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Build UK Celebrates Ground-Breaking First Year

Build UK today celebrates its landmark first year of bringing the construction supply chain together and delivering change across the industry.

Build UK has achieved positive results on a number of high profile industry priorities. At its launch, Build UK published an [Action Plan](#) detailing the five issues it would address to achieve lasting improvements for construction, and its first year culminates with the release of '[Delivering Change](#)' which outlines the fantastic progress that has been achieved so far.

1. Build UK committed to galvanise the **image of the industry** and inspire more people to join construction. The '[Get into Construction](#)' film and hugely successful [Open Doors](#) initiative marks the beginning of Build UK's efforts to transform the industry's image.
2. The publication of the [Build UK Training Standard](#) represents a significant step towards ensuring that the outcome of construction **training** and qualifications meets the needs of employers while providing employment and apprenticeship opportunities.
3. Build UK continues to make progress in developing a solution to the **pre-qualification** process that benefits the construction supply chain.
4. Targeting improvements in **health and safety performance** and a reduction in accidents and ill health led to the development and adoption of the [Build UK Safety Helmet Colours Standard](#) by Main Contractors, Specialist Contractors and Clients.
5. Build UK's commitment to bring the construction supply chain together to consider what best **payment** practice in construction looks like has resulted in agreement of best practice payment terms.

The recent addition of major construction Clients to the collective voice draws our first year to a fantastic conclusion and highlights the extent of Build UK's progress. With Brexit

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presenting a fresh challenge, having all areas of the industry at the table will enable us to present a joined up approach as we strive to mould the future of construction.

Build UK Chief Executive **Suzannah Nichol MBE** said:

“It has been a fantastic first year for Build UK and we have been able to make an impact on major industry issues from occupational health to the skills shortage, and our thanks go to all Build UK members for their huge part in helping us lead the way and drive long-term change. There are still some big challenges ahead for us as an industry, but we’re up for those challenges and can’t wait to see what we as the construction supply chain can achieve in the future.”

Build UK Chairmen **James Wates** and **Kevin Louch** said:

“The establishment of an organisation that brought main and specialist contractors together was ground-breaking in itself, but the progress that has been made on such important industry issues as well as being able to welcome Client organisations to the table are achievements that we’re extremely proud of. With the support of its members, Build UK has consistently demonstrated itself to be the organisation that leads from the front, tackles the big industry issues and achieves results.”

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Notes to Editors

1. Build UK provides a strong collective voice for the contracting supply chain in construction. We bring together 27 of the industry's largest Main Contractors and 40 leading Trade Associations representing over 11,500 Specialist Contractors - www.builduk.org.
2. To find out more about Build UK's priorities, see the [Build UK Action Plan](#).
3. To find out more about Build UK's achievements so far, see the [Build UK 'Delivering Change' brochure](#).