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## Featured articles and news

### This week's featured article: Last planner system



Read about the Last planner system - a production planning system designed to produce predictable work flow and rapid learning in the programming, design, construction and commissioning of projects.

### Skills shortages lead to wages rise

Latest RICS survey reveals industry wages are rising well above national average as a result of ongoing skills shortage.



### Qualitative research and the built environment

BRE Buzz article examining the uses and efficacy of qualitative research in the built environment.

### BIM is about the Planet

Read Keith Snook's fascinating analysis of the past, present and future of BIM.



### Brutalist London Map - review

Read our review of a new map detailing London's finest examples of brutalist architecture.



### Sink estate regeneration plans

David Cameron reveals plans to tackle social deprivation and poverty by redeveloping up to 100 'sink estates' around the country.



### Planning competition

Pilots to test introducing competition in the planning process.

### Building of the week - Shanghai Tower



Read about the newly-completed Shanghai Tower, the second tallest building in the world and one of the most advanced in terms of green architecture.

## Around the web

### JCT, 14 January

Joint Contracts Tribunal publish new guidance note aimed at 'demystifying' BIM.

### Planning Portal, 14 January

The Government's controversial Housing and Planning Bill moves from the Commons to the Lords with no opposition amendments.

### The Guardian, 13 January

The contrasting fortunes of two of London's brutalist housing estates - the Barbican and Robin Hood Gardens.

### Dezeen, 13 January

The Shanghai Tower, the second tallest building in the world, is completed.

### Laing O'Rourke, 12 January

CEO Ray O'Rourke announces the divestment of the firm's Australia Hub to renew focus on UK and Europe operations.

### Buro Happold, 11 January

Predictions for London in 2016.

### The Guardian, 8 January

The 10 best concrete buildings in the world.

### FMB, 8 January

FMB warn that council tax proposals could damage house building.

### ArchDaily, 8 January

New construction robot SAM (semi-automated mason) lays bricks 3 times as fast as a human bricklayer in US trials.

### Property Week, 7 January

U and its deputy chief executive Richard Upton asks how we can build inspiring places for people to live that also provide a reliable return for investors.

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