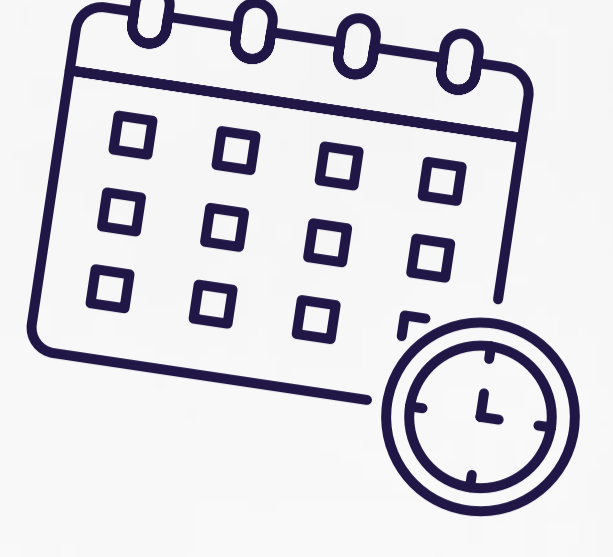


YEAR IN REVIEW 2021

When construction thrives, the UK thrives



The construction sector is unrivalled in impact and reach, creating and supporting millions of jobs across the economy while shaping communities and society. Our industry has led the way throughout the coronavirus pandemic and is now at the forefront of the Government's commitment to level up the UK by investing in the high-quality infrastructure the country needs to thrive.

Our Priorities



Improving Business Performance

Driving sustainable growth in construction.

Increasing Productivity

Adopting more effective ways of working to deliver better project outcomes.

Recruiting, Training & Retaining Talent

Securing the right skills for the industry now and in the future.

“Over the last year, we have really recognised and understood the true value of Build UK as our representative body”

Jonathan Seddon, CEO, Seddon Group Ltd


Driving Change




Over the last 12 months, Build UK has further strengthened its representation across the construction supply chain and continued to drive change on key issues that make a real difference to the industry. By working collaboratively and focusing on practical steps that improve efficiency and promote best practice, we can transform construction and lead the UK economic recovery.



✓ Collaborative **forum** of industry leaders enabling complete solutions to sector-wide issues, as well as a rapid response to changing circumstances such as COVID-19 and Brexit



✓ Promotion of the **Construction Playbook**, with our executive summary endorsed by the Cabinet Office, and the **National Infrastructure & Construction Pipeline 2021/22**



✓ Continued **benchmarking of payment performance** across the sector leading to further improvement, with Contractor members now taking an average of 34 days to pay invoices



✓ Clear and up to date guidance on managing **Brexit-related issues**, including the **availability of materials** and **Points-Based Immigration System**



✓ Rollout of the **Common Assessment Standard** for pre-qualification with a growing list of major Contractors and Clients now specifying it




✓ Endorsement of **CO₂nstruct Zero** with an increasing number of members signing up as 'Business Champions' to show how they are responding to the net zero challenge



✓ More than 200 site visits and virtual events as part of **Open Doors 2021** to inspire the next generation to choose a career in construction



✓ Comprehensive response to CITB Consensus based on industry-wide support for our **'Levy In – Skills Out'** proposal



✓ Pioneering pilot study culminating in an industry-wide toolkit to support the implementation of **flexible working** on site



✓ Practical **guidance and support** on a wide range of issues affecting the construction supply chain, including **PI Insurance, Reverse VAT, IR35** and **Red Diesel**



✓ Growing series of **factsheets** on major infrastructure projects showcasing the value of construction to the UK economy and the benefits to local communities



✓ Collation and analysis of **data** to inform policy decisions, including monthly 'State of Trade' reports and bi-annual People Surveys

“I have been staggered at how much the Build UK team has achieved, particularly the influence you had in being able to keep our industry working”

Matthew Nesbit, Director, William Hare Limited

Keeping Construction Open through COVID-19



- Maintained **Site Operating Procedures** which were adopted across 99% of UK construction sites
- Regularly updated **COVID-19 flowchart** on self-isolation
- Secured extension to **Written Ministerial Statement** permitting extended site working hours until the end of September
- Reduced pressure on the **London transport network** during lockdown ensuring sites could remain operational
- Worked with Government to roll out **workplace testing** in construction
- Published guidance on company **vaccination policy**

Member Engagement



92
member email updates



75
member calls & project meetings



100%
member participation in our activities

“The Build UK updates, briefings and member calls gave us the confidence we needed to restart our construction projects”

Karen Yorath, Infrastructure Delivery Director, Heathrow Airport

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