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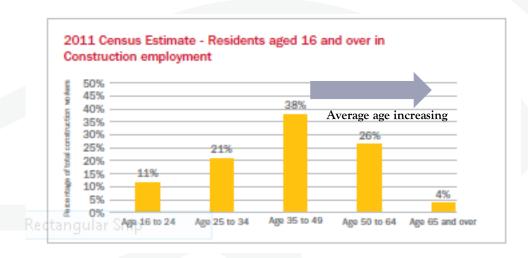


THE BACKGROUND CONTEXT



We Have a Burning Platform

Why? Reliance on an Ageing Workforce - A Generic International Issue



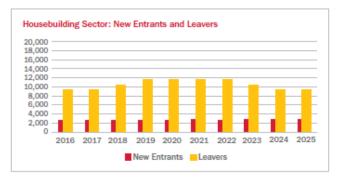
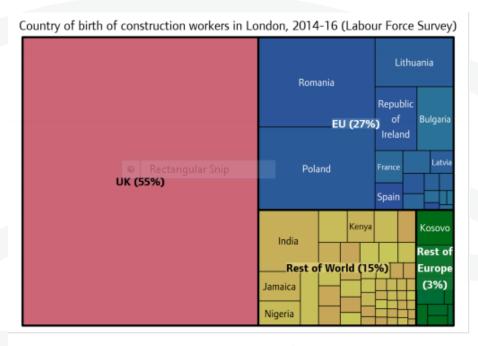


Figure 16: From Cast presentation at ULI UK Capacity Conference, 26 April 2016





UK Also Has a Very Specific Problem Now of Reliance on a Migrant Workforce in an Increasingly Uncertain Post Brexit World

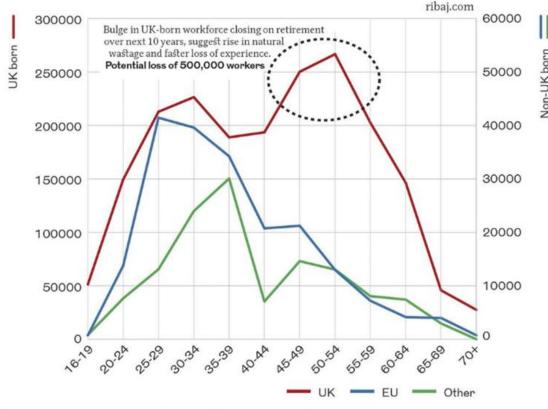


- Around 350,000 people work in London's construction sector, counting both Londoners and those who commute in from other regions. Of these, 55% or around 190,000 are from the UK, 27% (95,000) are from the EU, 3% (12,000) are from other European countries and 15% (51,000) are from the rest of the world.
- The largest non-UK contributors to London's construction workforce are Romania (29,000), Poland (27,000), Lithuania (11,000) and India (10,000).

Sources and notes

- Labour Force Survey data, 2014-16
- Chart produced using R package 'treemap'

Comparing age profiles by country of birth for UK construction workforce



Source: Labour Force Survey 2016 Q3, ONS, NISRA, retrieved via UK Data Archive



REMINDER OF THE 'MODERNISE OR DIE' CHALLENGE ADDRESSED TO THE UK GOVERNMENT, CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND ITS CLIENTS



Condensed Summary of Farmer Review Recommendations – 3 Key Themes

- Need for clear leadership and institutional reforms that better integrate clients, industry and Government.
- A productivity led change agenda letting innovation dictate future skills development and which clients and supply chain can either lead or respond.
- The Government has to play a critical role in the **strategic initiation** of change across both of the above.

All of the above are under-pinned by one central theme – a move to higher levels of premanufactured content with reduced site labour intensity



But.....

OUR INDUSTRY HAS PROVED UNABLE TO RESPOND TO POSITIVE STIMULI FOR CHANGE IN THE PAST

IT HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO MOBILISE ANY COLLECTIVE ABILITY TO REFORM ITSELF

THE ISSUE NOW IS WHETHER IT WILL REACT TO A BURNING PLATFORM AS A NEGATIVE STIMULUS FOR CHANGE

IS JUST NECESSITY ENOUGH?



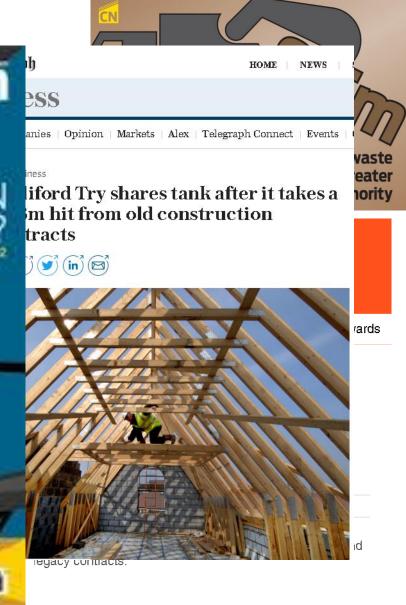
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Discontent from Within....



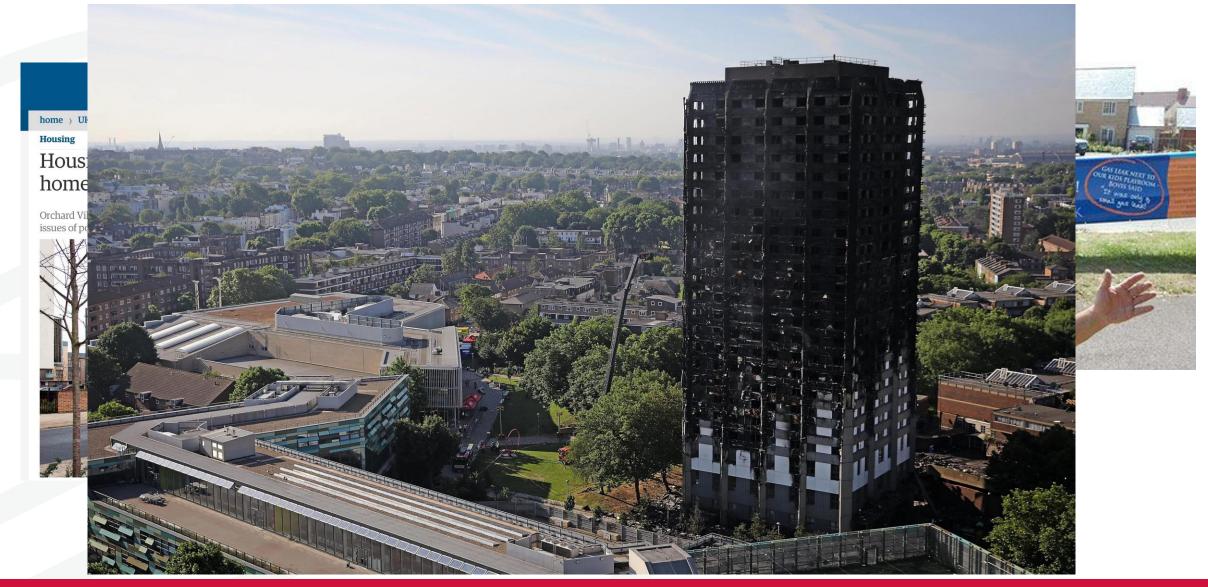
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But Discontent with Construction Performance is Now Coming from Elsewhere.....





Post Grenfell Analysis in UK Will Likely Point To Systemic Failure In Whole Design, Procurement & Construction Process

Poor Handover & Operational Readiness Protocols

Main Contractors holding Responsibility but no longer in control

'Value Engineering' Equals Functionality Reduction D&B Procurement Versus 'Architect Led'

Deskilling in professions & trades

Lowest Price Procurement

Performance Based Specification

Conflicts of interest in product testing & warranty market

Level of On Site Supervision

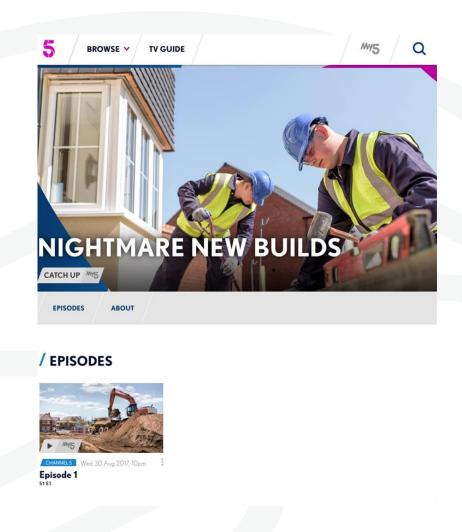
Falsification of Records / Covering up Mistakes

'Engineered' Versus Prescriptive Building Regulations

Premature Completion Certification



Mainstream & Social Media Attention is Creating Growing Reputational & Brand Risks







Quantity and Quality Have Rarely Coincided in Construction - More Regulation Needed?







Home Who We Are What We Do Publications Legisl

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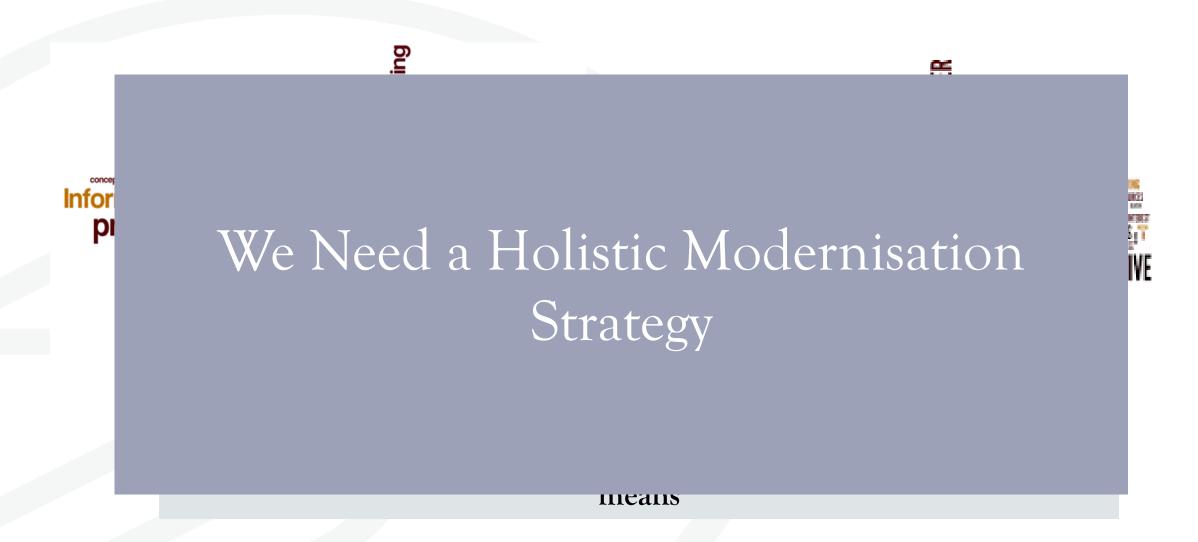


DESIGN,
PROCUREMENT &
CONSTRUCTION
DELIVERY FAILURE



- SITE LABOUR INTENSITY
- NO. OF TRANSACTIONAL INTERFACES (VERTICAL INTEGRATION)
- NO. OF WORKS INTERFACES (HORIZONTAL INTEGRATION)

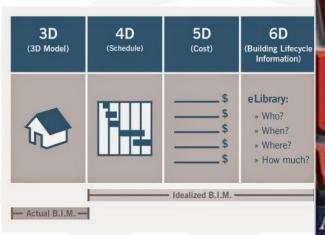


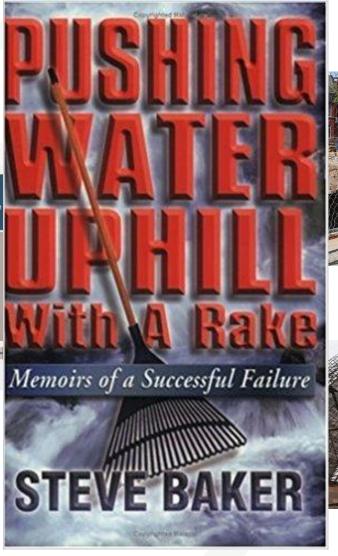




Focus on BIM, Digitalisation is Wasted Without Transforming the Analogue Physical Delivery &

Project Organisational Model







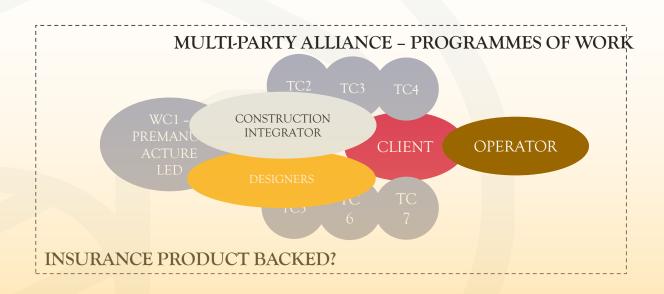


ONE OFF TRANSACTIONAL LED CONTRACTING / CONSTRUCTION PROCESS ISN'T WORKING!



We Need to Move to a New Organisational Model Combined with Higher Levels of Pre-Manufacturing

DIGITAL ENGINEERING & ASSET PERFORMANCE





In UK Encouraging Wider Institutional & Policy Reforms Led by Both Government & Industry Have Been Taking Place in the Last 12 Months





And Industry Itself is Moving, Slowly but Surely...



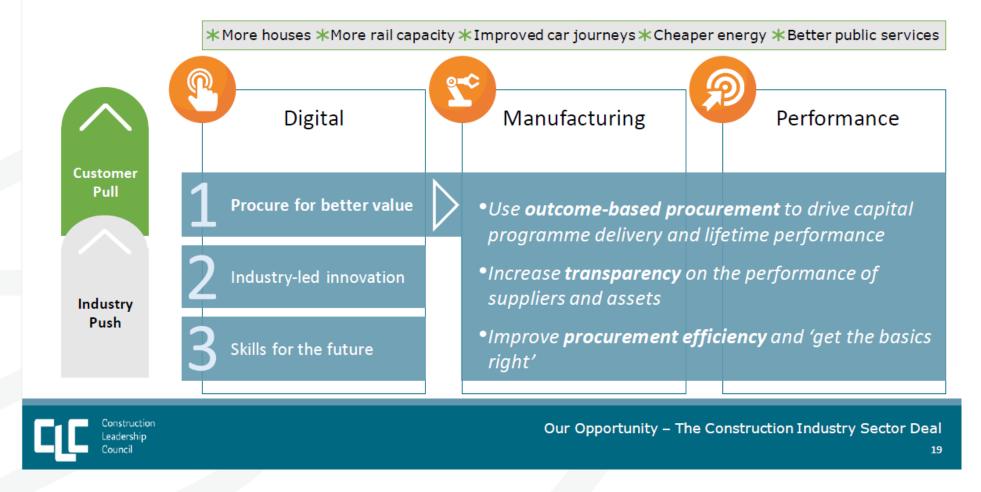


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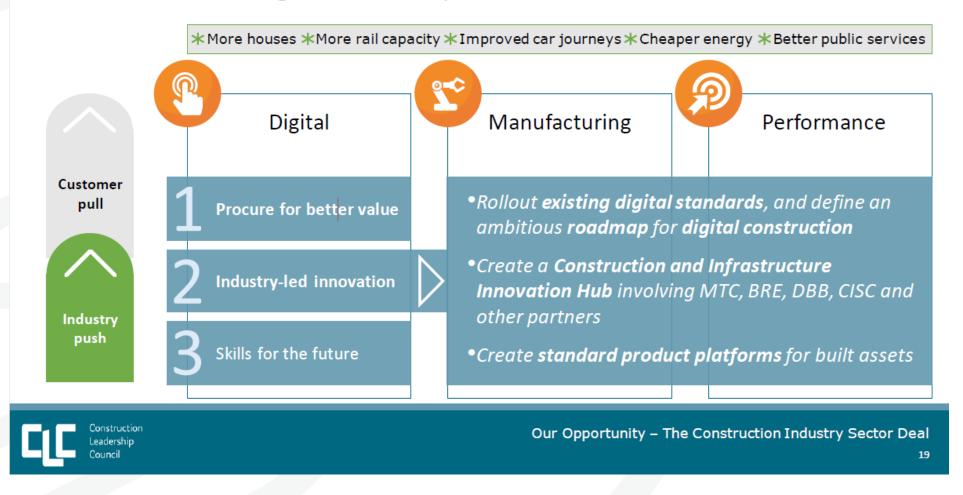
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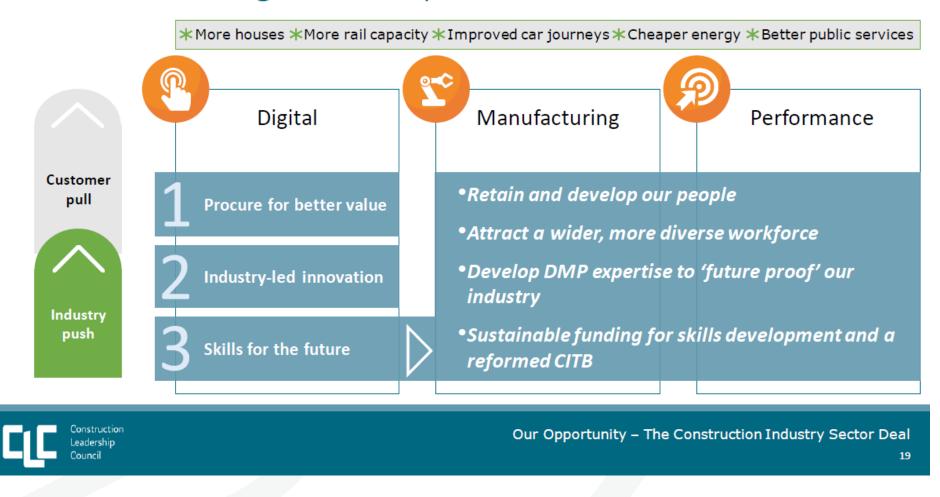
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Closing

Modernise or Die is a challenge which has echoed around the construction sector and hopefully raised awareness of unprecedented problems

New drivers for change are starting to impact that we have not seen before – skills crisis, discontent, opportunity of technology

Emerging central and regional government policy and public sector direct client role can help to strategically initiate industry on its modernisation journey

Momentum is building but we are still not yet at an irreversible tipping point

CE has a role to play in driving modernisation - what can you do?



