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Editor's comment

With the government encouraging the creation of thousands of affordable homes around the country for first-time buyers, some housing industry leaders are concerned that the needs of older homeowners are being, at best marginalised and at worst - forgotten. Nick Sanders, Chief Executive of Audley Court is quoted as saying that there are currently 25,000 empty bedrooms located in under occupied family homes around the country and McCarthy & Stone's recent report 'Generation Stuck: Exploring the reality of downsizing in later life' says that a lack of suitable properties is stopping over 55-year-olds moving to more appropriate homes.

The elephant in the room has long been the demographic time bomb that is our aging population. Unfortunately there appears to little in the government's bag of new home initiatives that is designed to encourage the sale of family homes and stimulate home moving chains. Perhaps there is something in the Housing and Planning Bill 2015–16, which at the time we went to print was at the House of Lords Committee stage, which will stimulate this essential part of the property market.

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#### **CREATING EMPLOYMENT**

## Housebuilding creates more than 100,000 jobs

ccording to a report launched by the Home Builders Federation (HBF) more than 100,000 new jobs were generated in England in 2014/15, thanks to the industry's 'big increase' in housing output.

The report, 'Building Communities, Boosting Employment', reveals that the housebuilding industry now supports around 667,000 jobs in total in England. Also, local economies across the country are reaping the benefits of thousands of additional homes being delivered.

HBF analysis showed that in London, housebuilding now employs more than 100,000 people and it was estimated that last year more than 10,000 jobs were created in the capital.

Outside London, the West Midlands saw the greatest employment through housebuilding with 27,907 jobs supported by the industry in total.

Greater Manchester enjoyed the biggest uplift in housebuilding employment in 2014/15, with an additional 5,418 people taken on. North Yorkshire experienced the biggest proportional growth, with its housebuilding employment numbers doubling to a total of 8,471.

The HBF explained that reforms to the planning system and the well-received Help to Buy equity loan scheme had helped housebuilders to increase its output by around a third in two years. According to the latest government figures there was a rise of almost 25 per cent in net additions to the housing stock to 170,690 during 2014/15 against the previous year, with new build completions totalling 155,080.

HBF executive chairman, Stewart Baseley said: "The housebuilding industry has increased its output at the steepest rate for decades. Delivering the high quality homes we desperately need is also providing a huge boost to economies across the country.

"The industry is recruiting and training tens of thousands of new people to ensure it can continue to deliver significant sustainable increases in supply and provide the high quality homes the country needs."

#### STEPHEN FRY

# Stephen Fry to join Ecobuild 2016

t has been announced that Stephen Fry will join Ecobuild 2016 and will be interviewed by broadcaster Will Gompertz at the culmination of the conference programme.

The audience can expect to hear Stephen Fry's forthright views and insights around issues close to his heart, which will also resonate with the Ecobuild audience. The session will afford audience members a rare opportunity to ask questions in a Q&A session. After the discussion, Stephen will go on to host the prestigious BD Architect of the Year Awards dinner to be held at ExCeL.

#### **NEW BUILD REGISTRATIONS**

## UK Registrations hit eight-year high

ccording to the latest NHBC statistics UK new build registrations have hit an eight-year high, with 156,140 new homes registered in total in 2015.

NHBC data showed an increase in private sector registrations of 7 per cent to 118,611 homes during the year against 2014, with those for the public sector increasing 5 per cent to 37,529. In total, new home registrations rose 7 per cent compared to the previous year. The NHBC added that it had registered 75 per cent more new homes in 2015 than in the peak of the downturn in 2009.



#### Mike Quinton

Most UK regions saw notable growth in registrations compared to 2014, with the Eastern region, North West and Scotland experiencing the biggest lifts of 23 per cent, 16 per cent and 15 per cent respectively. London's registrations dropped 9 per cent to 25,994 in 2015 against 2014, but the NHBC pointed out that 2015 was still the third strongest year on record for London registrations.

NHBC statistics also indicated that the number of detached homes registered in 2015 (42,173) was the highest in more than a decade, continuing 2014's trend. Also, the number of semi-detached homes registered was at a 22-year high, totalling 35,423.

With the NHBC representing 80 per cent of the market for new build homes, the total market for UK registrations equals 195,000 homes.

NHBC CEO, Mike Quinton said: "We are pleased to report that 2015 was a year for continued housing growth in the UK. Both the public and private sectors have performed well and we have seen encouraging levels of housebuilding across most regions of the country. It is pleasing to see what has happened since the depths of the downturn in 2009.

"There is still a long way to go before we are building the levels of new homes that were seen before the economic downturn, but 2015 represents consolidation on the growth seen over the last three years."

#### **GENERATION STUCK**

## UK's retirees are a 'Generation Stuck'



Ithough there is high demand from over 55-year-olds to downsize, a lack of suitable properties is stopping older people from moving. According to a report commissioned by McCarthy & Stone this has created a growing 'Generation Stuck'.

The report, 'Generation Stuck: Exploring the reality of downsizing in later life' has been written by the International Longevity Centre – UK for the retirement housebuilder. It reveals, through a YouGov survey, that 33 per cent of UK homeowners aged 55 and over are considering or expect to move to a smaller property. Another 48 per cent are considering downsizing or have already made the move to a more suitable home.

The report, which examines older people's attitudes towards moving and the 'pros and cons' of downsizing, found that a 'substantial number'

of over 55s want to move but cannot due to a lack of choice in the marketplace.

The YouGov survey for the report also found that 29 per cent of the 1,252 respondents who have downsized or are considering or expecting to, had or expect to release more than £100,000 of equity, which highlights the financial value of downsizing.

The report makes three recommendations to aid the 'Generation Stuck' problem, which could in turn release 'billions' of pounds of housing for families and younger people:

- Greater efforts should be made to boost downsizing choices, for example exempting retirement housing from various planning restraints
- The downsizing process should be made more affordable, with one measure being the

exemption of older households

from stamp duty when they downsize
A greater level of advice and guidance could help increase older people's awareness of the options available and the benefits of downsizing, the report recommended.

Mcarthy & Stone's CEO, Clive Fenton explained: "Housing and planning policy should not just be about Starter Homes – millions of older people want to downsize to more suitable housing but there is currently little incentive or choice for them to move. As a result, housing chains are blocked at the top of the ladder. This report is calling for more attention on the housing needs of older people, particularly as 60 per cent of all household growth over the next 20 years will be by those in later life."

#### COMMENT

# Local authorities need to work with developers to deliver more homes



Steve Midgley, MD of homebuilder, Fairgrove Homes, responds to Local Government Association proposals to charge full council tax on unbuilt developments from the point that planning permission expires.

The Local Government Association, which is the national voice of local government, has highlighted its new research that reveals there are 475,647 homes in England which have been given planning permission, but have not yet been built. This is an increase from 443,265 in 2013/14.

While citing the skills shortage affecting the construction industry as being one of the main barriers to building new homes, and quite rightly suggesting that 'devolving careers advice, post-16 and adult skills budgets and powers to local areas would allow councils, education and employers to work together to help unemployed residents and young people develop the vital skills to build, it is also proposing to 'force developers to build homes more quickly'.

And how do they propose to do this? They are suggesting that Council leaders should have powers to charge developers full council tax for every unbuilt development from the point that the *Continued on page 7...* 



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original planning permission expires.

This is an outrageous proposal in my opinion and totally counterproductive. While keen to apportion blame on the skills shortage and lack of production, the LGA seems to have conveniently overlooked barriers within its own four walls.

Planning applications are supposed to be dealt with within 13 weeks. While this timescale regularly overruns, even if approval is achieved, it then takes months and sometimes even years to get Section 106 legal agreements, or planning obligations, between Local Authorities and developers signed and planning conditions approved. Before this has happened, developers are not in a position to start on site.

After all these delays, developers still have to find finance and hope that the market remains the same as when they first made the planning application.

During the recession Councils chose to charge council tax on unsold new homes, thereby increasing the costs and subsequent misery for struggling smaller developers, putting many out of business. As a result, smaller housebuilders have dropped in numbers from over 12,000 20 years ago to less than 3,000 today. This is primarily due to the whole planning system favouring larger sites and therefore larger developers, and secondly the availability of finance.

Charging business rates on unoccupied business premises has severely curtailed speculative development in that sector, and now that the economy is growing, there is a shortage of readily available property. This suggestion would have the same effect on new homes, as developers will not take the risk.

The Home Builders Federation's own research

suggests that the 'vast majority of the 475,647 homes quoted by the LGA are either on sites where work has already started, or where there is not a fully implementable permission and where it is not legal for builders to commence construction.' Research and statistics aside, the government has committed to build one million new homes in England by 2020, with David Cameron promising to 'pull out all the stops' to ensure this happens.

In which case, Council planning and legal departments need to work with developers, including smaller homebuilders and not just the larger developers, rather than imposing yet more financial strain on businesses that will play an essential part on the continuing economic recovery.

#### LONDON HELP TO BUY

## London Help to Buy opens its doors

The new London Help to Buy scheme has now opened its doors – allowing Londoners to buy a home with just a 5 per cent deposit and a mortgage as low as 55 per cent, the Communities Secretary Greg Clark announced.

First-time buyers and second-steppers will get the opportunity to own a new-build home in the capital with a deposit backed by a 40 per cent equity loan from the government that is interest free for the first five years.

London Help to Buy is an extension of the successful Help to Buy scheme that has helped 130,000 people across the country since 2013.

Under the current scheme loans of up to 20 per cent of the property's price are made available to first-time buyers and home movers on new build homes worth up to £600,000. In London the loans will now be doubled to up to 40 per cent.

Chancellor George Osborne said: "This government is determined to help more people realise the dream of owning their own home.

"Our Help to Buy scheme has already helped tens of thousands get a step onto the housing ladder, and the Help to Buy ISA means many more will get a top up from the government as they save for a deposit.

"Today's new scheme means an even better deal in the capital, where buying a home remains out of reach for too many.

"And to ensure there are more homes to buy for people across the country, in my Spending Review I set out plans to deliver the biggest affordable housebuilding programme since the 1970's."

Communities Secretary Greg Clark said: "We're determined to make home ownership a realistic aspiration for hard-working young people, wherever they are in the country.

"Our multi-billion pound investment will open the door to thousands of Londoners wanting to own their own home, following in the footsteps of nearly 270,000 people who have already bought through government-backed schemes.

"And now with the improved Help to Buy scheme launching in London, I would urge anyone who thinks home ownership is out of reach to look again at the help on offer." Housing Minister Brandon Lewis said: "Help to Buy has now helped over 130,000 people across the country achieve their aspiration of buying a new or bigger home.

"The scheme is helping people turn those dreams into a reality, with a fraction of a deposit they would normally require, and from today the new London scheme will help even more people follow in their footsteps.

"Anyone thinking about home ownership and those who believe it is out of reach should look again at the range of government schemes available to them."

Aldermore, Bank of Scotland, Barclays, Halifax, Leeds, Lloyds, Nationwide, Natwest, Royal Bank of Scotland and Teachers Building Societies are supporting London Help to Buy – enabling Londoners to get on the housing market with a much smaller mortgage.

Help to Buy: Equity loan has been extended to 2021 with a further £8.6 billion; aiming to help up to 145,000 more people take steps towards owning their own home.

#### NETMAGMEDIA AT ECOBUILD

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#### SMART HOMES AWARD WINNERS

## Smart Homes Award Winners

Smart homes technology specialists Cyberhomes have won the custom installation (CI) industry's Install and Technology Solutions Award (ITSA) for 'Best Whole House Integration'.

The award recognises the quality of a fully integrated automation and entertainment system designed, built and delivered by Cyberhomes. Having worked with a property developer client on several previous projects, Cyberhomes were given the opportunity to provide the integration of the AV (including a cinema room), lighting, heating and security systems for his own luxury family home in Hampstead.

Cyberhomes Director Ion Smith said: "The client had previous experience of Lutron lighting control and multi-room audio but the concept of integrating these, along with all the AV controls, heating and security into a single control system was new to him. Once we had demoed the Savant Pro system to him he was sold on the concept."

Cyberhomes' client added: "Having worked with Cyberhomes on several upmarket property development projects, I knew they could deliver the type of smart capabilities I wanted for my own home—and they didn't disappoint."



The ITSA judges commented: "The results of Cyberhomes' work speak for themselves – a tour de force of custom install in every room they reached, creating a smart house that ticks all the boxes of advanced 21st century living and ups the home automation ante; sthe client couldn't have asked for more from this team of innovative installers. A truly deserving winner in what was our toughest category to judge. This is what CI is all about!"

Cyberhomes work closely with clients, architects, developers, interior designers and

M&E consultants from the very start, wherever possible, to integrate control and AV systems with the overall building design and performance. The Cyberhomes founders have a background in outside-broadcasting technology for the BBC and take the same rigorous approach with the equipment, cabling and software behind home automation projects. AV racks are built and tested at Cyberhomes' rack building facility in Thame and all the wiring looms created in a controlled environment before installation.





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Ecobuild 8 - 10 March, London www.ecobuild.co.uk

National Homebuilding & Renovating Show 14 - 17 April, Birmingham www.homebuildingshow.co.uk

North England Build Expo Manchester Central 27 - 28 April Grand Designs Live 30 April - 8 May, London www.granddesignslive.com

RESI Awards 11 May , London www.resiawards.com

Eco Technology Show 9 - 10 June, Brighton www.ecotechnologyshow.co.uk

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Grand Designs Live 19 - 23 October, Birmingham www.granddesignslive.com/nec

London Build Expo 26 - 27 October, London www.londonbuildexpo.com

## Ministers call on construction industry to invest and build home grown talent

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Housing Minister Brandon Lewis and Skills Minister Nick Boles want the construction industry to look at whether current business models are holding back the industry from developing the skills it needs and to consider new models of construction such as offsite manufacturing.

The Construction Leadership Council has been called upon to review what skills the construction industry need to provide the homes the nation needs.

The Council has asked Mark Farmer, of real estate and construction consultancy Cast, to identify actions that will help bring more workers to the industry.

Views are being sought on how to best train a workforce which has a high level of self-employment and bring about greater use of off-site construction. The review will also look at how the industry can introduce measures that encourage more investment and new ways of working.

Housing Minister Brandon Lewis said: "The number of new homes being built is up 25 per cent in the last year – and this is further proof we've got the country building again and delivering the homes the nation wants.

"This means thousands of jobs are now up for grabs and we're determined to make sure that there are enough skilled workers to get the job done.

"Construction offers an exciting and rewarding career and we need to build a new generation of home grown talented, ambitious and highly skilled construction workers.

Skills Minister Nick Boles said: "The government is committed to getting Britain building. We are investing in measures to cut red tape and increase the number of young people doing apprenticeships and traineeships to ensure we have a pipeline of skilled workers.

"As leaders in the industry, the Council is best placed to advise on how to boost productivity in the sector and build the houses and infrastructure our nation needs."

Mark Farmer, chief executive officer at Cast, said: "I'm delighted to be asked to lead this review. The construction industry's skills shortfall has been growing progressively and its ageing workforce now means affirmative action needs to be taken to avoid more acute issues in the future.

A healthy and robust construction sector is vital to underpinning the government's commitment to delivering critical new housing and infrastructure projects. It will also ensure the unrivalled economic multiplier effect related to construction activity continues to play its part within the wider UK economy.

"The industry needs to seize the opportunity to celebrate the vital contribution it makes and, in partnership with government and other key stakeholders, ensure it overcomes the current barriers to fulfilling its potential."

#### Building future skills

The 2008 housing crash devastated the industry and led to the loss of a quarter of a million construction jobs. However, the housing market has now turned a corner, with government investment returning builders to sites across the country.

New research from the Home Builders Federation shows that over 100,000 new construction jobs were created in England alone in the last year – the review will look at how we can go further to ensure young Brits leaving school or those looking for a career change will see building as a viable and exciting career.

Housebuilding is at the heart of the government's long-term economic plan with plans to build 275,000 new affordable homes during this Parliament.

The housebuilding process requires a wider range of different people – as well as traditional on site trade jobs, there are a number of roles such as land buyers, accountants, engineers, sales and marketing staff.

#### PARTNERSHIP HELPS SERVICE VETERANS

# Former army barracks to be transformed into a unique housing project

former army barracks near Salisbury Plain is being transformed into a unique housing project combining private properties and homes fit for heroes.

The site of the former Erskine Barracks, near the village of Wilton, will be turned into two new housing developments, Wilton Hill and Erskine Park, where families will live alongside service veterans returning from conflict zones.

The unique project is the creation of regeneration and development specialists Our Enterprise who are working alongside Redrow Homes to create the UK's first major housing development built with returning military personnel in mind.

Our Enterprise was approached by the Wilton Community Land Trust to develop plans for site after they became concerned the areas military heritage would be lost. Our Enterprise agreed to partner with Redrow Homes to buy the two sites and plans for 292 family properties and 44 one and two-bedroom apartments for veterans have now been approved by Wiltshire Council.

Alongside the 292 private homes being built by Redrow Homes, the 34-acre site will also feature a community-based campus for service veterans with homes, an enterprise hub, crèche and retail units. This element of the project will be managed by Our Enterprise. The hub will offer training and help for veterans to launch their own businesses and will sit alongside facilities for up to 60 other businesses.

The new community will also include units the veterans can rent for a period between six and 24 months while they receive business and skills training. They then move on to make room for another veteran.

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The former Erskine Barracks project is Our Enterprise's first major project aimed at helping returning veterans and its CEO, Matthew Bell explained: "When Wilton Community Land Trust came to me I immediately spotted an opportunity. The Erskine Barracks had been put up for sale and there were fears the site could be turned into a massive housing estate with little or no consideration about the area's military heritage. I knew we had a unique opportunity to do something different.

"It needed to be a genuine business opportunity for the builder, while at the same time offering an incredible opportunity to our military personnel returning from conflicts overseas.

"Within 10 minutes of meeting the Redrow chief executive John Tutte, I knew we could make this work. Redrow agreed to meet the Wilton Community Land Trust and they, with our support, had some long conversations which led to the plans we all then submitted.

"Between us we purchased the land and had the plans approved swiftly without the need for any additional costly and timely consultations. I believe we have come up with a plan which will reinvigorate this community and transform many lives for the better."

#### COMMENT

# Realising the potential of the retirement market and helping release under occupied family homes

Having created the first ever new build, integrated private housing and care facility back in the 1980s Audley Court Chief Executive, Nick Sanderson believes that over 55–year–olds are being marginalised by the government which must now take steps to recognise the needs of this growing sector of our society

hile the UK suffers the most severe housing shortage since the end of WWII there are currently over 25,000 empty bedrooms, many in under occupied family sized homes. Recently the government has developed and implemented numerous housing initiatives to help create a home owning society. However, these are almost exclusively aimed at younger potential first-time homeowners, who are being encouraged to buy brand new properties.

Although commendable this will not stimulate moving chains or encourage 'empty nesters', living in large family homes, to move into properties more appropriate to their needs.

When I started my first company I knew I had to look for a niche in what was a very busy house building market. Having discussed my plans with a family friend who was a GP, we decided to look at the retirement/care market. We spent weeks visiting private and local government care homes around Kent trying to find a home for our fictional auntie.

The UK 'retirement home' offering back then was appalling. A real anomaly when in countries like the USA and Australia 'adult only' resort type communities, which cater seamlessly for the active retired, assisted care and full time care part of their populations were really taking off.

#### Innovation is a lonely place

We realised that this model was both needed and could work in the UK. So we decided to create the country's first purpose built, age exclusive care community. However, innovation is a lonely place, especially when trying to find finance. Eventually we managed to persuade 3i to invest in our plans and in 1984 we opened our first unique, private, over 55–year–old, new home and care offering to a queue which went around the block. Having created a product that satisfied a real need we were rushed off our feet and continue to be so.

Like other new homes providers our part of

the housing sector has had to weather some tough times since then. However, Audley continues to recognise the needs of a changing society and provide a fully managed, integrated new home, assisted and care home offering.

However, we also recognise that we have to satisfy the needs of the communities in which we build. Unlike some new developments our new neighbourhoods are not inaccessible islands. We welcome locals to use our swimming pools, restaurants, other community facilities, and join our events, which in many cases were not available to them until we arrived.

This ethos also helps us with both community engagement and then planning applications. The arrival of a housebuilder invariably attracts community concern but so often we have welcomed local residents who arrived at our engagement exercises as potential adversaries and left as confirmed customers. We have long realised that marketing our developments starts at the point of community engagement, not when you open the sales centre. This has both created off plan customers and helped our planning applications gain quick consent from local councils – even on green belt sites.

Some may say we are taking advantage of an elderly customer base. Our current customers were mostly born in the 1950s, lived through the swinging 1960s and have travelled the world. They know exactly what they want. Importantly, we also know what they want in terms of quality and service. This has resulted in a fully managed, quality care on demand, 'later lifetime homes' model. Our property owners can take advantage of an active lifestyle, through assisted care to a full care environment without having to move home.

Today's developments also have to embrace sustainability and new technologies. Even small things like LED lighting, ground source heating and intelligent wiring can make a big difference to both our customer's quality of life and building management costs.

As I have said 'innovation can be a lonely

place'. However, we have moved away from the 'construction heritage' of many housebuilders/land developers and, based on a marketing model, created a value added product offering. This provides what is really needed by a growing part of our aging but active society.

At first financial folk would say: "Are you sure?" But over the last few years we have seen a very different attitude. People are taking notice of our activities and now everyone wants a bit of our action.

### Encouraging older homeowners to make the move

So why are Audley type developments not flooding the country, four-bedroom plus homeowners not moving into our properties and stimulating the housing market by vacating the homes families need? Probably because there is no incentive to do so.

If the government really wants to create a home owning society and a balanced housing sector they must do two things:

- Encourage older home owners to sell their large family sized and under occupied home by removing the requirement for them to pay stamp duty when moving to a smaller and possibly care assisted brand new homes
- Encourage homebuilders to create better and more targeted homes that cater for the demographic time bomb, which is our aging society

When it comes to creating homes for the country's often forgotten but growing number of over 55 year olds I want something better. We have to create higher specification homes located in 'later lifetime home communities'. These must integrate into existing communities and create the quality of life that will encourage older homeowners to move out of their under occupied homes and thereby provide the family sized homes our society needs. It is a challenge but one with the support of the government I believe we can achieve.

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## Avoiding future floods and droughts

With large parts of the country suffering winter flooding Lutz Johnen, Managing Director of water management specialists Aquality Trading & Consulting Ltd suggests that appropriate water management will help with both potential flooding and drought issues.

s recent floods have shown only too clearly and '100-year rainfall events' occur more regularly than the name would suggest we ignore the forces of nature at our peril. Worryingly predicted changes in weather patterns foresee the UK in the future experiencing much milder and wetter winters. These are forecast to raise river levels by as much as 15 per cent above their current high-water marks, with inevitable damaging consequences to people, their homes, the environment, and the economy.

Often overlooked amidst the human misery caused by flood events, however, is the other aspect of changing weather patterns, namely dryer summers. These are predicted to lead to water shortages that could wreak damage on waterdependent industries such as agriculture. According to the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Report, droughts pose a far greater future threat to the UK.

#### Politics vs results

The political outcry, which inevitably accompanies flood events leads to the Environment Agency prioritising flood-defences with all available resources. The general call by those effected being to dredge watercourses and raise riverbanks. All very understandable when personally affected, but not necessarily the right short-term answer to a long-term challenge.

Improving local watercourses as a conduit for water has two obvious potential downsides:

Firstly it is prone to moving the flooding problem downstream to new sufferers. Secondly it does nothing to address the other side of the water equation, which is the need to meet later demand.



This will only become a political issue once droughts occur as regularly as floods currently do. By which time it may well be too late to react.

The answer, while doing everything possible to mitigate current flood risks, is to take a look at the supply side of the water equation now, rather than wait for the problem to arrive.

#### Attenuate and re-use

Although the right approach will inevitably vary with the topography and local rainfall characteristics, the broad principle must include storing sufficient water when and where it falls, to meet later dry weather irrigation demands. This has the beneficial secondary effect of reducing downstream flood risks while the rain is falling, correspondingly affecting the scale and nature of investment in flood defences.

It goes without saying that a consequence of this logic is that planning and investment to avoid future floods and droughts needs to be undertaken in an integrated and holistic way. A conclusion soundly endorsed by a recently published survey of more than 1,000 water management professionals.

#### Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS)

Meanwhile, a significant proportion of local flood risk arises from the rainfall falling on urban areas, a factor resulting in a long-standing requirement for the incorporation of sustainable drainage (SuDS) on all new developments. This means that the new roofs, roads and other hard surfaces associated with new developments must avoid adding to existing down-stream flood risks.

Where this cannot be achieved by simply draining the surface water into the ground through soak-away pits, the normal approach is to use techniques to attenuate, or temporarily store, the water until it can safely be released into the storm drain system.

Re-using this attenuated water for non-potable uses, such as toilet-flushing, to help address future water shortages would appear the logical next step, as already highlighted in the Welsh Government and Mayor of London SuDS Standards.

#### ROCK-BOTTOM MORTGAGE RATES

# Mortgage Advice Bureau comments on the Bank of England's Money and Credit Report

ortgage approvals reached a near two-year high in December, rounding off a successful year for borrowers. Existing homeowners were the frontrunners in this growth, with the number of remortgage approvals rising by more than a quarter since December 2014.

Brian Murphy, Head of Lending at Mortgage Advice Bureau, commented: "Borrowers benefited from rock-bottom mortgage rates throughout 2015, and our data shows that rates continued to fall across all fixed rate products in December. Growing numbers of homeowners are wising up to the fact that it pays to remortgage, particularly if moving from a poor value standard variable rate. Borrowers who are comfortable with a long-term commitment can take advantage of today's rates by locking into a fixed product, avoiding higher mortgage bills when an interest rate rise eventually kicks in. "For those who do not have the comfort of already sitting on the property ladder and are looking to buy for the first time, the outlook is still positive. Although not quite up to pre-recession levels, mortgage approvals for house purchase have improved markedly in recent years and lenders are battling for business. However, with house prices continuing to rise, affordability remains a concern, and today's low mortgage rates aren't a permanent fixture of the market."



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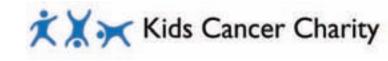
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#### MUDRUN

## HBD team get muddy for charity

n 9 April 2016, the Housebuilder & Developer team will be taking part in the Royal British Legion Major Series, a demanding 5K course full of military obstacles and thick mud!

All participants will wade through muddy streams, 'stench trenches' and negotiate 'vanishing bridges' and a number of other hurdles while raising money for the Kids Cancer Charity



(www.kidscancercharity.org).

What our office-based staff can expect on the day could not be more of a contrast to the day-today routine of publishing trade magazines. As a result, we are sure there will be great trepidation as the day arises, however, each member is fully committed to completing the event - culminating in a 50-metre water slide to finish.

We have set a target of £1,500 to raise, so

please give generously to this great cause by visiting www.justgiving.com/netmagmedialtd or you can text a donation by texting NETM99 followed by the amount you'd like to donate (E.g. NETM99 £3) to 70070. Please note that it will say your donation has gone to Christian Lewis Trust - this is the original name of the Kids Cancer Charity.

### COMMENT Building a holistic future



As the Government plans to build 400,000 affordable homes by the end of the decade, there is concern that current building regulations do not go far enough to create sustainable, healthy and comfortable living environments. Stacey Temprell, Residential Sector Director at Saint-Gobain UK and Ireland, explains the importance of adopting a holistic approach to building and design that prioritises user comfort and wellbeing

nergy efficiency and carbon reduction A have been at the forefront of residential Jbuilding over the past decade, with standards such as Passivhaus making an increasing impact on housing design and construction.

However, this focus on energy performance and carbon reduction means that a holistic approach to building is not often considered with a view to optimising the user's living experience.

The concept of 'multiple comforts' and taking a broader, more holistic approach to building is well understood by many architects and developers, but without an agreed standard it can also be very subjective.

#### Multi-Comfort

That is why Saint-Gobain is pioneering a new approach, called the Multi-Comfort concept for buildings, which sets tangible, measurable standards for the building, to deliver a truly comfortable house for the occupier, whether home owner or tenant.

Multi-Comfort defines five primary comforts: thermal comfort, visual comfort, audio comfort, indoor air comfort and economic comfort, with standards for each. These surpass existing building regulations, incorporating the energy efficiency and thermal comfort standards set by Passivhaus and introducing new standards in audio, indoorair and visual comfort to give the building user the ultimate experience of comfort.

Based on Passivhaus design principles, with buildings using very little energy for heating and cooling, Multi-Comfort buildings achieve a 75 per cent reduction in space heating requirements in comparison to current standard practice in

new-build homes, and provide the same level of thermal comfort.

The Multi-Comfort standard for residential new build sets out four criteria for achieving thermal comfort, with heating and cooling demand, thermal bridging and energy overheating. Prevention levels all based on Passivhaus standards, with the additional target for relative humidity of 40-60 per cent relative to a temperature of 20 degrees centigrade.

#### Maintaining good thermal efficiency

To maintain good thermal efficiency, insulation materials must be as effective as possible to keep buildings at a constant level of thermal comfort, without compromising visual or indoor air quality. Designing for energy efficiency alone can have a direct impact on the visual comfort of a building. To maintain good thermal efficiency, some builds reduce window size, lowering the amount of natural light allowed in the building.

The windows in a Multi-Comfort building are carefully sized, oriented and designed to help improve views, natural daylight and colour appearance while minimising glare and solar gain. Using daylighting autonomy techniques, the Multi-Comfort building concept also allows for windows to be designed, using advanced UKmanufactured glazing, to maximise daylight and minimise the need for artificial lighting, adapting to conditions.

The indoor air quality of buildings also impacts on building occupants. Good, clean air can reduce health problems, as well as enhancing user comfort. Indoor pollution from outside sources, such as traffic and industry, can affect health, as can the

finishes of furnishings and floor coverings at certain concentration levels. If managed correctly, innovative technology can decompose internal pollutants into non-harmful inert compounds, improving air quality.

#### The challenge

By focusing on just one aspect of a house build, even such an important one as energy efficiency, then there is still a risk that the house will become uncomfortable. The challenge of designing and building homes cost effectively to achieve a balanced level of comfort can be met by the latest building materials on the market today; especially the latest developments in external and internal insulation materials, plasters and plasterboards, renders, airtightness and vapour control membranes, and new glazing materials.

Many of these materials also improve sound insulation and reduce acoustic transmission, improving audio comfort. The Multi-Comfort building concept uses innovative absorbing materials, such as special plasterboards and mineral wools to reduce airborne and impact noises inside the building.

The most important thing to remember is that each of the 'five comforts' of thermal, indoor air, acoustic, visual and economic comfort are all closely inter-linked.

A house is also a home, and even in the current market, where demand far outstrips supply, housebuilders who deliver a house that takes into account each element of human comfort will have a competitive advantage.

#### DEVELOPMENT SHOWCASE

# Redrow acquires site to build 300 new homes at Thorpe Park Leeds



horpe Park Developments Ltd, a joint venture between Scarborough Group International and Legal & General Capital, has agreed a deal to sell a significant 20.3-acre development site at Thorpe Park Leeds to Redrow for the delivery of up to 300 new homes.

The deal with Redrow forms part of a wider plan to deliver the residential element of a mixed use scheme in phase two on the 200-acre site in East Leeds.

Redrow's Yorkshire operation will develop housing with an anticipated finished worth of almost  $\pounds70$  million. Redrow will also be responsible for a package of community benefits worth circa  $\pounds1.85$  million, including contributions to education and public transport, in addition to wide ranging community provisions by Scarborough as part of the overall scheme.

In addition to the housing, Thorpe Park Leeds has planning consent for a transformational 1.35 million sq ft mixed-use expansion of the existing 800,000 sq ft business park. Preparation work is already underway to deliver a new 300,000 sq ft shopping and leisure park and a first phase of 40,000 sq ft of offices. The development also includes a 113 acre public park with sports facilities. Redrow's development will be a 'gateway' to the eventual creation of up to 7,000 homes including the East Leeds Extension. The Thorpe Park Leeds development will deliver the primary infrastructure to kick start the new East Leeds Orbital Road (ELOR) and the initial site preparation works have already commenced to connect Manston Lane, Crossgates, to J46 of the M1.

Matthew Barker, land director for Redrow Homes (Yorkshire), said: "We're very excited to be involved in the Thorpe Park Leeds project and, with it, the wider East Leeds Extension, which is the largest housing development in the Leeds City region.

"The Manston Lane Link Road is due to open during 2017, which will enable works to commence on the Thorpe Park Leeds residential area. We will submit a reserved matters detailed planning application during 2016 so that we are ready to progress as soon as possible."

Redrow expects to build mostly two, three and four-bedroom homes and some one-bedroom apartments. It will seek permission or homes from two different product ranges – the Arts & Crafts inspired Heritage Collection and the Georgian-influenced Regent Collection, ensuring a wide choice of homes for different audiences.

Work will hopefully commence in 2017 with completion of all 300 homes scheduled by 2021.

Mark Jackson Consultant to Scarborough Group International, said: "We are looking forward to working with Redrow Homes on the next phase of Thorpe Park Leeds. The quality of Redrow's homes and its approach to design is very much in keeping with the high standards that we intend to establish in the development of Thorpe Park Leeds which is founded on four key themes; Community, Health and Wellbeing, Connection and Enterprise. We believe that Redrow shares our ethos and understands our vision and we will work together to ensure integration to the wider Thorpe Park Leeds project and indeed East Leeds's wider community."

Thorpe Park Leeds is already an important business location for both Leeds and the North of England, located just six miles east of Leeds City Centre, with its own dedicated access off junction 46 of the M1. Among the 60 occupiers of the existing office space are IBM, National Grid, GE Capital, Vinci, BAM and United Utilities.

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#### **DEVELOPMENT SHOWCASE**

# Novus to deliver affordable houses in Stoke-on-Trent

ovus Property Solutions has been contracted to deliver 22 affordable properties at the site of a derelict pub in Staffordshire.

The site of the former Woodshutts Inn pub on Lower Ash Road in Butt Lane was purchased by Aspire Housing in 2013. The land was subsequently cleared and plans for 22 new properties were drawn up and approved.

Novus' reputation for delivering regeneration projects led to the company being contracted to deliver the much-needed uplift to a neglected area.

The construction will include properties of different styles and sizes, including six twobed bungalows, 10 two-bed houses and six one-bed flats.

Work on the buildings is due to start on site in March, and completion is expected in early 2017. The homes will provide a mix of shared ownership and affordable rent, priced between £115,000 and £125,000 for shared ownership.

Wayne Hughes, managing director at Aspire Housing, said: "Unfortunately this site had been attracting interest for all the wrong reasons in the past.



"The regeneration of the site had previously been welcomed by the community who had labelled it as an 'eyesore' because it had attracted ASB problems, including fires and vandalism.

"I'm sure it will be a great relief to residents

that our project to provide new homes and regenerate the area will soon take shape."

He added: "We are proud to be working in partnership with Novus Property Solutions to transform this site, creating attractive and affordable new housing for the community."

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#### DEVELOPMENT SHOWCASE

# Planning permission granted at Ebbsfleet Garden City

ee Evans Partnership (LEP) is working with Land Securities and the Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (EDC) to deliver the next phase of the Ebbsfleet Garden City.

The area, known as Castle Hill South, will include the first local neighbourhood centre which will comprise of over 150 new homes, a two form primary school and a community centre along with associated commercial and community facilities. LEP is working in line with the government's objectives of creating high-quality housing and communities supported by local employment opportunities, infrastructure and recreational amenities.

A spokesman for Lee Evans Partnership said:"We are aiming to create in Castle Hill a place where communities can grow, and a sense of identity is of central importance to the process. Our approach seeks to achieve appropriate density of living, and will be of a contemporary vernacular while retaining a strong sense of place in Ebbsfleet. We're

delighted to be part of the team and to be given this unique opportunity to deliver a 21st century garden city."

LEP has carried out proving layouts for a total of 375 affordable housing units on behalf of Circle Housing, and planning permission has just been granted by Ebbsfleet Development Corporation for Phase 1 of the scheme, totalling 165 units. LEP's application followed detailed discussions with Dartford Borough Council and the EDC, as well as a public consultation with local residents in the local area.

The LEP Planning & Architecture teams are also working alongside Newcrest Estates Limited to develop the Castle Hill Neighbourhood Centre, which will include shops, a pub hotel, apartments, cafes, health centre and a convenience store. In addition the firm, which has a strong reputation in the Education sector built up over more than 40 years, is working with Land Securities and Kent County Council and Leigh Academies Trust to develop a 2FE

primary school with a maintained nursery, SEN provision and a independent community centre at Castle Hill that will serve the local ommunity.

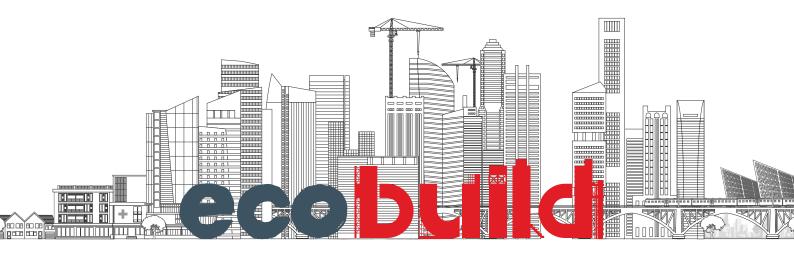




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## Industry movers

The latest movements and appointments within the housebuilding industry

#### BAL

uilding Adhesives Ltd (BAL), manufacturer of full tiling solutions including adhesives, grouts and ancillary products, has hired two new Specification Managers as part of its drive to expand its specification support team. Alan Thurston and Tracey Hopkins will work with architects, designers and specifiers supporting them on M40/M20 specifications, providing project support and delivering RIBA-accredited CPDs. Tracey will deliver support in North West and South West London while Alan will work with clients in the Midlands. Alan has more than 20 years' experience in the flooring sector, working alongside architects, specifiers and contractors for companies including Altro, Polydeck Resins, and RSL.

#### **KEBBELL HOMES**



eading housebuilder, Kebbell Homes has promoted one of its loyal employees as the demand for quality new homes across the country continues to rise. Stephen Russell, originally from Redcar

in North Yorkshire, has been promoted to Contracts Manager after 19 years with the company. Stephen first began his career in the housebuilding industry as a Building Technician for a family-run firm.

#### PDW

ousing and development consultancy, Project Development Workshop Ltd (PDW) has appointed Janet Coulthard as a sales co-ordinator to its Warrington team. Janet, who joined the team in January 2016, will be responsible for the co-ordination of house sales on behalf of PDW's housing association and local authority clients. In her new role, Janet will be involved in every step of the buying process from dealing with initial sales enquiries to liaising with the buyers' solicitors and mortgage advisers. PDW also provides a completion and after sales service which Janet will also be responsible for. Janet joined the consultancy from Gascoigne Halman Estate Agents after 18 months as a sales negotiator.

#### BIDWELLS



Bidwells has further strengthened its team with Tom Mayes, taking up the role of Chartered Surveyor within the Residential Development team in Norwich. Tom has a wide range of property

experience in relation to residential, agricultural, rural and planning development within the East of England. He has a wealth of expertise in a variety of areas including property acquisitions, valuations and appraisals along with planning and development of land for residential development purposes.

#### ORIGIN HOUSING

has promoted Jon Foster to Head of Community Development. Jon joined the team he will now be leading back in August 2014 as Customer Engagement Co-Ordinator. In his 18 months on the team, Jon has overseen some of Origin's most highly-commended community schemes, including Settle, a pioneering programme that aims to support homeless young people in developing skills for independent living. Additionally, Jon created the 'Origin Hive' network which changes the approach Origin takes to engaging with residents and customers to improve and design services.

#### PERSIMMON



A nita Fincham from Harlow, with a wealth of experience in the housing industry, has landed a new job with one of the country's leading builders. Anita has been appointed sales manager at

Persimmon Homes Essex. The 45-year-old will manage house sales at new Persimmon developments across the county. Anita has more than 15 years' experience within the industry. Persimmon Homes has developments across the area, including at The Drive in Romford and Hamilton Gate in Frinton-on-Sea.

#### GL HEARN

L Hearn – part of Capita Real Estate - announced that it has made a number of appointments at director and associate director across its building consultancy, development group and corporate transaction teams. Three senior staff have been promoted to director level and nine promotions have been made to associate director. In the development group, Alex Christopher, Jonathan Glaister and Guy Ingham have been appointed as directors. Chris Benham, Ross Bettridge, Roland Brass, Sarah Hiscutt, Amy Jones, Lizzie Ramsey and Dan Washington have been appointed as associate directors. Outside the development group, Toby Rogan-Lyons from the building consultancy team has been promoted to associate director.

#### KNIGHT FRANK



hight Frank has appointed Roger de Boehmler as partner in the Building Consultancy team. Roger has over 35 years' experience gained from most commercial property sectors. He

previously founded the strategic property consultancy and asset software business lines for GVA, and more recently was CEO of the international PISCES and OSCRE e-commerce Industry Standards Body.

#### TENDERSPACE

enderSpace, the newly launched web based suite of tools which helps anyone involved in property or construction to find the right resources for projects, is pleased to announce that it has appointed Mike Jeffries to the role of Non-Executive Chairman of the Company with immediate effect. Mike Jeffries brings to TenderSpace a wealth of experience in the property and construction sectors. He is a qualified architect and has in-depth knowledge of construction and support services. Mike was previously Chairman and CEO of WS Atkins, a leading planning, project management and consulting services company. He is a passionate advocate of the need for greater transparency in the industry. Mike has extensive Board level experience.

#### **DEVELOPMENT SHOWCASE**

## Hightown's shared ownership development is inspired by New Town heritage



n imaginatively designed development of homes in the heart of Hemel Hempstead, soon to be offered for shared ownership sale by Hightown Housing Association, will be giving local families a much-needed opportunity to get on the housing ladder.

Hightown Housing Association's Park Lane development, which is just behind the Marlowes Shopping Centre, will include 15 two and three bedroom homes.

The design of the homes has been inspired by the idealism of the housing built in the late 1940s and early 1950s when Hemel Hempstead was one of the first generation of Britain's new towns.

When the plans for Park Lane were in their early stages, Hightown's Development Director George Edkins took photographs of the first new town districts in Hemel Hempstead including Adeyfield, Highfield and Warners End to help in the design work.

Homes in these communities include a number of decorative features, such as diamond pattern gable brickwork and curved copper porches, which architect Peter O'Rourke, Associate Director of McBains Cooper, was able to incorporate into the Park Lane design.

George Edkins explained: "We wanted to pay homage to the dreams of the early post-war developments, and the first neighbourhoods of Hemel Hempstead show simple and honest suburban design that have stood the test of time.

"I was also aware from family holidays in Norfolk of the work of the Lowestoft partnership of Tayler and Green, who built nearly 700 council homes in the county. They are all of exceptional design quality and quite exuberant in their use of decorative brickwork.

"So we decided to create patterned gables, as well as adding some quirky Norfolk features – after all, social housing shouldn't be boring! I'm delighted we've developed a distinctive development that will also help people who are priced out of the local housing market".

The houses will become available for shared ownership sale before the Spring, giving people an affordable way to buy their home by purchasing a share in the property and paying rent on the remaining share.

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#### **DEVELOPMENT SHOWCASE**

## Crest Nicholson and the Starr Trust selected for £200 million redevelopment of King Alfred site in Hove

rest Nicholson, in partnership with the Starr Trust, has been selected by Brighton and Hove City Council for a £200 million redevelopment of the King Alfred site on Hove's seafront.

The scheme will include a modern public sports centre costing around £40 million, a development of 560 flats – 20 per cent of which will be affordable homes – as well as community facilities and commercial space.

In a decision overseen by councillors from all parties on the King Alfred Project Board, Crest Nicholson and the Starr Trust were selected following a year-long competitive dialogue with specialist council officers.

Under the current plans, the existing 1930s sports centre will be demolished and replaced with modern public sports facilities including three swimming pools, eight badminton courts, a 120 piece gym, a gymnastics centre, café and crèche as well as a martial arts dojo.

Plans also include a development of around 560 flats in four main blocks, the highest of which will be 18 storeys. The sale of these flats will partially fund the development of the new leisure centre. Around 20 per cent of these homes will be affordable, for either rent or shared ownership. The private units will comprise properties for sale and the private rented sector.

Duncan Innes, Regional Development Director at Crest Nicholson, said: "We're delighted to have been selected by Brighton & Hove City Council, along with our partners the Starr Trust, to deliver the King Alfred Leisure Centre in Hove. Our proposals incorporate world-class leisure and community facilities set to benefit local residents, together with outstanding new mixed tenure residential properties in this enviable location on the Hove seafront. We look forward to working closely with the council and the wider local community to bring our proposals to life and deliver new investment and vitality to the local area."

A planning application is expected to be submitted, with architects Haworth Tompkins and LA Architects, in early 2017 following a planning consultation exercise in the second half of 2016. The first phase of the development, including the new public sports centre, could be open as early as 2020.



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#### CASE STUDY

# Hulme Hall – a seamless selection of renovated and brand new homes

heshire based restoration specialists PH Homes has won multiple awards for its renovation of the 15th century Hulme Hall, in Cheadle Hulme. With the oldest part of the hall dating back to 1419, Hulme Hall is one of the few remaining grand homes in South Manchester and has been home to many influential families over the generations.

Working with Architects Core Design UK, PH Homes has converted the former care home, grade II listed hall into three family homes and built a further 11 new homes around a central courtyard. The sensitive restoration has also helped deliver beautiful original features including stained glass windows depicting Shakespearean scenes and ornate fireplaces.

The new homes development has respected the building's history but removed and sensitively replaced inappropriate modern interventions. A recent addition to the care home establishment, a former social services facility to the rear of the site, has been demolished and replaced with the 11 new build homes.

#### Site challenges

Hulme Hall and the adjoining buildings have been in use as a residential care home for many years but when PH Homes acquired the site they were vacant and falling into despair.

Hulme Hall itself is a large, two-storey single house dating back to the 17th century with extensive additions built during the 19th and 20th centuries.

The renovation and new build project therefore comprised of working within a 2.27acre site that was divided into distinct areas. The front element of the site was occupied by a group of buildings related to the listed Hulme Hall, and to the rear of the site was the two-story, social services building.

Between the two discrete buildings was an open area, which would have previously been the hall's garden.

The PH Homes proposal for Hulme Hall







involved the demolition of the existing, unattractive social services building and its replacement with 11 new homes around a courtyard. Hulme Hall was to be converted into residential accommodation comprising of three self-contained homes.

From a construction perspective the best solution for the listed building was to convert it into a single dwelling. However, this was not a commercially viable solution. PH Homes had to consider a multiple unit solution. The building could be subdivided either horizontally into apartments or vertically into houses. The constraints of the building's walls, doors and other existing features, including windows also made the allocation of space into commercially acceptable apartments very difficult.

The final decision satisfied commercial requirements, construction challenges and listed building and planning constraints.

It was considered that the vertical subdivision of the building was the preferred option. This was due to the challenges of creating acceptable levels of soundproofing and fire protection between potential apartments. Also, this option worked more effectively with the new services that would have to be built into a horizontal sub-



division. The horizontal option's necessary installation of a new lift and staircase servicing the floor levels would also have been very invasive and difficult to achieve.

The horizontal division of the building would have also resulted in the splitting of the existing, large feature rooms, which would have compromised their scale and proportion. A vertical subdivision enabled PH Homes to retain the existing principle rooms in their original form and still create commercially viable properties.

It was also clear that a vertical subdivision of the building would enjoy the twin benefits of being easier to construct and have less impact on the fabric of the listed building. This also made planning more straight forward.

The plan for the listed Hulme Hall was therefore to subdivide the building vertically into three homes - Vernon House, Bagilegh House and the Moseley House.

A planning application for this form of development was subsequently submitted and approved.

#### Sympathetic conversion

The listed Hulme Hall building has square panel box framing with later header bond brick additions and period details. These included a stone plinth, first floor overhangs with covered jetties and ovolo moulded bressumer, and decorative gables.

The main focus of conversion was based on renovating and restoring the building's existing fabric in the most sympathetic way possible. Rotten timbers in the oak frame were cut out and new ones spliced in, and panels of wattle and daub painstakingly repaired. Rusted cast iron down pipes were restored or replaced, and a chimney with its inglenook bay was uncovered and restored.



The modern social services, two-storey extension was demolished and replaced by 11 new mews style homes, designed to adopt a style more sympathetic with the older buildings and built using materials that match those used in the hall.

The space between the buildings has been laid out as an attractive landscaped space, which ensures that the new properties are discrete from the historic building.

A summerhouse was also rediscovered in the grounds and renovated for the use of residents.

#### Interiors

The interior layouts of the building were designed to avoid the need for additional partitions and the subdivision of existing rooms whilst retaining important features including the staircases, fireplace and inglenook bay.

Following the careful removal of all the modern fixtures and fittings the next step was to secure the structural integrity of the building. The ancient oak frame had to be reinforced with structural steel work and the decorative plaster ceiling was stabilised.

The original building had evolved over the years and reflected elements of building and construction methods from different historical periods. These ranged from timber oak framed sections to Victorian and later twentieth century additions. Each element had to be treated differently.

Existing Victorian sash windows could be replaced but the metal-framed leaded windows in the timber frame section could not. These windows had to be refurbished and secondary glazing introduced.

The building's unique stained glass window depicting various Shakespearean scenes had to be carefully renovated and restored along with the existing fireplace, which was also retained and brought back into use. Specialist plasterwork



contractors were also appointed to repair and replicate existing cornices and new features were carefully designed to match the historic fabric of the building.

In contrast the new fixtures and fittings were contemporary with high gloss kitchens and sleek designer bathrooms featuring the latest Roca sanitary ware and large format ceramic tiling.

#### A winning format

Joint winner of last year's Sunday Times British Homes' 'Conversion, Restoration or Refurbishment of existing Building' category and picking up the Silver Prize for 'Best Renovation' at the What House? Awards Hulme Hall is collecting an impressive haul of awards.

Commenting on the development's success Managing Director of PH Homes, Phillip Hughes said: "Winning these awards is testament to the commitment and hard work of the team who delivered the stunning renovation of Hulme Hall. The awards demonstrate the quality and care, which has gone into this sensitive renovation of a centuries old building that is part of Manchester's heritage.

"With Hulme Hall being such an historic building, we were absolutely committed to ensuring the preservation of the stunning original features of this 15th century building. With this in mind the interior and exterior refurbishment was designed to retain the unique character of the property."

#### Beal Homes teams up with Sky



Sky is working with Beal Homes to offer market-leading services to new owners on its prestigious 'The Swale' development in Gainsborough, Lincolnshire. Beal is currently completing a first phase of 36 homes at The Swale. From this month, Beal Homes will be marketing homes with the benefit of the Sky package, which includes 12 months free Sky TV,

broadband and calls. Homebuyers can enjoy access to Sky from the moment they receive their keys, removing any of the administration hassles or inconvenience associated with organising installation.

08442 411 335 sky.com/communaltv

#### Become a TTA awards sponsor in 2016



There are superb sponsorship opportunities available at this year's The Tile Association Awards. These will enable companies to get pride of place for their brand at the tiling industry event of the year. The Awards are to be held on Saturday 14 May at St John's Hotel and Conference Centre in Solihull. They will recognise the cream of the industry's

people, projects and products across 18 categories, in the course of a gala evening of celebration and entertainment. This year in an exciting twist the Awards Night has an exotic Brazilian carnival theme.

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#### MyCrowdCraft - improving the working day



The Hultafors Group has always had a close connection with what tradesmen and women are thinking and doing at work, talking to them and working with them to get the job done more effectively. Now the relationship is becoming even more tangible through the launch of a new online community - MyCrowdCraft - in which Hultafors is continuing its mission

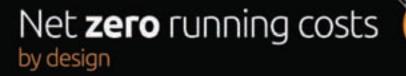
to make sure craftsmen get the most and best out of their workday. It's a wholly interactive forum where news and views can be discussed and exchanged. The month's best idea or discussion topic will be Enq. 110 recognised and rewarded with prizes.

#### Dickies have 2016 covered



Dickies will be introducing a number of exciting new products and ranges for 2016. Dickies is focusing on its new ED24/7 trousers, which were launched late last year. Made from 245gsm fabric ensures they are tough but light enough to retain agility. Also new are the Eisenhower Premium shorts which follow the popular Eisenhower premium trouser. Following on

from the popular two tone range is the two-tone high visibility range, which includes a jacket, hoodie, trousers, t-shirt and waistcoat. Lastly is the Dickies Preston, which is a steel-toe cap boot with steel midsole. 01761 419419 www.dickiesworkwear.com Enq. 112



## Lomax Builders Ltd breathes new life into Victorian School

Built in 1897 for £3000, St Marks Boys School in Hall Road, Norwich has been quietly refurbished into eight stunning energy efficient apartments by Lomax Builders Ltd

sing Minus7 technology, Lomax Builders have been able to provide low carbon heating and hot water to

tenants at minimal running costs, enabling them to charge a reduced price for heat and create an additional revenue stream.

#### Meeting the highest environmental and sustainability targets

Discovered at Ecobuild by David Lomax, Minus7 is an award-winning building integrated technology made up of three parts: An energy collecting roof, a solar energy processor and thermal stores. As the solar thermal tileplanks work with conventional roof construction methods, they blend in seamlessly and there is no need for ugly bolt-ons or expensive back up systems.

Weighing 27 kilos per square metre – the equivalent of Welsh slate – two areas of the roof have been replaced with Minus7 tileplanks in slate grey. A total area of  $93.6m^2$  has been covered with an output of 64 Kilowatts peak. Three thermal stores holding 12,000 litres of water have been completely hidden under an area of decking in the courtyard.

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#### Vent-Axia receives double nomination



Leading British ventilation manufacturer Vent-Axia is delighted to announce it has been shortlisted in two categories in the prestigious H&V News Awards 2016. The Sussex-based company is celebrating its Sentinel Kinetic 200ZPH mechanical ventilation with heat recovery (MVHR) unit reaching the final in both the Air Movement Product of the Year and

Domestic H&V Product of the Year categories. Vent-Axia's 200ZPH is a ground-breaking product that is both efficient and effective, and can transform the indoor environment of a home.

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#### Innovative Ecodan recognised with awards



The innovative and pioneering Ecodan range from **Mitsubishi Electric** has once again received industry recognition by picking up two awards at the coveted National ACR and Heat Pump Awards in Birmingham. Securing both the Heat Pump Product of the Year, and the Remote Energy Monitoring Award, the latest enhancements to the line-up have

been well received by the market and continue to ensure that Mitsubishi Electric leads the way in domestic and commercial heat pump technology.

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### Zero net carbon by design



The distinctive Victorian character of St Mark's boys school has been retained whilst meeting the highest environmental and sustainability targets.

#### Appealingly simple for tenants

Available to rent from £875 - £1100 PCM, all apartments have been quickly filled with happy tenants who have not noticed anything different about the way the system works as a standard timer and thermostat controls it.

While the modular nature of the technology ensures that heating and hot water demands can be met 100 per cent of the time, remote monitoring services provides complete transparency of the energy generated, used and stored. It also allows the Minus7 aftercare service team to proactively ensure the system is working as efficiently as possible, without disrupting tenants.

"With so many choices on the market, it's hard to know what you're getting" said David Lomax "but Minus7 have been really good, when people ask me, would you use them again? I say yes!"

Interestingly, David and his team have been so impressed with Minus7's system performance and customer care that they are now waiting to start their next development in order to utilise the next generation of Minus7's technology.

#### Launching latest innovation at Ecobuild 2016

Already designed to harvest thermal energy day and night efficiently at temperatures as low as Minus 7°C, the latest innovation will go even further. A new composite design of Minus7 solar endothermic tileplanks will embed photovoltaic technology without compromising their appearance.

This latest innovation makes the most of valuable roof space, maximising the output of the system per square metre, allowing Minus7 to offer a zero net carbon solution with zero net running costs, by design.

#### Zero net carbon; zero net running costs by design:

Minus7 have recently obtained capital investment to expand the core team to 15 employees and create the next generation of the technology. This will be demonstrated at stand E1240 at the Ecobuild exhibition at the ExCel Centre from 8 - 10 March 2016. Minus7 will also be unveiling the latest heating revolution offering Net Zero running costs and ZERO net carbon by design.

#### 01983 282844 www.minus7.co.uk

ecobuild stand no E1240

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#### Norbord announces £95m reinvestment



Norbord announced a £95 million modernisation and expansion of its oriented strand board (OSB) mill in Inverness. The investment will upgrade the mill to continuous press technology and nearly double its production capacity, positioning it to meet growing demand for OSB in markets across the United Kingdom and Europe, as well as securing

the long-term future of its employees and the indirect jobs it provides across the region. OSB is an engineered wood-based structural panel designed for construction and other industrial uses, as well as for DIY use and in speciality products like furniture. Eng. 117

#### Vectaire units for prestigious developments



Vectaire heat recovery units are to be installed in two prestigious London building projects. EVO250DCs will be fitted into dwellings in the new Battersea Reach development, and Midis and Maxis are to be installed into the Kings Cross T1 Building. All units have energy efficient EC motors, providing an effective, low

energy, low running cost solution to controlling condensation and pollution. All of Vectaire's energy efficient range of products - including the new Midi Lite and ELP2204 - will be displayed on Vectaire's stand E2202 at Ecobuild.

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#### Emmeti showcasing new Gerpex MLCP at Ecobuild



Emmeti is delighted to announce that it is exhibiting at Ecobuild for the first time this year, showcasing its new innovative Gerpex Multi-layer Composite Pipe (MLCP) product range alongside its existing Heating controls, Underfloor Heating, Wall Hung Radiator and Sanitary Manifold systems. Gerpex MLCP is the optimum solution for modern building projects, offering all of the advantages of both plastic and metal pipes combined with excellent value for money and peace of mind. The pipes internal aluminium layer provides rigidity, form retention and a solid oxygen barrier to prevent internal corrosion of heating system components. Gerpex pipe has low expansion characteristics and so can be included in building designs in the same manner as copper. The flexibility of the pipe, together with the use of Gerpex press fitting, can save up to 70 per cent on installation time. Gerpex can be used in a wide range of applications, including sanitary systems and heating (wall hung radiator and underfloor heating). The pipe is fully WRAS approved and available in a range of sizes from 16-63mm making it ideal for both domestic and commercial applications. For more information please visit Emmeti at Ecobuild on stand E3210. 01993 824900 www.emmeti.co.uk



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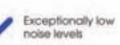
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# Future generation housing to come under the spotlight at Ecobuild 2016

Some of the most influential and outspoken names in the UK housing industry will present their visionary and powerful opinions at Ecobuild, the UK's largest show dedicated to construction and energy

The show will provide housebuilders and developers with access to the very latest, invaluable industry insights, trends and projections relating to all aspects of the profession through a mix of a high-level conference, CPD-accredited learning hubs and more than 800 exhibitors showcasing a wide range of new products, materials, solutions and services.

Day one of Ecobuild 2016 is the show's dedicated Homes day and explores the most pressing, divisive and important decisions the industry must take to deliver comfortable, efficient, resilient places and homes. Among the key questions to be addressed is 'What do new-build and retrofitted homes and communities need to deliver, and at what cost?'

Attracting more than 40,000 industry professionals from across the whole supply chain each year, Ecobuild is the leading exhibition and conference for the UK construction and energy market. The 2016 event will see an evolved proposition for the event to focus on areas of industry growth and market priorities such as housing, infrastructure, next generation innovation, technology and people.

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#### Examining future housing needs

The backbone of Ecobuild's Homes day is provided by a provocative and controversial conference programme that covers property issues ranging from the need for high quality volume housing and commercial viability of ultra-low



cost and low energy homes, to the challenges of refurb and retrofit.

The programme embodies state of the art design and construction, leaving no stone unturned to establish what our future housing needs are and what can be done to deliver it.

Chaired by broadcaster Cathy Newman, speakers include Tony Pidgley, Chairman of Berkeley Group; David Sheridan, Chief Executive of Keepmoat, and Rowan Moore, Architecture Critic for the Observer. All three will provide a unique and inspiring look at what makes good housing.

Professor Phil Jones, Chairman of Architectural Science at Cardiff University, is another of the day's dynamic speakers. Prof Jones led the team which developed SOLCER, the UK's first purpose-built, low-cost energy smart house which is capable of exporting more energy to the national electricity grid than it uses. The property was built for a mere £100,000. Prof Jones' teaching and research activities cover a range of subjects in the field of energy use, environmental design and sustainability in the built environment.

With each session designed to give a glimpse at the future of housebuilding and home creation, Colin Usher, director of John McCall Architects, provides a presentation on "Living for Tomorrow", in which he offers common sense solutions to low-energy, cost-effective future living. In 2014, John developed a house which runs on a utilities bill of just £15 per year.

Adhering to the theme of future housing performance and how the UK industry can work together to deliver it, Timothy Wates, Director of Wates Group, offers his intriguing view on what form the next generation of housing will take as part of a talk on the challenges of refurb and retrofit.

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## Green challenges posed by UK-GBC

The UK Green Building Council (UK-GBC), Ecobuild's lead partner for 2016, will be addressing the future of the built environment.

Following the agreement of a new global deal at the recent climate conference in Paris, UK-GBC will be explaining the role the private sector can play in helping ensure the pledges made are delivered.

UK-GBC Chief Executive Julie Hirigoyen will also pose five future challenges for the construction industry on each of the three conference days to a panel of industry leaders and future leaders, inviting them to respond with practical ideas on delivery.

UK-GBC will also provide more bite-sized 'SPARKS' content at the UK-GBC Lounge.

## Ecobuild's essential educational offering

Ecobuild 2016 will feature six CPD-accredited learning hubs; Building Performance, Design, Energy, Build circular, Infrastructure Revolution and Digital Building. A highly-provoking seminar programme, it will provide visitors and exhibitors with the know-how to do their jobs better and the business case to help them make more informed decisions to address these challenges.

The programme will be delivered by industry leading figures and organisations including Architype, Glenn Howells Architects, Marks & Spencer, British Land, Jones Lang LaSalle, BRE, Zero Carbon Hub and Willmott Dixon Energy Services.

#### Architecture and Next Generation

Ecobuild 2016 will focus on two further streams after the opening Homes day. The second day looks at Architecture, exploring the changing role of the architect, the importance of architecture across the built environment, the need for change and some of the most interesting and inspiring architectural projects.

Day three is devoted to Next Generation and looks at how smart technology, changing demographics and wellness will drive design and construction in the future as well as how we will address the skills gap and attract young talent to the industry.

These streams are supported by a number of initiatives, including SMART @ Ecobuild, an area dedicated to exploring how smart technology is forging an ever-closer and controlled relationship between people and the environments we inhabit.

Driven by ever-increasing demand – with the global market for smart building technologies forecast to triple to £14 billion by 2019 – SMART @ Ecobuild places the latest technological advances in the hands of visitors.

The shortlist for Ecobuild's Big Innovation Pitch 2016, an initiative in partnership with Marks & Spencer to unearth innovation across the design, construction and energy sectors will be on display at the DISCOVER bar.



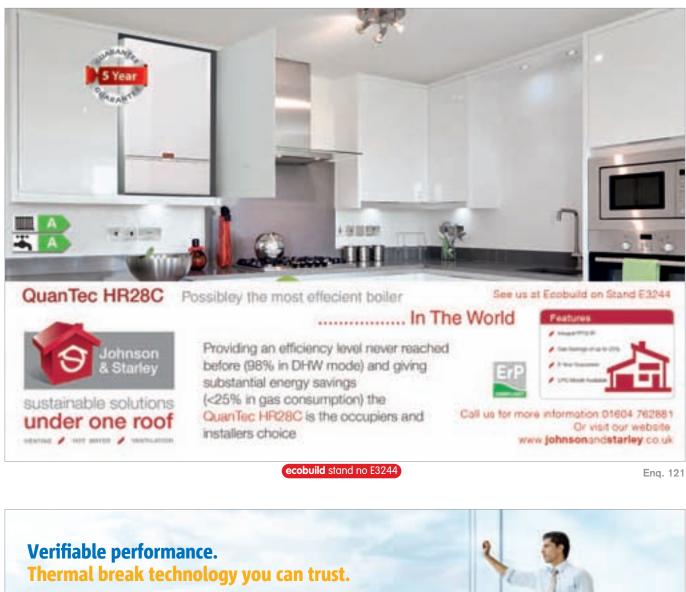
Each of the 15 shortlisted entries has been validated by a panel of judges and is vying for the opportunity to win a contract with M&S and roll their product/solution out in stores across the UK.

Just five finalists from this group will be invited to make a final pitch to the judges, including Chris Marney, Head of Engineering and Energy at M&S, in a special conference session hosted by Rachel Riley from the Gadget Show and Countdown on day three of the conference, before the overall winner is announced.

Reflecting the construction industry, Ecobuild is constantly evolving; ensuring that it continues to provide relevant, dynamic content and create opportunities to make new connections.

Housebuilders and property developers will find a wealth of specialist support and solutions – and much more besides – at Ecobuild 2016.

Ecobuild 2016 is co-located with Resource, the leading resource efficiency event, both taking place from 8 to 10 March at London's ExCeL. For more information please visit **www.ecobuild.co.uk** 





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#### Vastern Timber Brimstone debut at Ecobuild



Vastern Timber will be exhibiting at Ecobuild 2016 and will be unveiling Brimstone, the first commercially available thermally modified British timber. Sourced exclusively from English and Welsh woodlands, the Brimstone range is ideal for cladding, decking, external joinery and furniture, and includes thermally modified ash, sycamore and

poplar. The product is a material of exceptional stability, durability and aesthetic uniformity. To view the new Brimstone thermally modified timber range, visit Vastern Timber on stand E3161.

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#### SALUS smart home technology at Ecobuild



SALUS – one of the industry leaders in innovative heating control solutions – returns to Ecobuild with a vengeance this year, as it spearheads smart home technology in the UK. As well as showcasing a comprehensive line-up of its popular heating controls, including the revolutionary iT500 smart control, SALUS will be unveiling a new 'Smart

Home' range of connected products that will enable homeowners to run their home simply from their phone. In addition to live product demonstrations, technical specialists from SALUS will be on hand to advise on energy-efficient home heating systems. Eng. 125

#### Wilo at Ecobuild



On stand E2230, the usual comprehensive selection of **Wilo** products will be available to see, including some new stars of the show, such as the GIGA B. But the emphasis this year is on the things Wilo offers to help you choose the right products – Wilo's commitment to BIM, the latest version of Wilo Select – Wilo Select 4 – the latest version of this helpful

online tool for specifiers and designers, and the now warmly welcomed Wilo Assistant app which can be downloaded for free via the App Store. Drop onto the Wilo stand for the usual warm welcome.

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#### Synseal will focus on innovation at Ecobuild



Synseal will be exhibiting for a fourth year in succession at this year's Ecobuild. Stand E2006 will feature the new Celsius Solid Roof, a truly warm and quick fitting roofing solution for new build and retrofit projects, alongside the popular WarmCore "warm aluminium" folding sliding door which delivers low U-values of 1.4 W/m<sup>2</sup>K using 28mm double glass or 1.0

W/m<sup>2</sup>K using 44mm triple glass. Following its launch in November 2014, WarmCore has delivered sales success for many companies.
 Synseal's exhibition team will be on hand to provide expert guidance.
 01623 443200 www.synseal.com Eng. 129

#### Pegler Yorkshire to showcase at Ecobuild



**Pegler Yorkshire**, a market-leading manufacturer of plumbing and heating products, will be exhibiting on stand E2250 at this year's Ecobuild. Pegler Yorkshire will continue to promote its range of 'Connect & Control' products and solutions with an emphasis on Control and how this solution can ensure greater building efficiency. On the stand,

'Control' will focus on valves which support specifiers with their objective of delivering a more efficient building via energy and water management. The stand will also feature specific areas of interest with interactive displays to support visitors. Enq. 124

#### Ancon to launch new products at Ecobuild



Double winner of the Queen's Award for Enterprise, **Ancon Building Products** continues to expand its range of high integrity structural fixings, exhibiting its new products at Ecobuild 2016 taking place at ExCeL, London from 8-10 March 2016, on stand number E3080. Ancon will showcase its latest fixing innovations. Products on show will include the

lightweight Nexus<sup>\*</sup> brick faced soffit system, a number of insulated balcony connectors and an exciting new development within the Teplo range of low thermal conductivity wall ties.

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#### New generation thermal breaks



01865 290 890 www.schoeck.co.uk

Schöck is featuring two new generations of thermal break units – for balcony and parapet applications – on Stand E3060 at Ecobuild. The latest Isokorb type KXT has 25 per cent improved thermal insulation over the previous generation and is assessed as a Certified Passive House Component. Another new development is the Isokorb type AXT,

which offers a cost-effective and more thermally efficient method of insulating parapets. Crucially there is no wrapping required, so it enables greater freedom of design.

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#### Visit Mapei at Ecobuild – stand E6030



Mapei – one of the world's leading manufacturers of adhesives and chemical products for building – will be exhibiting at Ecobuild 2016 (ExCeL London, 8-10 March), stand E6030. Mapei's commitment to innovation and sustainable development will once again be the focus of the exhibition; with the entire stand from concept to build

designed with a keen eye on recycling, reusing and reducing waste materials. At the end of the event, all materials not being re-used by Mapei will be donated to local schools/charities.

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#### Flowcrete showcasing at Ecobuild



On stand E6040 of Ecobuild 2016, Flowcrete UK will be demonstrating why its range of high performance resin floor finishes and sub floor screeds have been utilised by some of the nation's most highprofile developments. In particular, the resin flooring manufacturer has recently provided materials for several skylinechanging projects in the capital. One of

the key reasons that Flowcrete UK has been the flooring partner for so many large-scale industrial and commercial projects is its ability to innovate and adapt to the construction industry's evolving demands. 01270 753000 www.flowcrete.co.uk Eng. 131

#### Lithofin - stone and tile cleaning products



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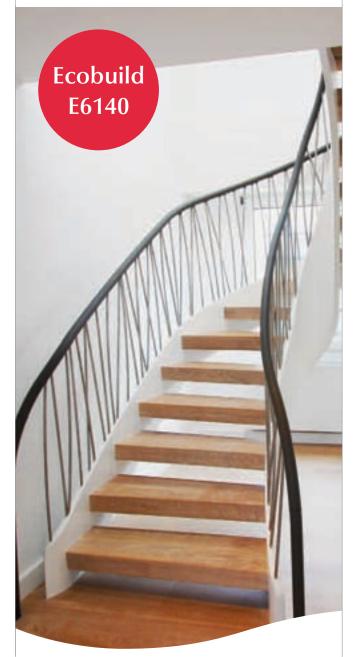
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#### Evinox Energy to exhibit at Ecobuild

Evinox Energy will be exhibiting in the District Energy Pavilion at Ecobuild, taking place from the 8th to the 10th March at the ExCeL London. Ecobuild is the leading exhibition and conference for the UK construction and energy market. The District Energy Pavilion will provide visitors with the opportunity to meet with a selection of suppliers and industry experts all in one area, and includes a comprehensive, informative seminar programme, featuring the latest information about efficient heat networks. Visit the company on stand E4280 to find out more about our metering & billing solutions for communal & district systems, and smart control technology. It's systems combine effective HIU control with excellent after-sales enduser support and flexible metering and billing services, ensuring the building owner has a hassle-free, efficient development and residents enjoy a comfortable and relaxed place to live.

01372 722277 www.evinox.co.uk

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#### REHAU backs district heating at Ecobuild



REHAU will be part of the UK District Energy Association's District Heating Hub at this year's Ecobuild. The preinsulated pipework specialist will be showing its market leading RAUTHERMEX and RAUVITHERM solutions in single sizes from 25mm to 160mm and in double sizes from 25mm to 75mm. These pipes are suitable for use

with district heating and biomass systems and offer a lightweight, high performance and practical alternative to steel. The REHAU team will be inspiring visitors with case studies.

01989 762600 www.rehau.co.uk

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#### Cut red tape with Planning Surgery



Adrian Dobinson is an architectural conservationist of 40 years, with eight years on council planning committees. Together with an independent think-tank of professionals he monitors the increasingly confusing regulatory system. There has never been a more uncertain housebuilding market with a crying need for alternative planning permission

providers – like the successful building regs inspection service. Currently, landowners develop a concept to obtain council approval and that's when you need intelligent advice with foresight.

01373 462730 www.planningsurgery.net

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ecobuild stand no E2230

## Visit Wallbarn at Ecobuild 2016

allbarn is launching two new products at Ecobuild 2016 – iDecking EasyClick and its new M-Tray<sup>\*</sup> modular green roof system,

iDecking EasyClick is the revolutionary way to fit top quality decking. These decking boards are manufactured with grooves on the underside, designed to fit into special mounting clips secured onto aluminium battens. Installation is simply a matter of stamping down on the boards.

No screws, no fixings and no timber joists are required. Every element is pre-measured and fits exactly. It is almost impossible to fix this decking incorrectly. Construction is up to five times faster than traditional methods.

EasyClick uses the eco-friendly DURO EXCELLENCE composite material. The boards are made from recycled rice husks which would otherwise be burnt. Therefore,  $CO_2$  emissions and pollution are reduced. The material is hardwearing, resistant to moisture and insect damage and is extremely luxurious and beautiful.

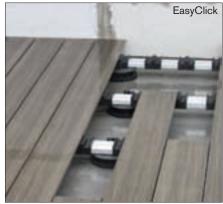
A demonstration of the EasyClick decking system will take place on the iDecking UK stand throughout Ecobuild.



M-Tray<sup>\*</sup> is the next generation of modular green roof system. It is designed for extensive green roof systems, suitable for sedum and wildflower planting schemes.

Wallbarn's new design gives more space for the roots to grow and offers optimum drainage, meaning stronger, healthier plants. The modules are easier to carry with hand grips and rounded edges, so the risk of damage is avoided. The modules clip together more tightly and securely, giving a more seamless appearance.

Installation is fast and mess-free. Nothing spills out and M-tray<sup>\*</sup> can be installed in areas where roll-out green roofs cannot. One person can carry each tray easily, with often difficult-to-reach areas now accessible.



M-Tray<sup>®</sup> is manufactured in UK using recycled polypropylene and is the exclusive design of Wallbarn, Community Registered Design No. 002953943-0001 & US Design Application No. 29/553,129.

Wallbarn is officially launching M-Tray<sup>®</sup> at Ecobuild 2016. Visit the company on stands E5172 and E5174.

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ecobuild stand no E5172, E5174

#### Hansgrohe extends Select technology



Hansgrohe extends its popular Select technology to the wash basin with its new mixer range Talis Select. The flow of water is turned on and off by pressing the Select button instead of using a conventional lever. Hansgrohe's Talis Select technology is purely mechanical and works by means of an especially developed cartridge. It controls the water temperature and turns

the flow of water on and off by turning the valve. This added convenience requires no electricity or other devices in the base cabinet. The new mixer joins the existing portfolio of Select showers and controls. 01372 465655 www.hansgrohe.co.uk Eng. 140

#### A wetroom with no drainage? No problem!



Meet the Sanifloor from **Saniflo** – a shower pump designed to pump water away from wetroom installations or ultra low-level showers – even when there is no gravity drainage and underfloor space is limited. Consisting of a two-part kit, this powerful dual-function shower waste pump can both suck waste water up from the gully and pump it up to 3m vertically and 30m

horizontally. This means the pump can be placed above the gully by up to 300mm if necessary. With flow rates of up to 25 litres per minute it is the ideal solution for contemporary bathroom environments. **020 8842 0033** www.saniflo.co.uk

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# Talking tiles

Martin Currell, sales director at Domus Residential, discusses the benefits of using tiles in a bathroom, the options available and the trends for 2016

There are numerous benefits with tiles: they are modern, easy to clean and compatible with underfloor heating. Crucially for housebuilders they provide a surface that is robust and that also greatly contributes to an attractive design scheme in the bathroom.

The latest design trends coming through for 2016 are varied. Geometry will remain strong with circles and triangles making an appearance, both in the tile shape and the printed designs on the tiles themselves. The industrial feel is now mainstream and this year the textures will become rougher – for example concrete tiles containing bits or more 3D texture to give a grittier or plastered appearance.

Tiles are emerging with lines that appear hand-drawn, that are artistic and imperfect. Contrasting this rustic, handmade feel, the trend for glamorous and luxurious marble is still strong. Coming soon, there will be new book-matched collections with patterns and veining joining to appear like one giant slab on the wall or floor.

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In terms of size, smaller tile formats are becoming more prominent, 20cm square or less, combined with very large format tiles up to 1597x3197mm.

Housebuilders are presented with a plethora of options with a clean, white bathroom no longer providing enough of a wow factor to attract discerning buyers.

Popular currently are textured finishes which create a softer feel to the hard surface. Large formats are also favoured with less grouting, making



the space feel roomier and uncluttered. Porcelain simulations have also never been more in demand at the luxury end of the market. With the introduction of inkjet technology, the quality of stone replication is so good that porcelain tiles are replacing natural stone on a large number of luxury developments. Porcelain is easier to look after than stone and you are assured a uniform thickness, consistent colour and design throughout the development. Porcelain examples include marble, limestone, onyx and a wide variety of distinctive stones from around the world.

The tile colour is also important. Popular colours at the moment are soft muted shades of blues, greys, reds, pinks and yellows and for larger bathrooms we are seeing the introduction of coloured grouts which are used to either harmonise or make a striking, contrasting statement.

### Choosing the right material

Any bathroom surface must be hard-wearing, impervious to water and humidity, and require low maintenance, as well as being aesthetically inviting. Ceramic and porcelain are generally the most popular materials that meet all of these requirements.

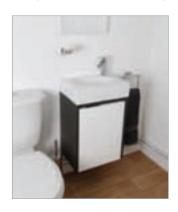
Ceramic tiles are made from clay which is shaped and fired. It is lightweight and easy to cut and install, however, it is also more prone to wear and chipping than porcelain tiles.

Porcelain for use in tile manufacture was developed some years ago to overcome many of

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# Croydex combines style and simplicity with smart Hang 'N' Lock storage



Maximising space is high on the wish list of every consumer. **Croydex** offers a solution with its stylish yet practical Hang 'N' Lock bathroom accessories. The vanity units, beauty stations, mirrors and cabinets are easy to install using the patented Hang 'N' Lock fixing system. The strong but lightweight bracket is fixed to the wall and can be adjusted using the built-in spirit level before hanging and locking securely in place.

"Fixing large bathroom accessories doesn't have to be a two man job. Croydex's Hang 'N' Lock system avoids the awkwardness of measuring distances and marking screw holes whilst trying to support a heavy bathroom item," explains Peter Pegden, Product and Procurement Director at Croydex. Croydex's collection features a mix of designs and finishes and includes the Beaulieu Vanity Unit and Mirror set. Available in either a white or light oak finish, it comes with white wave effect doors, soft close hinges and an optional LED strip light. Other options include a range of illuminated mirrors including the Cheaton illuminated mirror which can be hung either portrait or landscape and features a touch sensitive power switch and heated demister pad. For more information, visit the company's website.

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# MX offers shower selection



MX has developed a reputation for being a one stop shop for all things shower related and its latest range of thermostatic shower valves adds to the options available. Head to the MX website to see the selection of thermostatic and electric showers on offer, the widest range of shower trays available in the UK, along with a huge selection of shower accessories

– the choice is massive. Call the company directly or visit its website for a range of quality products, ideal for both new build and refurbishment projects.

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# Creating beautiful spaces through Synergy



The revolutionary Synergy Collection from Nicholls & Clarke has been enhanced, building on the phenomenal success of the existing range. Synergy is a series that makes it easy to combine different materials, formats, colours and elements throughout a project, with the confidence that each room can have a change of colour, trend and style, but

where all components will work beautifully together in harmony, complementing each other perfectly. The extended new collection consists of on-trend porcelains, ceramics, mosaics, glass, woods, paints, wallpaper, grouts, sealants, shower trays and furniture.





# Norcros Adhesives offers system solution

Tile adhesive, grout and preparation products manufacturer **Norcros Adhesives** offers a range of solutions which can be used by housebuilders to achieve a successful result when installing a wetroom that's safe and long lasting. Manufactured from high density polystyrene, Norcros Pro Board comprises a rigid insulation core, coated with a specially formulated reinforced cementitious coating ideal for the application of tiles. Designed to create walk-in shower areas, Norcros showertrays are manufactured from a high density polystyrene core and have a reinforced cement coating that is ideal to receive a tiled finish. Norcros provides a number of options when it comes to tile adhesives suitable for wetrooms, such as Norcros Rapid Porcelain Grey Adhesive and Norcros One Part Flexible Grey. Norcros Stop Mould Flexible Wall Grout is a fine textured smooth finish grouting material for joints up to 5mm wide.

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the technical and aesthetic shortfalls inherent in traditional clay-based ceramics. Vastly more robust (cutting requires diamond edged tools), non-porous and colour-fast, porcelain is suitable for virtually any cladding application, unlike its comparatively fragile, light bodied cousin. It is perfect for bathroom floors where items may be dropped causing damage to ceramic.

Mosaics are a great way to create a feature wall, surround or niche in the bathroom; they offering a huge array of designs, shapes, colours and imaginative mixes of materials. The reflective nature of glass mosaic is enhanced by water and other richer precious metal finishes add instant luxury making them an ideal option for bathrooms. The glass itself can also be metallic, mirrored, clear, frosted and iridescent - making for some truly unique visual effects. As well as glass, mosaic is also available in many varieties of natural stone, porcelain, ceramic, and even precious metals and natural hardwood.

With the natural look still as popular as ever, many customers are using wood effect tiles that look like floorboards but are actually porcelain tiles in a large format. However, despite the preconception that you cannot use wood in the bathroom, due to moisture penetration, it is possible so long as you chose a quality engineered product that has been treated with oils or lacquers that make it water resistant. To maintain the floor, the home-owner simply needs to mop up and remove any excess water. It is also important that the room is well ventilated so there are no excessive fluctuations in moisture and temperature – these are the same rules that apply to wood anywhere in the home. The benefits are being able to achieve a harmonious design scheme throughout the entire floor plan.

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### Wet wet wet

There is an increasing desire for the wetroom look in bathrooms and here the floor needs to be completely rigid so the tiles do not move over time. Tiles are the key feature of a wetroom so the cuts and the grouting have to be perfect - an expert tiler is required. 'Slim' porcelain tiles are ideal as the ultra-thin (4mm) depth makes them easier to cut and easier to create the falls down to the drain. When using porcelain tiles on the shower floor, consider using a linear drain; the sleek modern line of the drain eliminates awkward tile cuts and also gives you a host of tile range options. Alternatively, for an uninterrupted tiled floor, look for a drainage system that sits in the wall at floor level.

### Design insider tips

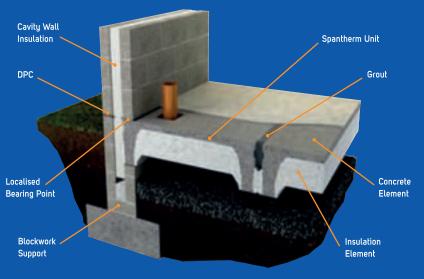
To achieve a minimalistic contemporary style that will appeal to a wide range of buyers, choose one tile range and specify it in two different sizes for the walls, for example a smaller mosaic in the shower a larger size for the rest of the room. Go one shade darker for the floor in a textured bushhammered finish. You can also pick one colour and mix matt and gloss finishes for interesting light and shade reflections.

For a classic look, a monochrome design scheme is a great option that will always withstand the test of time. In addition to classic black and white, also think about mixing textures and finishes to add depth and interest to your design. Try a combination of high gloss tiles with matt surfaces, or textured tiles with smooth ones and experiment with varying shades of black and grey. Also consider black/white or grey/white marblelook tiles which add a touch of timeless luxury to a monochrome design. Enq. 149





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# What is Spantherm?

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# Accessible guidance



With the growing need to make homes adaptable so occupiers can remain independent, and in their own homes, new guidance is aiming to help get it right. 'Design Guidance & Considerations for a Domestic Accessible Toilet/Wetroom' has been produced and published by **Clos-o-Mat**. The white paper gives advice to ensure that all aspects affecting the

functionality and practicality of a bathroom, wetroom and toilet, as occupier needs change, are considered. For more information, please visit the company website.

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### Paiova 5



**Duravit's** Paiova 5 bath by EOOS focuses solely on individual comfort. With two different backrest slopes, Paiova 5 offers the choice between an ergonomic sitting position and an especially flat reclining position – for bathing with someone else or relaxing alone. The design of Paiova 5 is the result of a symbiosis between a corner bath and a freestanding bath. EOOS

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# Eco-friendly companies collaborate



A couple from Peebles, Scotland, have had their dream of an eco-friendly bungalow turned into a reality. Colin Cumberland, Managing Director of Eskgrove Homes worked closely with Ecoliving Limited, a renewable heating provider, to make their new bungalow as eco-friendly as possible. An Ecodan Air Source Heat Pump from **Mitsubishi Electric** was installed to

deliver underfloor heating to the house as well as all the hot water the couple need. The Ecodan takes heat from the outside air and upgrades it to deliver effective, low carbon heating and hot water in the home.

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# FILANO RUST joins award-winning range

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Airflow Developments has released the next generation of its MVHR ventilation units the Duplexvent Adroit range. Ideal for high-end housebuilders and developers, these Passive House certified units are equipped with the latest smart technology that allows air flow settings to be controlled within the home or remotely by PC, tablet or smartphone. Adroit (MVHR) systems recover over 90 per cent of valuable heat that would typically be lost as part of the ventilation process. Crucially, the units are equipped with the latest technology providing homeowners with internet and WiFi connectivity for realtime monitoring.



A couple from Peebles, Scotland, have had their dream of an eco-friendly bungalow with access for a wheel chair user turned into a reality. An Ecodan Air Source Heat Pump from Mitsubishi Electric was installed to deliver underfloor heating to the house as well as all the hot water the couple need. The Ecodan takes heat from the outside air and upgrades it to deliver effective, low carbon heating and hot water in the home. Mr and Mrs Lamb have also been delighted with the cost of electricity in their bungalow. For more information on Ecodan and air source heat pumps, please visit the company website. Ena. 302



Landy Vent's Ecco Stove releases heat slowly through energy efficient heating; it creates consistent warmth for your entire home. With up to 88 per cent efficiency and just 0.07 per cent carbon production, the Ecco Stove is the ultimate alternative to a traditional wood burning stove. Landy Vent's masonry heater provides an innovative and robust option to oil and gas central heating systems. It is relatively unheard of in the UK and Landy Vent want to change that. With a range of beautiful shapes and colour finishes available, the Ecco Stove will be an asset and a long term heating system for the future. Ena. 303



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## Coloured radiators from Stelrad



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radiators, but to be able to use colour to make your radiators a focal point in the home makes it worth it. Take a closer look at the products on offer at the Stelrad website.

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# Wi-fi controls for Digi-Line electric radiators



The long awaited wireless programmer for Electrorad's best-selling range of Digi-Line electric radiators has been unveiled. Named Touch E3, the new control hub with wifi gateway and App enables wireless control and direct management of home heating over the internet from anywhere in the world. In conjunction with an unobtrusive and easy to use touch

screen control unit that may be wall mounted or free standing anywhere in the home, homeowners can control all of the heating functions using a smartphone, tablet or PC. For more information, please visit the company website.



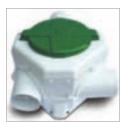
### Introducing the new Infinity 600BF



**Charlton and Jenrick** are pleased to announce the launch of the Infinity 600BF to expand the adaptable range of rear vented balanced flue gas fires it now offers. The 600BF achieves an extremely impressive net efficiency of 90 per cent from an economically modest 2.6kW input. The fire offers a great flame picture and exceptional warmth in the room. The

Infinity 600BF incorporates all the features of the existing infinity range including fully featured radio frequency remote control with thermostatic functions for premium user friendly convenience. The fire comes with a choice of three firebox liners. Enq. 306

# EnviroVent secures major contract



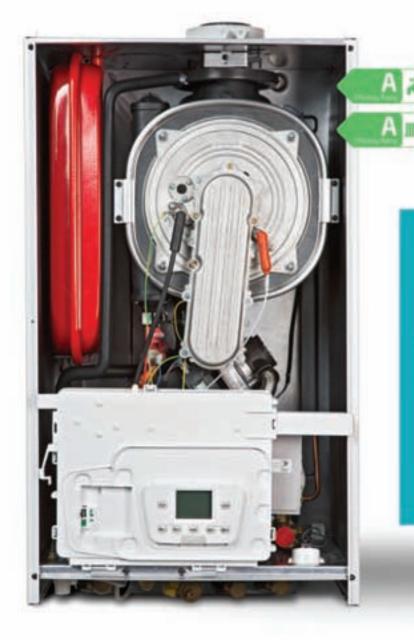
Redrow has awarded ventilation manufacturer **EnviroVent** a major new contract for a further three years to supply its energy efficient, high performance ventilation systems for all its new homes and apartments. EnviroVent will supply its SILENT (System 1) extract fans to more than 4,000 homes per year and its OZEO Mechanical Extract Ventilation (MEV)

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Adina Heating Products is proud to launch the next generation of contemporary wood burning stoves. The new Jydepejsen Omega - with automatic control – combines technology, ease of use and design into one smart package. The stove is one of the first in the market to combine smart technology and the interaction with the user through the app for smartphones. The automatic control also allows better wood economy, constant easy flame and you don't even need to worry about when to refill - the stove will tell you by a flashing LED on the floor. Please visit the Adina website for more information. Ena. 310



Manufactured in the UK using proven technology, Potterton offers a range of precision engineered boilers backed by specialist sales support to cater specifically for housebuilders and developers. The Potterton Promax Ultra Combi ErP range boasts an excellent SAP 2012 seasonal efficiency figure of 89 per cent, providing cost effective **Building Regulations** Compliance. The 40kW model delivers a higher domestic flow rate, meeting the needs of larger properties. Potterton offers both on-site training for contractors and year round customer support to ensure maximum performance and after-sales service.

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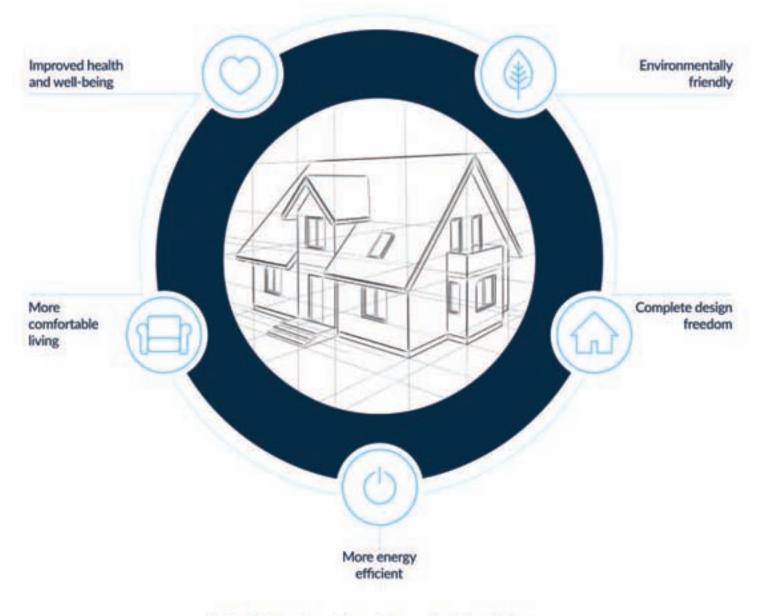


The all-new Arada Farringdon epitomises the finest of British design with innovative technology and outstanding all-round performance. Boasting impressive clean burning credentials, this stove already exceeds 2022 European Ecodesign regulations, and meets even stricter North American EPA low emission levels. With the ability to burn at low levels for more than 10 hours, this compact and super-efficient wood burning stove features exceptional controllability alongside a large fire viewing glass, clean-cut lines and a range of options to personalise installation. Visit the website for more.

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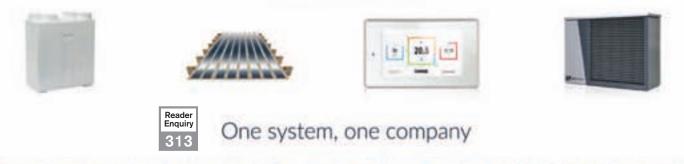


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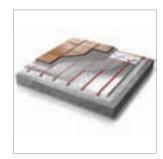
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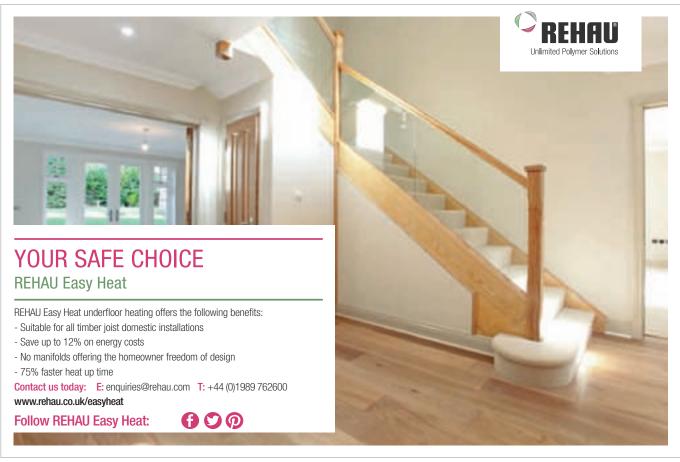


The Magic Thermodynamic Box company has recently has had its product The Little Magic Thermodynamic Box approved by the MCS under the new category 'Solar Assisted Heat Pump'. The product consists of an aluminium panel that can be installed anywhere on the outside of the property that works day and night to reduce the users hot water bill by up to 80 per cent. The company has won several awards for inventing and manufacturing its retro fit system. Now that the product is MCS approved, MCS approved installation companies can install it. Visit the website for more information. Ena. 317



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Over 700 high quality windows and doors were supplied and installed by local **Synseal** fabricator, Global UPVC, at a prestigious development on the historic Caerphilly Miners' Hospital site. All the homes have Legend casement windows and French doors. Global UPVC Managing Director Jon Dowse said: "We use only Legend and have done for over

ten years. So many of our clients keep coming back and inviting us to bid for more work that we can hardly keep up with the tenders. To me, that's the best possible commendation I could hope for."

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# WarmCore's new retail brochure



**Synseal** has published its most expensively-produced and deluxe sales brochure since the launch of Global conservatory roof – a new WarmCore retail brochure aimed squarely at UK homeowners which is purpose-designed to help convert sales for Synseal's fabricator and installer partners. Entitled *Warm, Secure, Beautiful*, the brochure

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## Nationwide Windows' GQA announcement

Leading public sector and new build door and window supplier, Nationwide Windows Ltd is delighted to announce that it has become a GQA Approved Centre for training. Operations Director Daryl Cashmore explains: "At Nationwide, investment in our team is a vital part of our ongoing success. We had, for many years, worked with a third party GQA training centre for our NVQs, and when they ceased operating in the sector, we took the decision to bring our training in-house. After talks with GQA Qualifications we began the application process and - based on our technical competencies, processes, facility, equipment, health and safety, and other factors such as our CSCS membership - we are now able to offer assessment and training under the guidance of one of the industry's most recognised bodies." For more information on Nationwide Windows, please visit the company website, or contact the company directly.

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# Improve the build quality with glue-less flooring

Between 50-75 per cent of traditional vinyl installations in new housing developments require remedial work, which is costly to housebuilders and tiresome for home owners. However remedial work can be dramatically reduced if housebuilders opt for loose-lay rather than glued flooring, says Garry Martin, sales manager Private Sector Housing, Gerflor Limited

t is widely accepted that every new home needs to settle and gently dry out over a period of time. Small cracks appearing in walls and gaps in joinery are commonplace and completely normal for typically up to a year after completion.

Another common aspect of new buildings is the presence of residual construction moisture in floors slabs, which takes a significant amount of time to dry naturally – concrete floor slabs may take at least one month for every 25mm thickness of slab.

Moisture is inherent to concrete and even if the surface looks dry, moisture is likely to remain in the subfloor. Given considerable time the moisture should disperse but in the meantime the level of moisture rising to the surface is likely to be sufficiently high to damage an installed glued floor covering, as moisture causes adhesives to de-bond and floorings to subsequently ripple, lift, curl, bubble and peel at the edges.

As it does not make economic sense for new homes to stand empty while time remedies these issues, the application of suitable waterproof surface treatment barriers, appropriate to the relative humidity (RH) levels, offer a solution. According



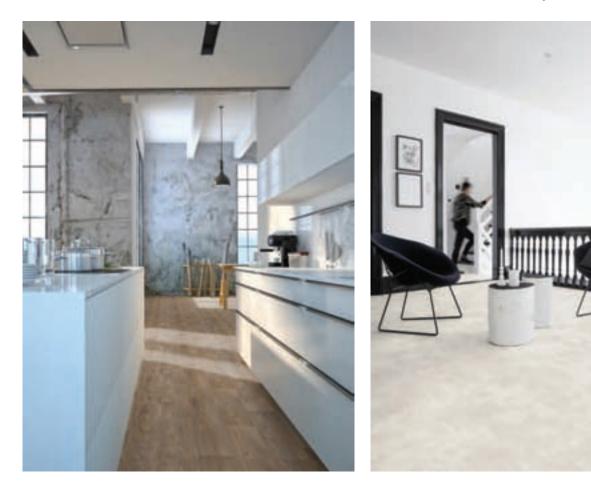
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However the combination of movement in new properties and moisture in subfloors is causing conventionally adhered sheet vinyl flooring and luxury vinyl tiles (LVTs) to fail as homeowners find their new floorings become defective. Sites are reporting more complaints about flooring with between 50-75 per cent of traditional vinyl flooring installed in new housing requiring corrective work, most commonly because of rising moisture. Flooring issues are frequently on snagging lists for up to two years.

But adhered sheet vinyl flooring and LVTs remain the most popular specified choices in new build projects alongside wood, laminate and ceramic flooring. Yet traditionally bonded floorings require adhesive and smooth, flat, screeded and dry subfloors before the adhesive is applied and the flooring fitted.

As manufacturers have developed innovative, new technologies to provide fresh solutions, vinyl flooring has fundamentally improved in how it installs, looks and performs. One of the most significant innovations to come about is loose-lay, residential vinyl flooring, which can be fitted without adhesive thereby accelerating



installation times, lowering on-floor costs by up to 30 per cent compared with traditional vinyl, and reducing remedial work dramatically.

Combining fast, cost-effective installation with the benefits of top quality flooring, these floorings come in two types: textile-backed sheet vinyl, that can be typically laid in one piece, and ingenious, interlocking lock and click tile and plank system floorings, both of which eliminate lengthy subfloor preparation and do away with adhesive that halts work whilst it cures. In addition they can be fitted by general flooring fitters rather than specialist fitters whose costs can up to double the square metre price of the flooring.

Notably, loose-lay, textile backed vinyls with built-in waterproof interlayers that can tolerate up to 90 per cent RH, are a highly effective solution in damp subfloor conditions. Specifically designed to be loose-laid (up to 35 sq m), they remain stable without being stuck down, can be installed directly over concrete that is not fully dry and will allow surface moisture to disperse as the flooring is not bonded to the surface. In addition, these types of vinyl can automatically compensate for small irregularities beneath without costly and labour intensive screed and ply being applied to the subfloor. They also give a better overall finish to the completed floor as the textile backing system absorbs minor defects underneath.

The latest residential vinyl floorings have also become an aesthetic choice with better design, colour and finishes on offer as the design teams of the top international vinyl flooring manufacturers research decorative trends and apply them to new floorings. As the design scope of vinyl is endless, it has much to offer in terms of new looks from natural woods in on-trend colours, classy mineral effects and highly contemporary patterns for both country and modern décor schemes.

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But all too often flooring is an after-thought rather than a considered part of the overall decorative scheme. However it is beneficial to include flooring in the planning process to ensure that it not only enhances the décor but also meets the specification needs of the project and the homebuyers' tastes and requirements, improving the build quality and aiding the house purchase process through added value.

Selecting the flooring that is most suitable for where in the home it will be used will also ensure it is fit for purpose. For example, a quieter home can be made possible with the use of an acoustic flooring of 17db or greater levels of sound insulation; extra safety underfoot can be provided by an R9 or R10 slip resistant vinyl with an easy-to-clean surface that does not trap dirt, while added thermal and cushioning can be achieved with a textile backed vinyl of 3-4mm thick.

Vinyl is essentially practical, easy-to-clean and does away with waxing and polishing, however the thickness of its wearlayer will determine its longevity and performance levels in certain conditions, helping it to stay looking good for longer.

High performing vinyl flooring should have a wear layer of at least 0.3mm but where extra wear and tear is anticipated a wear layer of 0.55mm or 0.70 mm is ideal. As decorative residential vinyls are now available with thicker wear layers they can be used in communal areas of developments, such as corridors, where previously only contract floorings could be laid. This means greater flexibility in design choices and lower installation costs as specialist fitting is not required. In addition, quality vinyls are topped with a translucent surface finish such as PU varnish to resist stains.

From an eco perspective, all vinyl is 100 per cent recyclable and vinyl flooring manufactured in Europe is BRE A+ rated. Post-use it is also 100 per cent recyclable. By adopting green policies, investing in sustainable production processes and achieving international environmental standards, vinyl flooring manufacturers can also contribute to sustainable development through total commitment to eco-friendly practices at every stage of the manufacturing process. Eng. 173

# Creating bespoke hardwood floors for the luxury home market



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Darren Beech, Director of Ultra-Interior Limited has over a decade of experience in handling material from raw state to machining and finishing, designing and creating individual



floors, and managing flooring projects for multimillion pound developments. With a real focus on meeting and exceeding the clients expectations Ultra-Interior is a fresh young company with the experience to provide every customer with the best solution for their requirements and to stunning effect. The company has worked on complete new build developments of grandeur and quality, through to installations for more modest properties that are looking for a wow factor.

Almost all Ultra-Interior flooring is manufactured in the UK and hand finished to clients custom requirements. The company also has some products machined in Europe which enables it to offer a full range of specification options for all size and type of projects.



With trends continuously evolving, new innovative designs and finishes are constantly under development. All of its material is sourced from well managed, legal, sustainable forests and purchased responsibly.

Wood flooring can be a complex aspect of a building project, potential issues can be avoided by planning and partnering with the client and their architect and contractor early in the building stages. Ultra-Interior offer a full on-site consultation service to review and advise on everything from subfloor build-up, underfloor heating guidance, and help selecting the most appropriate floor style and type of finish. The company can also project manage your hardwood flooring requirements from initial design through to complete installation.

With a customer base that includes architects and designers, developers, and individual home owners Ultra-Interior mainly supply to high end residential projects in the UK. The company can also facilitate all the necessary certification and documents for when supplying to projects overseas.

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# Business is booming for Designer Contracts



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# Recticel Insulation helps to steer the NHIC



Leading UK PIR manufacturer **Recticel** Insulation is adding its voice to a leading organisation in the home renovation industry. The company's technical specialist Paul Forrester sits on the steering group of the NHIC (National Home Improvement Council) which for more than 40 years has maintained a close liaison with government, local authorities,

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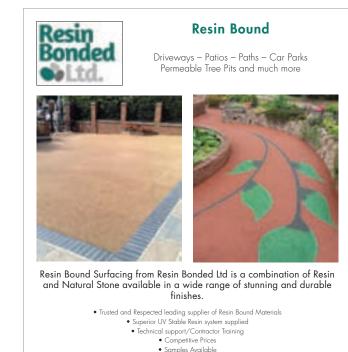
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# With flooding becoming more frequent, why doesn't the government act?

We're in the midst of another winter comprising short bursts of torrential rain, flash flooding, rising water levels and mounting repair and insurance costs. With urbanisation increasingly replacing our green spaces, the changing nature of our landscape has become an indisputable factor in this susceptibility to flooding. So as our country's skyline continues to change and flooding remains a real risk, Andrew Gill, marketing manager at Brett Landscaping, asks is it right to make the installation of SuDs a choice rather than a prerequisite?

hile there is a lot of talk around the most recent floods, sympathy for those affected and promises of future protection, the action required to fulfil these promises seems less abundant. Defences installed following previous floods have failed and while the government has promised to plough more money into bigger barricades – which often only relocate the problem downstream - surely it is now time to seek a more strategic, long-term solution rather than repeating often ineffective "knee-jerk" reactions.

Nobody can dispute the role of rain in causing these floods, but the continued urbanisation of the country is most definitely also a significant contribution – and one which is all too often overlooked in the aftermath of localised flooding. Given that today the rate at which new houses are being built shows no signs of slowing, there can be no doubt that the problem will only increase unless we change our fundamental approach to surface water management. One solution to help reduce the risk of flooding would be to make the implementation of sustainable drainage solutions (SuDs) mandatory in any new development – as is the case with energy reduction measures.

SuDs allow surface water to be managed in a way which replicates natural run-off patterns on a greenfield site. This crucial attenuation process prevents excess surface water overwhelming our urban drainage systems and can be created using a range of technologies such as swales, permeable paving and flood basins. However, to be a true SuDs solution the system must fulfil three basic requirements:

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- Surface water attenuation
- Improvement of water quality
- Enhancement of amenity

It could be argued that one of the best ways to achieve these goals is through the use of permeable paving, which allows surface water to drain between the individual blocks and be held in the sub-base from where it can then be slowly released. This process significantly reduces surface water run-off, has been proven to reduce pollution loads entering watercourses and helps provide an attractive, low maintenance surface – with no significant "land take" for developers.

However, at the time of this article being written, the approach from the government still fails to be definitive – sticking instead with phrases such as 'where reasonably practicable' rather than the 'must and will' wording which is typically used when it comes to energy reduction.

### An apathetic approach

A DCLG (Department for Communities and Local Government) ministerial statement, first issued in December 2014, now sits alongside the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) as an additional policy stating "the government's expectations...that sustainable drainage systems will be provided in new developments wherever this is appropriate." The inclusion of statements such as "the government's expectations" and "wherever ...appropriate" simply reinforce the Government's apathy towards the situation.

The approach towards homeowners is just the same. Legislation passed in 2008 states that a homeowner "will not need planning permission if a new or replacement driveway of any size uses permeable (or porous) surfacing such as gravel, permeable concrete block paving or porous asphalt". Despite recognising the need for SuDs, the enforcement and promotion of this requirement has been virtually non-existent. However, there are now starting to be instances where, in the conveyancing process of a house sale, the issue of an impermeable driveway installed post-2008 has caused significant problems, with home owners having to re-lay drives or seek retrospective planning approval before any house sale can proceed.

### Counting the cost

Interestingly, the cost of investing in such solutions is being cited as one of the reasons the government is holding back on making the installation of SuDs mandatory throughout the UK. However, according to experts at PricewaterhouseCoopers, the cost of last December's 'Storm Desmond' may rise to the tune of £500 million, double the cost of the serious storms the UK saw in 2009.

Which begs the question: Is saving on initial outlays by not making installation of SuDs compulsory, simply robbing Peter to pay Paul? With news covering December and January's incessant downpours highlighting the extensive emotional and financial damage flooding can cause, not to mention the hardship faced by homeowners who, post flood, may not be able to insure or sell their properties in the future, wouldn't money invested in long term prevention be better than cash thrown at a short-term cure? "The cost of investing in such solutions is being cited as one of the reasons the government is holding back on making the installation of SuDs mandatory throughout the UK"

Cumbria is a prime example what could easily happen (and in some cases has already happened) in other areas of the UK, with Prime Minister David Cameron saying that flood defences in the area "were not enough". He has commented that the government will fully reimburse councils the cost of dealing with the flooding and ministers will review all flood defence plans going forward. Such actions all have significant financial implications.

# Assertive approach the only way forward

Many believe a more assertive approach is required, such as the government's response to the increase in global warming. Since the early 2000's, the government has insisted that all developers continually increase the thickness of insulation in new homes via changes to the Building Regulations. This has significantly reduced the heat loss from new homes and cut both our heating bills as well as our carbon footprint in the process. This all tracks back to the definitive legislation surrounding the reduction of carbon footprints for developers. In turn this is reinforced by far more forceful implementation, demanding that emissions are considered during each and every step of constructing a new building. Similarly the existing housing stock is being addressed with many home owners are being entitled to free insulation, all to help lower our energy usage.

With government plans to directly commission the building of 13,000 new homes in the south and an additional £1.2 billion being invested in the creation of 30,000 affordable new homes on brownfield sites across the country over the next five years, surely ensuring that mandatory SuDs are installed by law has never been more important? Eng. 191





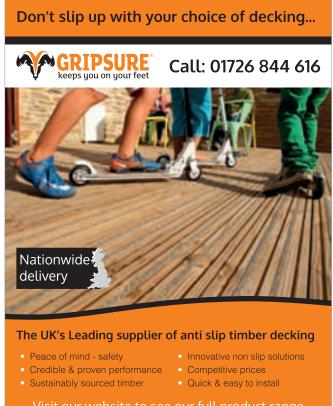
# Transformational paving

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Timber Decking and Cladding Association

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# Sika Sarnafil solution creates luxury communal gardens for residents

stone's throw from South Bank, BREEAM certified London Square development, Bermondsey Village, is located at the corner of Lamb Walk and Morocco Street. A mixed-use new build, the scheme provides luxury apartments with a communal garden area and balconies, which required a clever roofing solution from Sika Sarnafil, Sky Garden and Contour Roofing.

The modern style of the apartments required a roofing solution that would look stunning and offer high performance. At one time, a roof was once seen only as a means of protecting a building from the elements, but now it is increasingly being seen as a valuable space that can be utilised. The client needed a biodiverse, sustainable communal garden and roof as part of the project.

The project was split into three parts – the accessible green roof for residents on the first floor, then the green roof and brown roof at a higher level.

The project was originally specified in hot melt. However, this product specification wasn't possible, as it wouldn't give the desired aesthetic finish required by the client and architect. The client wanted an 'all singing, all dancing' solution that would deliver superior performance and a



flawless finish, in line with the luxury flats.

Jonathan Woods, Contour Roofing, suggested using Sika products, as the roofing project was complex and expansive, requiring expert advice and planning. He explained that Sika give the best for support to both contractor and client, and would be the ideal option. It was a challenge to change the specification at a late stage, but Contour, working in close partnership with Sika, provided a solution that met, and exceeded, the client's expectations.

Work was done to cover the main roof, balconies and podium over a car park using a full warm ballasted system with Sarnafil G410-18EL



Light Grey as the main roof sheet and Sarnafil G410-15EL Light Grey and S327-15EL Light Grey for the flashings. The design of the communal gardens was intricate and detailed, especially around roof lights, podium and upstands. Sikalastic Liquid Applied Membrane was used on some of the detail areas and the balconies, demonstrating the great compatibility between Sika's various roofing products. All work was finished to an extremely high standard, as was the aesthetic requirement of the client, achieving a 20 year guarantee from Sika. Eng. 209

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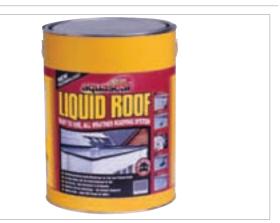


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# Repairs, refurbishment and water ingress by the sea

Stuart Hicks, from cold liquid-applied wet-on-wet waterproofing specialist, Kemper System, discusses the problems caused by a failed waterproofing system at a luxury residential development near Brighton and outlines the project undertaken to replace it

Ou only need to see a picture of The Grand Ocean Hotel in Saltdean, near Brighton, in its heyday to capture a glimpse of a bygone era of glamourous seaside elegance in surroundings that epitomised contemporary design.

The Grade II listed building first opened on a four-acre site in 1938 with 344 bedrooms and a dining hall that could seat 300. Its crescent-shaped white facade with a bulbous central pillar makes it a classic of Art Deco architectural design.

Now the central building from which a development of luxury apartments takes its name, this costal landmark has had a varied history, which includes being requisitioned by the Auxillary Fire Service during World War II, used as a Fire Service college after the war and becoming a popular honeymoon destination in the 1950s after it was acquired by holiday camp pioneer, Billy Butlin in 1953.

While Butlins sold the iconic building in 1999, it remained open as a hotel until 2005 when planning permission was granted to convert it into luxury apartments with an additional four new build apartment blocks within the grounds.

Design of the new build blocks was in-keeping with the main hotel building and every attention was taken to preserve the original structure in line with its listed status. However, problems with the integrity of the originally specified waterproofing system became apparent even before refurbishment of the main hotel building had been completed. This led to a change of roofing contractor and, eventually, a replacement roofing system too.

### Integrity issues

Both the existing hotel building and the four new builds are of a flat roof design and the architect had specified a liquid waterproofing membrane to maintain the listed building's appearance while providing a neat finish for the new builds.

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Unfortunately, the system originally selected was not robust enough to adhere seamlessly to both the roof and all upstands and outlets as a permanently elastic, monolithic membrane. The development's coastal location also required a more durable and flexible membrane that could withstand a moist and salty atmosphere and high UV levels.

When the integrity of the waterproofing membrane on the four new build structures was first compromised, the assumption was made that the issue lay with the quality of installation rather than the suitability of the membrane.

A new roofing contractor was brought in to carry out repairs to the membrane and repairs were carried out using the same product because it was still under warranty.

The majority of the problems with the roofing material were around the upstands, where the originally specified roofing system had not adhered sufficiently to the vertical surfaces and was not flexible enough to cope with structural movement. Following repairs, the problems recurred.

### Replacement waterproofing

The roofing contractor turned to a cold-applied wet-on-wet waterproofing system that the company had used on a wide variety of construction projects in the past. The company recommended the new system to the architect for remedial works to both the new builds and the former hotel building, including the roof areas, balconies and terraces.

The decision was taken to install the replacement waterproofing system as an overlay onto the existing failed membrane wherever possible. Where an overlay wasn't viable, the contractor stripped out the existing and replaced it with the new flexible liquid membrane.

The existing roof build up for the new build apartment blocks was an inverted roof with the originally specified membrane installed beneath the insulation. The roofing team removed the paving slabs and green roof medium along with the insulation and, where possible, this was stored for re-use in the new roof build up.

The company then had to carry out preparation and cleaning of the roof surface before installation of the new membrane could begin. In the areas around the upstands where the failed membrane had not bonded, the contractor simply pulled off the damaged membrane.

Once the new waterproofing system was in place, the insulation, slabs and green roof medium that had been removed to access the failed waterproofing membrane were then reinstated to complete the roof.

The build-up for each of the new builds' terraces was the same as the main roof and the same process and materials were used. The paving slabs were removed for re-use and the failed membrane was overlaid with the new system.

#### Increased damage

For the roof and balconies of the former hotel building, however, the damage caused by the failed waterproofing membrane was even more significant because the original roof build-up was not inverted.

The roofing contractor tackled the balconies first and had to strip out the entire roof build-up of paving slabs, waterproofing membrane and insulation. Here, not only had the originally specified membrane failed but, as a result of the water ingress, the insulation below it had begun to rot too.

Following strip out, the concrete substrate was allowed to dry on each balcony before the new waterproofing could be installed. To save time, the build-up for each balcony was then reinstated as an inverted warm roof.

The same primer, resin and fleece waterproofing system was used for the balconies of the refurbished hotel as for the new build apartment blocks and the membrane was allowed to cure before new insulation and paving slabs or decking were installed.

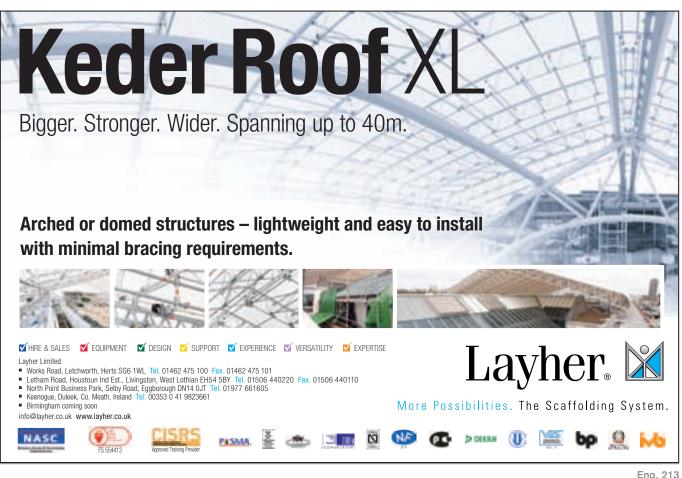
The installation team then moved onto the  $8,500m^2$  former hotel roof, which comprises five 'fingers' with a central core. Water ingress around the roof outlets where the failed membrane had not bonded properly meant that the recently installed warm roof insulation was already sodden and the roof had to be stripped back to the vapour barrier.

To aid water run-off in the future, a tapered insulation scheme was designed which introduced a slight pitch to each roof section. These pre-primed sections were then fixed to the substrate and joint sealed before application of the new waterproofing membrane began.

#### Holiday heritage

The latest residents have now moved into the historic former hotel, continuing its journey from hotel, to fire service training, holiday camp and, finally, luxury homes. Enq. 212





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January saw the launch of two new site fire alarms from **Bull Products**. The Bull Site Siren systems are designed as stand-alone temporary fire alarms on construction sites. These affordable alarms are fully selfcontained and can be used separately as a stand-alone device, linked by cable or linked with a radio connection. The alarms have the benefit of an extremely

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# Axter waterproofing at Centenary Quay

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# Hillside residences enhanced with Sapphire



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## neaco balconies maximise river views



neaco's glass panelled balconies are allowing residents to make the most of their picturesque river views at a development of luxury apartments in West Yorkshire.

neaco's UK Business Development Manager, Peter Melia, said: "As well as the kerb appeal of their contemporary style,

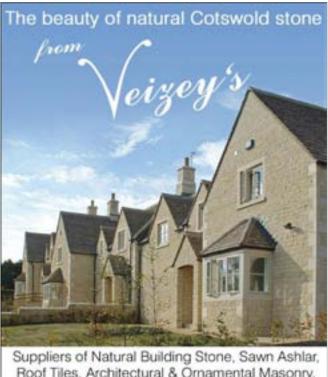
our balconies provide a clearer view out and more sunlight penetration to give interiors a spacious and airy feel. They are ideal for this type of development, where an unobstructed view of a scenic setting maximises a major selling point." Enq. 221

# SterlingOSB – a name that means business



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# Timber cladding secrets explained

Timber cladding has boomed in recent years. However, as early installations now mature it's time to reflect on what has and hasn't worked. Tom Barnes of Vastern Timber reflects on the ways to ensure cladding installed today looks good and performs for years to come

There are many reasons why timber cladding has enjoyed a renaissance in recent decades, not least that it is one of the easiest ways to give a design that 'something special'. Although an ancient technique, timber cladding declined in the 20th century as brick and clay dominated house building. However, in recent years, and due in part to a growing appreciation of the importance of sustainability, timber cladding has become commonplace.

Thanks to the number of available tree species and grades of timber used, the range of textures and finishes is literally infinite. On top of this, natural and unique weathering effects will occur dependent on exposure and location. This is all part of the natural attraction of timber cladding.

To ensure cladding delivers on its potential to create an attractive finish with unique character,



specifiers need to understand the specific influencers – both natural and human – that will dictate how the cladding will behave over time. Many examples of cladding still look beautiful five - 10 years after installation, but in other cases it has not fared as well because the designers and installers did not fully understand or appreciate the influencing factors such as how particular species will react in the modern environment; and the effect that elevation and aspect has on the speed and consistency of weathering over time.

Timber cladding is often used in a natural and unprotected state. Common cladding species typically used are naturally durable and do not need protection if they are not in ground contact. This is an important benefit as the application of surface treatments can prove costly and time consuming. However, when left in its natural state timber will weather more quickly than when protected, and will also be more prone to environmental influencers such as ultra-violet light (sunlight), moisture and even pollution.

Common unexpected changes in the appearance of timber cladding can include extractive staining in woods like oak, sweet chestnut and western red cedar, where soluble organic compounds in the wood migrate in the presence of rain to leave staining. Also, black and green mould is caused by a lack of sunlight and perpetually damp conditions. Particulates in pollution can settle on the cladding surface and react with the natural extractives in the wood to create an unsightly blackening effect. Finally, natural surface greying (bleaching), which can be a highly attractive feature, will be undesirable if it is uneven due to different levels of exposure to rain and sunlight.

Oak and sweet chestnut have become very popular woods for cladding projects. These species are heavy in tannic acid, which is very reactive and brown in colour. In some cases these



species have been used to clad the top storey of buildings while the lower storey has featured bright white render. In such cases rainwater can cause the tannins to leach out from the wood, often resulting in staining on the render. Also, ferrous particulates common in urban road pollution will react with these extracts to cause an unattractive blackening of the surface.

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Canadian cedar is the most popular species for cladding. In unpolluted rural areas, and on designs that have considered weathering factors, uncoated Canadian cedar will develop a beautiful silver/grey colour. The species itself is not problematic, however, its inappropriate use in the wrong environment and a failure to consider specific weathering factors can result in an unattractive patchy appearance.

Timber cladding is often used on large buildings with numerous elevations and overhangs. With such projects, each panel will invariably face a different set of weathering factors, such as exposure to rain, snow, ice, and differing amounts of UV light and wind. As a result there will be a huge amount of differential

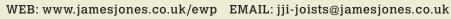
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weathering to consider, and these weathering effects can be highly noticeable if not enough consideration is given to aspect and elevation, or where detailing serves to compound the issue. It is also important to remember that the inconsistent weathering effects caused by detailing, such as overhangs, recesses and even cills, will be accentuated by the lack of sunlight affecting a northerly elevation.

People often ask, how can they preserve the initial colour of timber cladding? The simple answer is that in the long term, they can't. A clear treatment, reapplied at the correct intervals, will significantly slow the weathering process, but it is a battle that will eventually be lost. A pigment treatment will protect the wood for longer, but obviously you are no longer looking at the natural colour of wood. Also, care should be taken when selecting pigmented treatments as some are not all that attractive.

There is an alternative timber cladding

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Ultimately, it is important to understand that, as a natural material, wood will change colour and appearance over time. Consideration given to shading due to elevation and detailing, as well as appropriate selection of timber species, will result in a cost effective and long lasting finish that will look beautiful for many decades.





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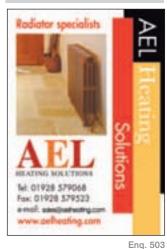
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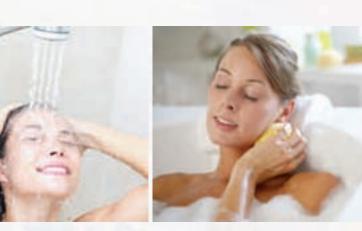
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