contributions from UCEM. It's an interesting and informative read, covering areas such as:

- **What is Real Estate?** The asset classes, sectors and careers in the industry explained
- **A Day In The Life** – EG ask 19 professionals about their roles and skill sets
- **In Conversation with...** Crown Estate CEO Dan Labbad on how young people can change the world for the better, &
- **All About Apprenticeships** – How a degree apprenticeship works and why one could be right for you.

[GoConstruct.org](#) website highlights the many career opportunities available in construction & the built environment.

[TARGETjobs](#) (incl. [Construction and Property](#)) include graduate career guides and directories available for you to view online and download for future reference covering: [Explore Property](#), [Explore Engineering](#), and [Careers Survival Pack](#).

[House Building Careers](#) – Part of Home Builders Federation (HBF), here you will be able to learn about the home building industry and how it benefits you, your community, and the country as a whole.

[Access to: RICS Careers](#) – What is surveying? See how surveyors shape our communities and tackle global issues like climate change – and discover how you can improve the world around you.

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Building People

Enabling connections for a competent, diverse, and valued built environment workforce

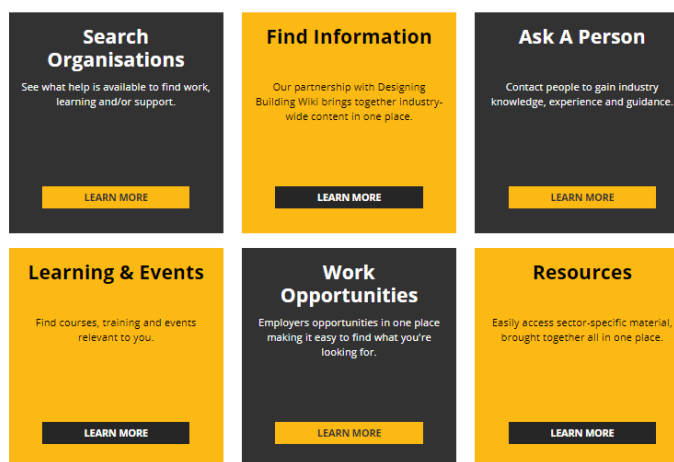


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The aim of 'Building People' was to create a technology platform and collaborative network, which enables connections and seeks to reduce the skills shortages across the Built Environment. 'Building People,' a social enterprise that aims to connect people traditionally not involved in the Built Environment sector with employers seeking to plug the skills gap via an online platform.

People Wiki:

What are you looking for?



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The UK needs to build, but there is a shortage of competent and experienced workers, and the workforce we have lacks diversity. Building People joins the dots to help people find employers, opportunities, and resources, and to help employers engage with a more diverse range of talent.

People Wiki (a free, open access knowledge sharing platform for diversity and inclusion, skills and careers, and social value.) is a crucial part of Building People's ambition to create a single platform that brings together a multitude of previously fragmented information, knowledge, resources, opportunities, and needs focused on diversity and inclusion, skills and careers, and social value.

Related Link: UCEM incubated social enterprise, Building People, becomes a fully-fledged success story

- It is an exciting time for Building People as it announces its three-year plan, which focuses on five key areas:

1. **Profile:** Positioning Building People as the go-to source for equality, diversity and inclusion best practice and activities, and thought leadership in the built environment,
2. **Partnerships:** Delivering maximum joined-up impact through the growth and development of Building People's supply and demand networks,
3. **People:** Enabling equality of opportunity through the provision of a simpler and more supported user experience in a fragmented careers landscape,
4. **Policy:** Aligning with and supporting the achievement and enhancement of relevant national sector policy and activity, and
5. **Planning:** Establishing a secure future of Building People as a sector-backed movement for collaborative change across the built environment.

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UCEM Sustainability Hub

Sustainability supports UCEM vision and core purpose to provide truly accessible, relevant, and cost-effective education, enabling students to enhance careers, increase professionalism and contribute to a better sustainable built environment. **Note:** UCEM has a Sustainability Hub within the VLE e-Library where you will find interesting resources, news, articles, projects and publications which support and information 'future skills' for sustainability within the construction, surveying, and property industries.

LATEST NEWS: The Building Cost Information Service (BCIS) has launched a free-to-access benchmark tool – **Built Environment Carbon Database (BECD)**, for infrastructure carbon assessment in the UK construction industry.

Building Research Establishment (BRE) Sustainability

- Greater sustainability and its many benefits can be achieved for all buildings, homes, organisations, and communities.

The BRE provides leading edge information and advice on all aspects of sustainable that include – Sustainable construction of buildings, Communities, Infrastructure, Sustainable organisations, Materials, products and services, Waste management, Energy management services, and Training and publications.

Access BRE Sustainability: Practical guidance and support for delivering genuine sustainability benefits.

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The Routledge Sustainability Hub

The Routledge Sustainability Hub is an innovative Knowledge Centre for the global sustainability community, this Hub offers a wide range of resources for everyone – whether you are a teacher, a student, a professional or a citizen of the earth curious to discover more about the many facets of sustainability.

[Access the Routledge Sustainability Hub](#)

5 practical tips for saving energy costs

Posted on 15 November 2022

- We are in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis which has spread across the globe. Significant increases to the cost of food and energy have outstripped worker's salaries, and spiralling inflation has plunged countless into poverty. While the tenth day of COP27 focussed on the decarbonising our energy systems, UCEM looked at practical ways to save energy that can be actioned without spending too much money.

1. Avoid leaving appliances on standby - The average UK household spends around £65 a year on appliances that are left on standby. This is the energy consumed by an appliance when it is not in use and not switched off at the socket. You may not think about the devices that have low-level usage when not in use, such as broadband, smart speakers and telephones, but these are the ones that are usually turned on for 24 hours a day and the amount of electricity they consume adds up.. By remembering to switch off devices more often or buying a standby saver, you could be saving yourself electricity you didn't even know you were consuming.

2. Draught-proofing windows and doors - Draught-proofing is one of the most affordable and effective ways to save energy costs. It allows you to keep the warm air in your home by blocking out unwanted gaps that let cold air in – ultimately requiring less energy to heat up your home. By draught-proofing your windows and doors, you could save around £60 a year in a semi-detached house. Similarly, you could also save around £90 a year by draught-proofing an open chimney when not in use. A lot of draught-proofing can be done through simple DIY tasks at home, or professional draught-proofing can cost a bit more but last you longer.

3. Use your thermostat effectively – A large portion of your heating bills are absorbed by heating and hot water costs. By doing something as simple as turning down your central heating by just one degree, you could be saving up to £80 a year. You could also invest in a smart thermometer, which will heat your home more efficiently by only warming the room in use. They can be controlled by your phone and adapt to how long it takes to warm a certain temperature, so it can be set at exactly the right time.

4. Monitor your water usage - Water waste is something we may

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not realise is happening in our homes, but they add up and result in a large amount of total energy and water use. A dropping tap can waste more than 5,300 litres of water a year, so it's important to keep an eye on even the smallest amounts of water waster in the homes. By spending one minute less in the shower each day, a family of four could save up to £75 a year on energy and water bills. Similarly, turning off a running tap while you brush your teeth or wash your face can save more than 6 litres of water a minute!

5. Invest in energy saving appliances, like an air fryer – While it's good to buy home appliances based on their energy ratings, it's also good to research alternative types of appliances you can buy. One big change you can make is switching to an air fryer for day-to-day cooking rather than using a gas or electric cooker. Research by Utilita showed that on average they run at £55.91 a year, as opposed to a gas cooker on £121.06 per year and electric cooker on £335.57 per year.

[Find out more about COP27 and access the article 'UCEM signs up to CIC's new 'carbon zero' climate action plan' in full.](#)

UCEM signs up to CIC's new 'carbon zero' climate action plan

UCEM is one of the institutions which has signed up to the Construction Industry Council's (CIC) new climate action plan.

CIC's Climate Change Panel, chaired by its deputy chairman, Stephen Hodder MBE, led on the initiative, with signatories to the plan agreeing that:



Carbon Zero: the professional institutions' climate action plan

The signatories to this Action Plan agree that:

- the actions listed are necessary for dealing with the challenge of climate change;
- they will implement those actions appropriate to them as an institution/organisation; and
- they will support the other signatory institutions and organisations in delivering the remaining actions

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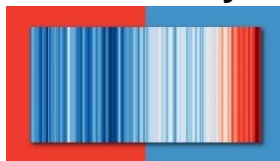
The document, entitled 'Carbon Zero: the professional institutions' climate action plan,' was released last week and coordinates the efforts of built environment institutions in meeting the UK government's 2050 net zero emissions target.

To read the plan, head to the [CIC news story – 'CIC launches a Carbon Zero climate action plan for Professional Institutions'.](#)

[Access the article 'UCEM signs up to CIC's new 'carbon zero' climate action plan' in full.](#)

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UK sets 'most ambitious' climate target to cut emissions by 78% by 2035



[Image: courtesy Ed Hawkins]

(Climate stripes as shown in this image are sometimes referred to as warming stripes, or climate timelines and are data visualization graphics that use a series of coloured stripes chronologically ordered to visually portray long-term temperature trends.)

[Access further information and the *PBC Today* article, 'UK sets 'most ambitious' climate target to cut emissions by 78% by 2035', in full.](#)

QSAND and the Sustainability Goals

The UN Sustainable Development Agenda, adopted by world leaders in 2015, maps out a 15-year plan to fight inequality, end poverty and tackle climate change challenges.

Quantifying Sustainability in the Aftermath of Natural Disasters (QSAND) is a self-assessment tool to promote sustainable approaches and contributing to aid the achievement of several of these 17 goals in disaster affected global communities:

Libraries' contribution to SDGs

Agenda Vision: Universal literacy

Goal 3: Good health and wellbeing

Goal 4: Contribution to quality education

Goal 5: Culture

Goals 5, 9, 7: ICT skills and access

Goals 8 & 10: Decent work, economic growth, reducing inequality

Goal 16: Access to information

Note: Information plays a vital role in just about everything we do.



(UN.org 2022)

Source: Designing Buildings .co.uk Wiki (2021) '[Forgetting the big picture when considering sustainability](#)' [online], last edited 19 January. Note: "The Sustainable Development Goals icons and colour wheel are free to use" (UN.org 2021)

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Note: Use of Wikis as a reference site

Wikipedia and use of other Wikis are increasingly being used by people in the academic community, as an easy source of information about anything and everything. However, citation of Wikipedia may not be considered acceptable, because Wikipedia is not a creditable source. It is important to note that whilst Wikipedia may be one of the Web's most popular reference sites, it is not classed as a credible resource because anyone can be a contributor to the website.

This can be avoided by following two simple rules:

1) Remember that an encyclopaedia (which includes Wikipedia and any other Wiki) can be a good starting point for research and not an ending point.

2) An encyclopaedia can be good for getting a general understanding of a subject before you extend your study of the subject further. But you then must consider the subject in more depth using books, journals articles and other appropriate and credible resources. What you find in these other sources of information will be more detailed, more precise, and more carefully reasoned than the summary you found in an encyclopaedia. The sources you reference/cite in your work will therefore be these more detailed sources you have used.

(Connors State College 2022)

Book Review(s):

CIOB: Guide to Sustainability in the Built Environment

- The Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) has published a sustainability guide for built environment professionals.

The guide covers topics including sustainability development goals, green financing, embodied and operational carbon, biodiversity and social value. It offers practical tools and strategies to help professionals embrace sustainable practices during the planning, construction and ongoing operation of a building, to support national and global efforts to reach net zero, while also improving the environment for communities.

Further information is available at: ***A Guide to Sustainability in the Built Environment is available on the CIOB website.***

Note: This book is also available via the UCEM e-Library.

Also: Climate Adaptation: accounts of resilience, self-sufficiency and systems change

- Where is the world really heading, and what can we do about it?

Source: Thakore, Dr. R., Barinaga E [et al.] **Climate Adaptation: accounts of resilience, self-sufficiency and systems change** [print book], Arkbound Foundation, ISBN: 9781912092123

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Information Governance

UCEM is committed to advancing information governance and compliance, ensuring that the services provided comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Data Protection, Freedom of Information, Records management, Copyright, and Information Security.

Information Governance:



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To make sure that information is available in the right place and at the right time to support others, the e-Library ensures that the information services comply with data protection and copyright.

Data Protection

With new technologies constantly emerging and us finding ourselves moving further into an ever more digital direction, our personal data, how it is used and who has access to it becomes a growing and global concern for all.

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) was the first legislative change in recent years to address these concerns, with a broad aim to invoke a cultural shift in the way organisations manage personal data.

Further information, advice, and guidance on Data protection, GDPR and more can be found at the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), the UK's independent authority set up to uphold information rights in the public interest, promoting openness by public bodies and data privacy for individuals.

[Access the Information Commissioner's Office \(ICO\) website](#)

Latest Data Protection News [April 2024]

BBC News: Data from 73 million AT&T accounts leaked online
- Personal data belonging to 73 million current or former AT&T customers has been leaked online. Information including addresses, social security numbers and passcodes was published on the dark web. **Keywords** include – [Data Breaches](#).

[Access the BBC News article, \(2024\) 'AT&T data breach: Millions of customers caught up in major dark web leak', in full.](#)

[Back to top](#)**ICO Latest News [April 2024] -**

4 April 2024 – [ICO joins global data protection and privacy enforcement programme](#)

[ICO reassures employers they can share staff data in a mental health emergency](#) - The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has published [new guidance to give employers more certainty about sharing their workers' personal details in a mental health emergency](#). (03/24). **Related Link:** ICO Blog: [Sharing personal data in an emergency – a guide for universities and colleges](#). (09/21)

Also: UK Information Commissioner warns against 2024 becoming the year people lose trust in AI

[ICO publishes guidance to ensure lawful monitoring in the workplace](#) (10/23)

[ICO urges organisations to harness the power of data safely by using privacy enhancing technologies](#) (06/23)

[Access the Information Commissioner's Office, 'News, blogs, and speeches' section of their website](#)

Further information, advice, and guidance (IAG) provided by the ICO

The ICO publish detailed IAG on:

- [Guidance on direct marketing and the public sector](#) (ICO, August 2021)
- [Sharing personal data with law enforcement authorities](#),
- The [Accountability Framework](#). (ICO, September 2020),
- [Codes of conduct](#) and [certification schemes](#). (ICO, February 2020)
- When using data analytics on personal data, the ICO is urging all organisations to look at its toolkit. It can be found at **ICO > For Organisations > [Toolkit for organisations considering using data analytics](#)** (ICO, February 2021)
- [Freedom of Information Self-assessment toolkit](#) launched in 2020 helps identify gaps in compliance.
- Further updates have been made to [guidance for handling Subject Access Requests](#) including a [step-by-step guide for small businesses](#)
- [Building a controller-to-controller contract](#) + template contract with guidance

ICO What's new? [March 2024]

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) website has a 'What's new' section to highlight and link to any changes in their [ICO Guide to Data Protection](#) as they occur, for example: The ICO have updated their guidance on [Regulation 13](#) (when personal information is exempt from disclosure under these access regimes when certain conditions are met. (12/23).

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The ICO have published:

Guidance on the [national security exemption](#) in Part 2 of the DPA18. (03/21)

Updated BCR communication following the EU-UK Trade and Co-operation Agreement to the [International transfers after the UK exit from the EU Implementation Period](#). (01/21)

[Data Sharing Code of Practice](#), alongside a [data sharing information hub](#) with further resources and support. (12/20)

Further guidance provided by the ICO.

[Read the Blog: 'Access to information: driving change through education, engagement and enforcement,' in full](#)

Copyright



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“It is important to remember that Copyright material in digital form is protected in exactly the same way as Copyright material in any other format. For example, text and images on a website are protected by copyright in the same way as printed material. Please note: if there is something you really want to use for learning materials and someone else owns the copyright ... [permission must be sought](#)!

The copyright owner may wish to charge you, but often they just appreciate you asking them if they are happy for you to acknowledge their work and inform them of how the information will be used and who it will be circulated to.”

Source: Salmon, Prof. G., (2013), *E-tivities*, London: Routledge

Introducing Copyright: A plain language guide to Copyright in the 21st Century - Computers and the Internet have transformed the way we produce and distribute information and entertainment. This book explains copyright protection and what it means for copyright holders and copyright users. It also introduces readers to contemporary topics: (i) digital rights management, (ii) open licences, (iii) software patents & (iv) copyright protection for works of traditional knowledge.

Source: Hofman J (2009) *Introducing Copyright: A plain language guide to Copyright in the 21st Century* [e-book], Vancouver: The Commonwealth of Learning.

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[Access free copies of this book \(in PDF and EPUB formats\)](#)

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The Copyright Licensing Agency Ltd (CLA)

The CLA are a licensing body as defined by the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 c.48 (as amended) ["CDPA"]

The CLA licence organisations to copy and re-use extracts from print and digital publications on behalf of copyright owners – authors, publishers, and visual artists. By 'copying' the CLA means photocopying, scanning and re-use of content from magazines, books, journals, electronic and online publications, as well as press cuttings or documents supplied by a licensed third party.

Having a CLA licence helps to reduce the risk and potential cost of copyright infringement. This requirement applies to any organisation in the business, education, public or charitable sectors. **Note:** UCEM holds a **CLA 'Higher Education Photocopying and Scanning Licence'**

LATEST: Access the newly upgraded Copyright Licensing Agency (CLA) website for further information

CLA Check Permissions tool

The **CLA Check Permissions tool** is an online search tool that lets you quickly find out what you can copy under your organisation's CLA licence. Whether you'd like to photocopy and distribute an article to colleagues or upload a report to an intranet or VLE, the CLA Title Search simplifies the steps required to ensure compliance.

Check permission at CLA Higher Education Licence.

Introducing the CLA Step-by-Step Guide and Interactive Toolkit for those checking permissions within their licence.

Latest Copyright News [April 2024]

New York Times sues Microsoft and OpenAI for 'billions'

- US news organisation the New York Times is suing Chat-GPT-owner OpenAI over claims its copyright was infringed to train the system.

The lawsuit, **which also names Microsoft as a defendant**, says the firms should be held responsible for "billions of dollars" in damages.

Read the full BBC news item, Gerken, T., 'New York Times sues Microsoft and OpenAI for 'billions'.'

Also: New AI systems collide with copyright law, and What is artificial intelligence, and will it take jobs?

Latest 'BBC Copyright News' incl. Banksy Copyright case

Government Guidance – Changes to copyright law from 1 January 2021

- This guidance covers the impacts on UK right holders, businesses, cultural heritage institutions and consumers. Note: It is not legal advice.

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[Access the GOV.UK 'Changes to copyright law from 1st January 2021', in full.](#)

Keeping abreast of the latest developments in Information Governance: [Copyright Resources](#) – Naomi Korn Associates has developed free and openly licensed copyright, licensing and data protection help resources.

Copyright & Information Technologies in Education (CITE)



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The CITE Forum is a place to discuss the CLA's technology and licence offerings (such as the Digital Content Store) but also an opportunity for Higher Education Institute's to network, share and disseminate relevant copyright information.

As UCEM Information Governance Manager I regularly attend the Copyright Licensing Agency (CLA) CITE Forum and presented on- '[UCEM's e-Library: Our Story So Far](#)', at the [CITE Winter 2021 Forum](#). Source: CLA (2021) [UCEM e-Library: Our story so far](#), a presentation given at the Winter 2021 CITE Forum [video], YouTube. Available at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmuENzHeGO0&feature=youtu.be [accessed 26 January 2024]. Ref: From 58:05 until 1.28:41.

Further information - Copyright Licensing Agency, CITE

- '[CITE – 2020 Vision](#)', [CITE Magazine, Winter 2019, No. 3](#)
- '[A CITE to behold](#)', [CITE Magazine, Summer 2019, No. 2](#) &
- [CITE Magazine - A biannual magazine for the CITE Community, Winter 2018, No. 1.](#)

UCEM is committed to advancing information governance and compliance, ensuring that the services we provide comply with **GDPR, Data Protection, Records Management, Copyright, and Information Security**. **LATEST:** In 2024 the UCEM e-Library, in collaboration with UCL, produced a short [Copyright Essentials e-learning course](#) (accessed via the UCEM secure Virtual Learning Environment). This e-learning will help staff and students better understand copyright and how to apply this understanding to studies, research and other activities.

Another part of my role as involves keeping abreast of the latest developments and benchmarking the work I do against that of others. I also undertake regular Continuing Professional Development (CPD), and an element of this is attending the CITE Forum attending events and conferences provided through my professional body, CILIP – The Library and Information Association, and others.

CILIP's National Copyright Conference 2023

This national and virtual conference was held on 16th May and in

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association with Naomi Korn Associates, as well as great speakers and further experts in the field in attendance.

#CILIPCopy23 / #copyright

The Annual CILIP Copyright Conference provided a unique and important chance to update knowledge about the crucial copyright and licensing related issues and developments. It also provides an invaluable forum for in-depth presentations by UK experts, informed debate and opportunities to ask questions.

This conference provided an opportunity to delve deeper into copyright issues and gain a better understanding of how policy impacts on libraries and the information sector and covered the following:

- **Copyright, ethics and creator's rights,**
- **Government Copyright Policy following Brexit,**
- **International Solutions for Orphan Works and Their Applicability to UK Cultural Heritage Organisations,** and
- **Using the copyright exceptions to share content online.**

Sessions covered broad copyright impact for the profession incl.

- **Keynote: Close Encounters of the Copyright Kind: Locating the law in the everyday lives of creative practitioners**

Dr Smita Kheria, Senior Lecturer in Intellectual Property Law at Edinburgh Law School

In this talk, Smita drew upon empirical insights from her various funded projects that examined how copyright intersects with the everyday lives and practices of a range of creative practitioners (professional writers, illustrators, visual artists, musicians, and performers, as well as arts and humanities researchers and their creative collaborators, and online creative communities). She discussed how the role and value of copyright is perceived and understood by different types of creators and considered the similarities and differences in perspectives across divergent creative practices, while appraising the influence of underlying power dynamics, shifting business models, and evolving technologies. The talk concluded with some thoughts on how an appreciation of creators' perspectives on copyright could assist libraries and information organisations.

- **Navigating the copyright complexities of The British Library's *Unlocking Our Sound Heritage* project**

Matthew Lambert, Head of Copyright, Policy & Assurance, British Library

The British Library's NLHF funded *Unlocking Our Sound Heritage* (UOSH) project is a 5-year project aiming to preserve over 300,000 endangered sound recordings and make as many of them publicly available as possible. The project is now coming to the end of its fifth and final year and so this seems a good time to talk about the copyright complexities and look at the routes taken to navigate them.

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This has included:

- Difficulties of assessing copyright at scale and in complex works such as sound recordings with many layers of embedded rights.
- Clearance, both individually and at scale.
- LOML and ERA licenses.
- 'Clearance' of world and traditional music content e.g., seeking consent from community leaders where performers cannot be identified.
- Appropriateness of different license types for different content.
- Developing due diligence processes to research rights holders and manage risk.
- Making content available on site via dedicated terminals where clearance was not possible.

This session also touched on related issues such as:

- Assessing oral histories and managing data protection / sensitivity issues.
- The impact of Brexit and lockdown during the project

- **AI & IP: Where are we and where are we going?**

Ben White, Researcher at the Centre for Intellectual Property and Management, Bournemouth University

In 2014 the UK government was the second country in the world to introduce a copyright exception for text and data mining even though it was limited to non-commercial uses. Since then, European Union has introduced two exceptions permitting differing forms of commercial use.

Despite AI having huge economic importance, the UK is lagging behind many industrialised economies in terms of IP regulation of artificial intelligence. With a retreat from the Intellectual Property Office looking likely over introducing an updated exception for AI, this talk gave an up to date look at where we stand in this crucially important area of our economy.

- **Orphan Works post-Brexit: What next?**

Naomi Korn, Managing Director, Naomi Korn Associates

Orphan works - works that are in copyright but where the rights holders are unknown or cannot be traced - are a global, unsolved problem representing likely billions of items. Orphan works are particularly problematic for libraries and cultural heritage organisations who are the custodian of much orphan works material and can be committed to make them available online. Challenges can include the balancing of legal compliance versus organisational objectives, often resulting in laborious and time resource efforts in trying to locate rights holders.

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Following the UK's departure from the EU, the UK is no longer able to benefit from the EU Orphan Works Exception which provided a limited but helpful solution for the online publication of certain orphan works. Whilst the UK's Orphan Works Licensing Scheme (OWLS) remains in place, it has widely been criticised. Drawing on initial research as part of her PhD, Naomi describes and analyses the OWLS as a possible solution for orphan works. Naomi also discussed the range of orphan works international solutions which are available and critically analyse their viability to the UK's library and cultural heritage sector.

- **Can you ever use Copyright Exceptions when sharing copyright materials with a global audience?**

Debbie McDonnell, Intellectual Property Manager, British Council

We are working in an increasingly global setting – whether sharing materials with students in another country or devising digital resources aimed at an international audience. The UK copyright exceptions were updated 9 years ago to make them more suitable for the digital age – but can we use them at all for online activities where the materials will be used in many different countries?

Each country has its own copyright law with its own exceptions, however Debbie McDonnell, IP Manager from the British Council talked us through how exceptions function in a global setting and share some low and high-risk strategies for using copyright materials outside the UK under copyright exceptions or other means.

- **CLA Licensing and Product Innovation**

James Bennett, Head of Rights and Licensing, Copyright Licensing Agency (CLA) provided an update on the Copyright Licensing Agency's latest licensing initiatives.

- **Complicated copyright: What people want to know.**

Margaret Haig, Head of Copyright Operations, Intellectual Property Office (IPO)

Explaining the copyright framework to users and rights holders, as well as the general public and businesses, is one of the roles of the Intellectual Property Office. But with so many possible areas to cover, how do we choose areas on which to provide guidance? What do we include in our presentations? How can we get a wider audience for that guidance? This session will cover some of the trends in the copyright enquiries we receive, the guidance provided by the IPO to different audiences, and the copyright notice service. The session will also invite attendees to set out what copyright subjects would form a useful focus for future guidance.

Further information is available at: CILIP (2023) '[CILIP Copyright Conference 2023 programme](#)'. [CILIP.org.uk, Events](https://www.cilip.org.uk/Events).

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The Challenges of Remote Working

- The challenges of remote working and points to consider from a data privacy perspective. Provided within this article are points to consider from a data privacy perspective that include:

1. **Have a clear statement to all staff** stressing that “The protection of personal data that we hold, and use is important to us and must be always handled in a way that is compliant with data protection law and our Data Protection and Privacy policies. While we must adapt to comply with the official guidance, we will adjust our working processes to allow us to deliver our services. These are time limited instructions that will be kept under review. At the end of the period then all data that is held temporarily on personal devices as a direct result of this exceptional times, will be deleted.” (Tullo 2020)
2. **Set out what use of data**, contact lists, customer documents are being allowed.
3. As part of this exceptional response to homeworking **keep a full record of where staff are working from and what equipment they are using.**
4. **State that you have assessed the best way of ensuring homeworking efficiency** and are proposing that personal devices and mobile phones can be used. That you will review this [weekly seems sensible at present] in line with experience and how staff report it is working.
5. **Reissue and emphasise your usual security arrangements –** Virus and password protection, not leaving data visible to others, having a PIN code, or not sharing their device with others in their family or household.
6. **Take care to be aware where data is being stored**, even if temporary so that the security risk is managed and assessed.
7. For the **weekly reviews –** have your Senior Leadership Team note the number of staff using personal devices, any queries, or issues they are finding and demonstrate that you are monitoring the situation and are flexible in closing it down if any specific concerns arise.
8. Choose your **collaboration tool of choice** and consider recording online meetings and note actions especially where team members are geographically spread out and where broadband speeds and kit may vary in quality.
9. You might also consider having a **standard introduction for homeworking staff** to explain that they are homeworking and not in the office, so callers understand the position.
10. This is where a nominated **Data Protection Office (DPO)** or Data Officer can support the senior team in the messaging to colleagues.

There are growing numbers of tips and survival guides online that include: Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) [Data protection and coronavirus: what you need to know](#).

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Regarding UCEM we have followed these pointers:

(i) A clear statement went to staff, and UCEM has a designated area within their central SharePoint site for Business Continuity Planning (BCP) that has the following folders containing

- Official Communications [Internal and External]
- Human Resources (HR) guidance and support
- Information Technology (IT) technical support, guidance, and documents

Data Protection guidance (incl. a new guidance note entitled, 'Processing Personal data when remote working.'

- The [UCEM Data Protection and Privacy Policies](#) have been updated and should be read in conjunction with IT Policies).
- & Hints and tips for working from home.

(ii) A retention and destruction schedule is in place that collates lists of data used within respective teams and departments; (iii) A register is kept of where staff are working from and equipment used; (iv) Regular online meetings and weekly All-staff keep everyone updated and ensuring regular communication; (v) IT provide regular updates and guidance; (vi) GDPR 2020 training has been launched to re-enforce the importance of knowing how data is used and where it is being stored, even if temporary so that risk is managed and assessed; (vii and viii) online equipment and collaboration tools are well established at UCEM as an online education provider, but are regularly monitored; (ix) As mentioned above, hints and tips for working from home are provided, & (x) UCEM has a designated Data Protection Officer (DPO).

Please note: There are regular updates -

- (i) On the [UCEM Website](#),
- (ii) **VLE Help Page** (for students), and
- (iii) within the **[UCEM Website Home > Supported Online Learning > e-Library](#)** current awareness services, incl. Information blog and ***Knowledge Foundations*** (for all).

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(iv) A short **[UCEM e-Library video](#)** (used within UCEM Marketing, **[Social Media business channels i.e. LinkedIn](#)** to promote the e-Library, *Knowledge Foundations*, regular information blogs, and more)

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Advance HE (Previously HEA – Higher Education Academy) is dedicated to helping higher education shape its future. Providing insight, enhancing organisational performance, developing, and connecting people, and accrediting achievements. Advance HE [online]. Further information is available at: www.advance-he.ac.uk [accessed 26 April 2024]

American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Civil Engineering database provides free access to over eighty thousand abstracts taken from ASCE publications since 1973. ASCE [online]. Further information is available at: www.asce.org [accessed 26 April 2024]

Association of Researchers in Construction Management (ARCOM) brings together all those interested in construction management research. It aims to further the advancement of knowledge in all aspects of management in construction by support education, dissemination, and research. ARCOM [online]. Further information available at: www.arcom.ac.uk [accessed 26 April 2024]

ARCOM Abstracts database – contains open access of every ARCOM conference paper since 1997 and is now a major resource for all active researchers.

ARCOM Newsletters - contains the latest news from the industry.

AJ Buildings Library (AJBL) – The AJ Buildings Library highlights thousands of exemplar projects, most from the last 20 years but including major projects back to 1900. Available at: www.ajbuildingslibrary.co.uk/ [accessed 26 April 2024] (This valuable resource is just one part of the *Architects' Journal* subscription, available via the VLE e-Library > OpenAthens Library login > Construction Information Service (CIS) and/or EBSCO Business Source Ultimate).

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BBC Search and BBC Education [online]. Further information available at: www.bbc.co.uk/search and www.bbc.co.uk/news/education [accessed 26 April 2024]

BIDSTATS [online] – Free UK tenders' portal. Find UK public sector contracts and further information available at: <https://bidstats.uk/> [accessed 26 April 2024]

BIM Task Group – The Building Information Modelling (BIM) Task Group support and develop the objectives of the Government Construction Strategy and the requirement to strengthen the public sector's capability in BIM implementation [online]. **N.B.** This group and programme are now part of the University of Cambridge, **Centre for Digital Built Britain (CDBB)** [online]. Further information

is available at: www.cdabb.cam.ac.uk/AboutDBB/FAQs [accessed 26 April 2024]. Please refer to question 9 – What is the Digital Built Britain Programme? specifically.

BIMForum – The BIMForum’s mission is to facilitate and accelerate the adoption of building information modelling (BIM) in the AEC (Architecture, Engineering and Construction) industry. Further information is available via the BIMForum Website [online] and at: <http://bimforum.org> [accessed 26 April 2024]

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British Council of Shopping Centres (BCSC) was the professional body and authoritative voice for retail-led regeneration and for the management of and investment in shopping places [online]. Note: BCSC has changed and is now **REVO – Retail. Property. Community**.

British Property Federation (BPF) – The British Property Federation is a membership organisation devoted to representing the interests of all those involved in real estate ownership and investment. BPF [online]. Further information available at: <https://bpf.org.uk> [accessed 26 April 2024]

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Centre for Digital Built Britain (CDBB) is a partnership between the Department of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, and the University of Cambridge to deliver a smart digital economy for infrastructure and construction for the future and transform the UK construction industry's approach to the way we plan, build, maintain, and use our social and economic infrastructure. CDBB [online]. Available at: www.cdbb.cam.ac.uk/AboutDBB [accessed 26 April 2024]

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CSE Resources [online] include - Reports & publications, Toolkits, Advice leaflets, Websites, *Energise* newsletter, Videos on The fundamentals, Improving your community building, Community-wide energy saving projects, Neighbourhood and low carbon planning, Renewable energy projects, and further Resources for schools and educators. Available at: www.cse.org.uk/local-energy/resources [accessed 26 April 2024]

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Historic Environment Local Management (HELM) - provides accessible information, training, and guidance to decision makers in local authorities, regional agencies, and national organisations whose actions affect the historic environment. Note: All HELM web content on the Historic England website [online] and available at: <https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/training-skills/helmtraining> [accessed 26 April 2024].

Home Builders Federation (HBF) represents and serves its members in a range of ways that include Ensuring senior politicians and government officials are aware of housing issues and the challenges faced by our members; and working with Government officials to ensure housing policies are introduced that facilitate housing supply, in a way that is workable for the industry [online]. Available at: www.hbf.co.uk [accessed 26 April 2024]

House Building Careers (part of HBF). Here you will be able to learn about the home building industry and how it benefits you, your community, and the country as a whole [online]. Further information available at: <http://housebuildingcareers.org.uk> [accessed 26 April 2024]

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contributed by 192 institutions. Jisc Library Hub Discover [online]. Available at: <https://discover.libraryhub.jisc.ac.uk> [accessed 26 April 2024].

JORUM Archive – After 13 years delivering and sharing content across the higher education, further education and skills sectors the Jorum service and website was retired on 30 September 2016. However, many of the open education resources (OER) that were available in Jorum, access to their Jorum Archive can be accessed via the JISC website [online]. Available at: www.jisc.ac.uk/website/legacy/jorum [accessed 26 April 2024] where you can also gain access to JISC's full digital resources offer.

Journal of Online Learning and Teaching (JOLT) - The **MERLOT Journal of Online Learning and Teaching** is a peer-reviewed, open-access, online publication that aims to promote scholarship in the use of the Internet and web-based multimedia resource in higher education.

JournalTOCs is the largest, free collection of scholarly Journal Title of Contents (TOCs) [online]. Available at: www.journaltoocs.ac.uk/index.php [accessed 26 April 2024]

JSTOR Open Content - a digital library for scholars, researchers and students, JSTOR provides access to academic journal articles, books, and primary sources in seventy-five disciplines. Note: UCL Press publishes peer-reviewed scholarly monographs, edited collections, textbooks and journals. All of its books are available on: (a) **UCL Press**, and (b) **JSTOR** websites

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