

Weekly News Summary

28th November 2023

2023 autumn statement: the construction industry responds:

Reaction to chancellor of the exchequer Jeremy Hunt's 2023 autumn statement has been broadly more positive than negative from across the construction industry, judging by comments received. Among measures welcomed by the construction industry were the extension of full expensing and the allocation of £110m to the local nutrient mitigation fund to support local planning authorities affected by nutrient neutrality rules to deliver local offsetting schemes. To read more Click [Here](#)

Scientists create almost carbon-neutral bricks: A company has produced its first low-carbon brick prototype following 18 months of research. The brick uses a magnesium carbonate binder produced via Seratech's proprietary carbon capture, mineralisation and utilisation process, which allows CO2 emissions from industry flues to be permanently stored within the built environment.

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Giant concrete pour at HS2 Curzon Viaduct: Video: HS2 has released new images showing construction progress as work ramps up on the 300 metre-long viaduct that will bring high-speed trains into Birmingham's Curzon Street Station. Over 2,000 cubic metres of concrete have been poured to create the first two 90 metre viaduct deck structures, with construction of two further deck sections well advanced. To read more Click [Here](#)

Griffiths Farrans JV wins £60m Bristol Airport scheme:

Griffiths Farrans JV has been awarded a £60m contract to deliver Bristol Airport's largest ever capital project. Work will create a public transport interchange hub and multi-storey car park to enhance services and accessibility for arriving or departing passengers. Enabling works started in May to divert services and work has now begun to construct a new access ramp to the existing remaining car parks. To read more Click [Here](#)

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Currencies	Last	Chg.	Chg. %
FTSE 100	7,428.83	-31.87	-0.43%
DAX	15,946.25	-20.12	-0.13%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,337.55	-16.86	-0.39%
S&P 500	4,550.43	-8.91	-0.20%
Nikkei 225	33,408.39	-37.67	-0.11%
Dow Jones	35,333.47	-56.68	-0.16%
FTSE 100 Futures	7,449.80	-27.80	-0.37%

Current value as at 11:31 BST, 28th Nov 2023

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19-storey office tower near British Museum approved: Developers Simten and BC Partners have got the thumbs up from planners for a landmark 19-storey mixed-use scheme near the British Museum in London. The One Museum Street scheme involves the demolition of an empty 53m high former Travelodge hotel known as Selkirk House to make way for a 74m tall tower block on the edge of the Bloomsbury conservation area. The DSDHA scheme also retains and restores seven heritage buildings for 44 homes alongside the 180,000 sq ft of new build office in a landscaped, retail-lined masterplan. To read more click [Here](#)

Housing slump hits brickies: Construction payroll giant Hudson Contract is reporting an 11% fall in the number of payments made to tradespeople by brickwork contractors in October 2023 compared to the same month last year. But average pay rates for brickies are still increasing as contractors keep on experienced workers at the expense of trainees. Ian Anfield, managing director of Hudson Contract, said: "Average rates have increased in a slowing market because the most productive and highly skilled people are kept on while the younger improvers are let go. To read more click [Here](#)

UK needs to build half a million homes a year to meet record net migration, says think tank: Government housebuilding target based on substantially lower migration figures. The UK needs to build more than 500,000 homes each year to meet increased demand related to growing net migration rates, according to right-leaning thinktank the Centre for Policy Studies. New figures released on Friday by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) revealed that net migration figures reached a record 745,000 in 2022 – roughly three times the annual average in the 2010s. To read more click [Here](#)

Laing O'Rourke wins first phase of £700m Oxford R&D district: Laing O'Rourke has secured the contract to deliver phase 1a of Oxford North's £700m new innovation district to deliver the Red Hall, and the first two laboratory buildings. Oxford North life sciences district is being developed in joint venture by Thomas White Oxford, the development company of St John's College, with Cadillac Fairview and Stanhope. To read more click [Here](#)

Graham wins £87m Jock's Lodge junction upgrade: Graham Construction is to carry out the major transformation of one of the East Riding's most congested road junctions. East Riding of Yorkshire Council has awarded the firm an £86.9m contract to deliver the A164 and Jock's Lodge Improvement Scheme, which is set to begin in spring. The work will involve replacing the Jock's Lodge junction on the outskirts of Beverley – which links the A164 Hull to Beverley and the A1079 Hull to York roads. A new roundabout will be created on the A1079 to connect it with Beverley and part of the A164 will be widened into a dual carriageway. To read more click [Here](#)



Planning Leads

Title	Location	Value	Publish Date
Extension to Leisure Facility	Bournemouth	£300,000	27/11/2023
Extension to Care Home	Sheffield	£100,000	27/11/2023
Conversion to Dwelling	Taunton	£100,000	27/11/2023
Extension to Industrial Unit	Leeds	£100,000	27/11/2023
Extension to HMO	Doncaster	£100,000	27/11/2023
Extension to Care Home (3 Rooms)	Southampton	£200,000	27/11/2023
Dwelling	Norwich	£200,000	27/11/2023
Extension to Pet Shop	Stockport	£100,000	27/11/2023
Extension to Shop	Cleveland	£100,000	27/11/2023
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Pond	Norwich	£100,000	26/11/2023
Extension to HMO	Doncaster	£100,000	26/11/2023
Extension to Industrial Unit	Leeds	£100,000	26/11/2023
Extension to Pet Shop	Preston	£100,000	26/11/2023
Extension to Care Home (3 Rooms)	Southend-on-sea	£200,000	26/11/2023
Conversion to Mixed Use (2 Units and 8	Chester	£400,000	26/11/2023
Conversion to Dwelling	Stevenage	£100,000	26/11/2023
Conversion to Dwelling	Brighton	£100,000	26/11/2023
Conversion to Dwelling	Leicester	£100,000	26/11/2023
Conversion to Dwelling	Kirkcaldy	£100,000	26/11/2023
Workshop	Paisley	£100,000	26/11/2023
Allotment	Tonbridge	£100,000	26/11/2023
Conversion to Mixed Use (1 Unit)	Reading	£200,000	26/11/2023
Conversion to Mixed Use (2 Units)	Glasgow	£200,000	26/11/2023
Extension to Industrial Unit	Glasgow	£2,000,000	26/11/2023
Alteration to Shop Front	North London	£100,000	26/11/2023
Storage Facility	Cambridge	£1,500,000	26/11/2023
Conversion to 2 Dwellings	Colchester	£200,000	26/11/2023
4 Holiday Lets	Bradford	£500,000	26/11/2023
Alteration to Shop Front	North London	£100,000	25/11/2023



Contractor ranked by work won during October 2023

Rank	Contractor	No. contracts	Value
1	Laing O'Rourke	1	£300.0m
2	Willmott Dixon	8	£214.1m
3	Skanska	1	£158.0m
4	Bowmer & Kirkland	4	£157.6m
5	Farrans	2	£155.0m
6	Morgan Sindall	9	£154.2m
7	Ardmore	1	£154.0m
8	Galliford Try	6	£126.8m
9	Hill Partnerships	3	£101.2m
10	Wates	5	£100.0m
11	Glencar	3	£98.0m
12	VolkerWessels	2	£83.5m
13	Mace	1	£82.0m
14	Kier	6	£81.3m
15	Balfour Beatty	3	£78.5m
16	Henry Boot	3	£71.0m
17	J.J. Rhatigan & Co	1	£70.0m
18	Royal BAM	5	£62.4m
19	GMI	3	£58.9m
20	Domis Construction	1	£56.0m
21	Countryside	2	£50.1m
22	TSL	1	£48.0m
23	Cormac	1	£47.0m
24	Vermont	1	£45.0m
25	Vital Energi Utilities	1	£45.0m

Ranking	Contractor	No. contracts	Total (£m)
26	RED	3	£42.7m
27	Robertson	7	£42.6m
28	Management & Construction Services	2	£40.5m
29	Mott MacDonald (JBA Bentley)	6	£36.7m
30	M3 Build	1	£35.0m
31	Bridgestone Construction	1	£32.0m
32	Tilbury Douglas	3	£31.3m
33	Assured CMS	1	£31.0m
34	Bouygues	1	£30.0m
35	Formation Design & Build	1	£30.0m
36	GRAHAM Construction	2	£30.0m
37	McGoff	1	£30.0m
38	Waterman Group Civils	1	£30.0m
39	Clegg	3	£28.0m
40	Illingworth & Gregory	1	£25.0m
41	Beard	4	£23.0m
42	Winvic	1	£22.0m
43	Readie	2	£21.9m
44	GF Tomlinson	2	£21.0m
45	Muir Construction	1	£20.0m
46	Pentaco	2	£19.5m
47	RG Carter	3	£18.9m
48	Stepnell	2	£18.5m
49	Morrison	2	£17.9m
50	Prima Construction Management	1	£17.4m



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