



Sizewell C commits to 'best in class' working conditions:

Sizewell C has signed agreements to provide ‘best in class’ employment conditions for the thousands of construction workers who will build Britain’s next nuclear power station. Three solidarity agreements were signed on 22nd April 2024 between Sizewell C, its tier one contractors, and the GMB and Unite trades unions. To read more Click [Here](#)

Gove puts another major building scheme on hold:

Michael Gove has waded-in to another planning debate and put proposals for a major mixed-use scheme in the City of London on hold. The Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities issued an Article 31 notice this week on the plans for the redevelopment of the 140 and 150 London Wall sites, known as Bastion House and the former Museum of London. To read more Click [Here](#)

McAlpine signs £500m Broadgate dual towers deal:

Sir Robert McAlpine has today signed the main building contract for a dual high-rise building at Broadgate in London. The 750,000 sq ft project at 2 Finsbury Avenue will consist of a large 12-storey podium linking a 36-storey East Tower and 21-storey West Tower. The tallest of the two buildings will be characterised on the London skyline by triangular patterned-glazed façades, loosely resembling a Maltese Cross shape. To read more Click [Here](#)

Scotland to get its own building safety levy:

The Scottish government has secured support from the UK government for its own levy on developers to fund cladding remediation. The proposed Scottish Building Safety Levy would apply to the construction of new residential buildings, mirroring measures being introduced in England through the Building Safety Act passed by the UK parliament. The Scottish government has no power to introduce new taxes and levies without authorisation from Westminster. To read more Click [Here](#)

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Currencies	Last	Chg.	Chg. %
FTSE 100	8,022.79	-1.08	-0.01%
DAX	18,064.65	213.26	1.19%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,992.55	55.7	1.13%
S&P 500	5,010.60	43.37	0.87%
Nikkei 225	37,563.00	103.5	0.28%
Dow Jones	38,239.98	253.58	0.67%
FTSE 100 Futures	8,088.20	21.8	0.27%

Current value as at 13:09 BST, 23rd April 2024

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Big social housing schemes at risk over funding uncertainty: JV North is warning house building will slow unless funding certainty is given beyond the current Affordable Homes Programme end date. With less than two years left of the 2021/26 Affordable Homes Programme, JV North says developments of over 50 homes or those that take longer than 12 months are now at risk. Usually government-funded programmes overlap with the last two running from 2018 to 2021 and then 2021 to 2026 allowing housebuilding to carry on unabated. To read more click [Here](#)

Work starts on Manchester 26-storey Obsidian tower: Manchester developer Salboy's building contractor Domis has started work on its 26-storey residential tower block project in the Greengate area towards the north of the city centre. Salboy's tenth central Manchester development in seven years, the £50m-plus building project, previously known as Trinity 2 and now renamed Obsidian, will deliver 250 flats and around 1,000 sq ft of ground floor commercial space at the Trinity Way and Willam Street site. Designed by architect Studio Power, the scheme also includes a resident's gym, cinema room, private meeting space, and a co-working area. To read more click [Here](#)

Winners named for £260m Manchester Uni framework: Manchester University has named its new line-up of contractors to deliver its ongoing works and expansion programme. The new build framework will be used to deliver the University's next five-year investment strategy. It has been divided into four lots that will also cover demolition, refurbishment, decoration and landscaping, up to a total value of £260m. To read more click [Here](#)

RG Group signs £121m Newcastle rental homes job: Contractor RG Group has signed another major building job with client Olympian Homes to deliver 519 build to rent flats on the banks of the River Tyne between the Redheugh and King Edward VII bridges in Newcastle. It is RG Group's fourth major project with Olympian following earlier awards in Manchester, Leeds and Nottingham. To read more click [Here](#)

Wates wins former Daily Mail printworks transformation: British Land has finalised a deal with Wates to transform its landmark Printworks site at Canada Water in London into offices and a cultural venue. The plan will reinstate and create a permanent music venue in one half of the large former Printworks building, the other half will deliver next-generation sustainable workspace and retail, known as The Grand Press. The designs, led by architects Hawkins\Brown, seek to maintain the building's volume and character while creating a highly sustainable and modern cultural venue. To read more click [Here](#)



Planning Leads

Title	Location	Value	Publish Date
14 Industrial Units	Warrington	£100,000	20/04/2024
Conversion to 5 Dwellings	Cambridge	£300,000	20/04/2024
Conversion to 7 Flats	Cambridge	£400,000	20/04/2024
Mixed Use Development (5 Units)	Croydon	£600,000	20/04/2024
Conversion to Dwelling	Exeter	£100,000	20/04/2024
3 Dwellings	Nottingham	£400,000	20/04/2024
Mixed Use Development (6 Units)	Luton	£800,000	20/04/2024
Extension to Gym Facility	Doncaster	£100,000	20/04/2024
Conversion to HMO	Manchester	£100,000	20/04/2024
Conversion to Dwelling	Kirkcaldy	£100,000	20/04/2024
5 Dwellings	Cambridge	£600,000	20/04/2024
7 Dwellings	Newport	£800,000	20/04/2024
Conversion to 2 Flats	South West London	£200,000	20/04/2024
2 Dwellings	Cleveland	£300,000	20/04/2024
2 Dwellings	Bolton	£300,000	20/04/2024
Conversion to Care Home (2 Beds)	Cardiff	£100,000	20/04/2024
Conversion to 2 Houses	Walsall	£200,000	20/04/2024
Conversion to 3 Flats	South East London	£200,000	20/04/2024
Conversion to Dwelling	Truro	£100,000	20/04/2024
Conversion to 4 Flats	Oldham	£300,000	20/04/2024
2 Dwellings	Colchester	£300,000	19/04/2024
Library	Cambridge	£3,000,000	19/04/2024
Conversion to 2 Flats	Bournemouth	£200,000	19/04/2024
2 Dwellings	Colchester	£300,000	19/04/2024
7 Dwellings	Exeter	£800,000	19/04/2024
2 Dwellings	North London	£300,000	19/04/2024
21 Flats	Aberdeen	£2,500,000	19/04/2024
4 Flats	Portsmouth	£500,000	19/04/2024
Industrial Unit and Office	Chelmsford	£2,500,000	19/04/2024
Conversion to Flat	Swindon	£100,000	19/04/2024



Contractor ranked by work won during March 2024

Rank	Contractor	No. contracts	Value	Ranking	Contractor	No. contracts	Total (£m)
1	Lendlease	3	£481.1m	26	Downing Developments	1	£46.1m
2	Royal BAM	7	£463.8m	27	OCU Group	1	£45.0m
3	ISG	10	£325.2m	28	Galliford Try	3	£43.2m
4	Wates	3	£313.3m	29	Glencar	3	£42.2m
5	Willmott Dixon	7	£266.5m	30	McLaren	2	£41.9m
6	HG	2	£260.0m	31	Britcon (Scunthorpe)	4	£41.1m
7	Morgan Sindall	15	£235.6m	32	Barnwood	2	£40.8m
8	Multiplex Europe	1	£200.0m	33	Thomas Sinden	3	£38.5m
9	Countryside	1	£150.0m	34	Keady Construction	2	£38.0m
10	Ryebidge	1	£150.0m	35	Access Building Contractors	1	£35.0m
11	Winvic	3	£131.6m	36	Core Special Projects	1	£33.9m
12	Hill Partnerships	1	£130.0m	37	Vinci	3	£33.0m
13	The Torsion Group	1	£90.0m	38	Speller Metcalfe	5	£29.3m
14	JJ Rhatigan & Company	1	£88.0m	39	Darwin Group	2	£29.1m
15	Caddick	5	£76.8m	40	Farrans	1	£28.0m
16	McAleer & Rushe	1	£72.0m	41	Jones Brothers	2	£27.7m
17	Kier	9	£61.2m	42	Vistry	1	£27.5m
18	Bowmer & Kirkland	5	£60.2m	43	Collins Construction	1	£25.0m
19	McLaughlin & Harvey	1	£60.0m	44	Higgins	1	£25.0m
20	Tilbury Douglas	9	£56.2m	45	Interclass	4	£23.0m
21	Mott MacDonald Bentley	2	£51.7m	46	Osborne	2	£22.4m
22	Morris Property	1	£50.0m	47	J Murphy	1	£22.0m
23	Robertson	4	£49.0m	48	Hobson & Porter	3	£21.0m
24	Gilbert – Ash	3	£48.0m	49	Amey	1	£20.0m
25	VolkerWessels	4	£46.8m	50	Luddon	4	£19.6m



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