

Weekly News Summary

19th December 2023

Wet weather tips construction output back into decline:

A combination of stormy weather and falls in private new build housing tipped construction back into decline in October. Monthly construction output fell 0.5% in volume terms during the month after a brief respite of 0.4% growth in September. The contraction in monthly output came solely from a decrease in new work (1.7% fall), partially offset by an increase in repair and maintenance (1.3%) on the month. To read more Click [Here](#)

Giant dome lifted onto Hinkley C reactor building –

video: Engineering teams have lifted the 245-tonne steel dome capping the first Hinkley C reactor building. EDF's nuclear island director Simon Parsons said: "Building the first nuclear power station in a generation is a challenging job and the success of this complex operation is due to the determination and commitment of our fantastic teams." To read more Click [Here](#)

Construction contract awards down 14% on last year:

Year-to-date contract awards and planning applications are both substantially down on 2022, according to market analysts Barbour ABI. Overall contract awards are down 14% year to date, with most sectors failing to match 2022 through to November, according to the latest analysis from Barbour ABI. Rising interest rates, political uncertainty and continued price inflation are cited as contributory causes. To read more Click [Here](#)

Cost of HS2 SCS contract jumps to £4.1bn: HS2's Skanska Costain Strabag joint venture has secured an extra £200m funding for its first phase southern tunnelling section of the high speed route. It is the second extra payment since July when the three-way joint venture secured £300m in extra funding for planned and agreed changes to the scope of works. Skanska's share of the total contract sum is now valued at around £1.4bn, up from £1.12bn when the contract was signed in April 2020, To read more Click [Here](#)

Currencies	Last	Chg.	Chg. %
FTSE 100	7,627.75	13.27	0.17%
DAX	16,686.77	36.22	0.22%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,528.05	6.92	0.15%
S&P 500	4,740.56	21.37	0.45%
Nikkei 225	33,219.39	433.52	1.32%
Dow Jones	37,306.02	0.86	0.00%
FTSE 100 Futures	7,656.50	9.50	0.12%

Current value as at 09:44 BST, 19th Dec 2023

ABOUT UKR

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HG wins London student accommodation job: The construction arm of property development specialist HG Living is to deliver a 185-bed purpose-built student accommodation scheme in London's Vauxhall area. The scheme is advancing following a deal with International Students House, a charitable organisation providing affordable homes to back the project at Kennington Lane. HG Construction is due to commence in early 2024, and the development is expected to complete in summer 2026. To read more click [Here](#)

'Retrofit first' policy floated for City of London schemes: Planners at the City of London Corporation have set out proposals to force developers to seriously consider retrofit and reuse as first options for planned redevelopment of buildings in the Square Mile. The new Sustainability Supplementary Planning Document also sets out forceful guidance on controlling carbon emissions, flexible building design and further greening schemes as part of the Corporation's net zero plan for the whole Square Mile by 2040. To read more click [Here](#)

Electrifying industry: The road to diesel-free construction sites: Daniel Marsh, programme manager of the Centre for Low Emission Construction at Imperial College London, examines the efficiency measures needed in construction to allow for the transition to diesel-free, fully electric plant in the near future. The global construction sector is responsible for 39% of carbon emissions. In 2020, the UK construction industry consumed 2.5m tonnes of diesel, emitting 6m tonnes of CO₂e, greenhouse gases and other air pollutants that damage the environment but also significantly impacting the health of those working on sites. To read more click [Here](#)

Leicester City stadium expansion final approval: Leicester City Football Club has finalised a section 106 deal for its planned 8,000-seat East Stand extension to the King Power Stadium. The hybrid planning application also includes outline planning for a fanzone, an event and arena, a 220-room hotel, and a residential tower. This wider masterplan is critical to the viability of the overall project and the club said more work had to be done to finalise these elements before sanctioning works to start. To read more click [Here](#)

Scottish electricians are getting younger: Scotland appears to have bucked the trend in lowering the age profile of at least one of its construction trades. Of the 19,566 people in Scotland with an Electrotechnical Certification Scheme (ECS) card – an industry requirement to demonstrate competence – 40% (7,813) are aged between 16 and 29, with just 19% (3,836) aged 50 or over. Some 24% of holders of the accreditation that permits holder to carry out electrical work are aged between 30 and 39 (4,603), with 17% (3,314) in the 40 to 49 bracket. To read more click [Here](#)



Planning Leads

Title	Location	Value	Publish Date
5 Flats	Slough	£600,000	18/12/2023
Extension for 2 Flats	North West London	£300,000	18/12/2023
Dwellings	Worcester	£100,000	18/12/2023
Houses	Crewe	£100,000	18/12/2023
2 Dwellings	Oxford	£300,000	18/12/2023
Extension to Storage Facility	Guildford	£100,000	18/12/2023
Conversion to 2 Dwellings	Lincoln	£200,000	18/12/2023
Conversion to Dwelling	Reading	£100,000	18/12/2023
Conversion to Dwelling	Tonbridge	£100,000	18/12/2023
Conversion to 3 Flats	Newcastle Upon Tyne	£200,000	18/12/2023
Conversion to 6 Dwellings	Glasgow	£400,000	18/12/2023
Mixed Use Development	Newcastle Upon Tyne	£100,000	18/12/2023
5 Dwellings	Oxford	£600,000	18/12/2023
Storage Facility	Liverpool	£100,000	18/12/2023
Dwellings	Cleveland	£100,000	18/12/2023
Dwellings	Dorchester	£100,000	18/12/2023
Conversion to Dwelling	Gloucester	£100,000	18/12/2023
Tennis and Games Building	Salisbury	£2,000,000	18/12/2023
Conversion to Dwelling	Oldham	£100,000	18/12/2023
Extension to Cafe	Dorchester	£100,000	18/12/2023
5 Dwellings	Ipswich	£600,000	17/12/2023
Conversion to 11 Flats	Bournemouth	£600,000	17/12/2023
Conversion to 4 Flats	Bournemouth	£300,000	17/12/2023
2 Bungalows	Chelmsford	£300,000	17/12/2023
Conversion to 2 Holiday Lets	Lincoln	£200,000	17/12/2023
5 Dwellings	Carlisle	£600,000	17/12/2023
Conversion to 6 Dwellings	Redhill	£400,000	17/12/2023
4 Dwellings	Southampton	£500,000	17/12/2023
Conversion to 2 Dwellings	Torquay	£200,000	17/12/2023
Ware House and Petrol Filling Station	Gloucester	£7,000,000	17/12/2023



Contractor ranked by work won during November 2023

Rank	Contractor	No. contracts	Value
1	Balfour Beatty	7	£306.8m
2	Morgan Sindall	18	£262.9m
3	Farrans	2	£145.0m
4	Ardmore	3	£120.0m
5	GRAHAM Construction	3	£110.0m
6	Willmott Dixon	8	£108.6m
7	Mace	3	£93.9m
8	JJ Rhatigan & Company	1	£90.0m
9	Wates	4	£89.3m
10	Hill Partnerships	3	£86.5m
11	Robertson	5	£80.8m
12	Vinci	5	£79.2m
13	GMI	3	£74.9m
14	Bouygues	2	£69.0m
15	United Living (Cardiff)	1	£55.0m
16	Cala Homes South Home Counties	1	£52.5m
17	Kier	4	£51.3m
18	Glencar	1	£50.0m
19	IB Vogt GmbH	1	£49.9m
20	Morrison	5	£48.5m
21	Thomas Johnstone	1	£48.0m
22	Barnwood	2	£47.4m
23	Breheny	2	£47.0m
24	McAleer & Rushe	1	£45.8m
25	J.J. Rhatigan & Co	1	£45.0m

Ranking	Contractor	No. contracts	Total (£m)
26	Winvic	1	£45.0m
27	Pioneer Design And Build	1	£35.1m
28	Buildfifty5	1	£35.0m
29	DNA Construction	1	£35.0m
30	Keltbray	1	£33.1m
31	Galliford Try	4	£33.0m
32	Harmonix Construction	3	£32.5m
33	Ogilvie Construction	3	£30.3m
34	Aztec Construction Services	1	£30.0m
35	WW Martin	1	£30.0m
36	Jackson Civil Engineering	3	£29.6m
37	Bowmer & Kirkland	4	£29.3m
38	O'Brien Contractors	1	£25.0m
39	Tilbury Douglas	4	£25.0m
40	MTX Contracts	2	£23.6m
41	Readie	1	£20.0m
42	John Turner	2	£19.9m
43	Beard	5	£19.1m
44	Story Contracting	1	£18.3m
45	Marbank Construction	2	£18.0m
46	Speller Metcalfe	4	£18.0m
47	Holmpatrick Developments	1	£17.0m
48	Parkway	1	£16.9m
49	Rooff	2	£16.1m
50	GF Tomlinson	3	£15.8m



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