

What's new?

All sections are reviewed biannually by expert authors. The major section updates are below.
Brownfield developments

Updates to this section reflect [recent political developments in the UK](#) , [plans for a new infrastructure levy](#) , and [funding available](#) from Homes England and the Brownfield, Infrastructure and Land Fund.
Building climate resilience

Minor revisions to [this section](#) link to updated documentation, including the UK Government Resilience Framework, and add references to COP28.
The circular economy

Minor revisions to [this section](#) reflect the current situation in the UK and EU.
Climate change: adaptation and mitigation

Coverage of COP28 has been added to the pages on [Legislation, policy and planning](#) , which also include [details of the UK's latest National Adaptation Programme](#) .
Ecological considerations

Minor updates have been made, largely to [Natural capital and ecosystem services](#) , to reflect the recent revision to the National Planning Policy Framework and the now mandatory requirements for biodiversity net gain.
ISO 14001 and environmental management systems

Some minor revisions have been made to [this section](#) to recognise ISO 14001's new requirements relating to climate change.
ISO 50001 and energy management

The section been updated to detail the [climate change-related requirements for the scope of energy management systems](#) and the [current Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme deadlines](#) .
Sustainable management of the UK government estate

[What is the government's estate?](#) has been updated to refer to the *State of the estate 2022-2023* report, coverage of COP28 has been added to the global context for [sustainability](#) , and [Greening Government Commitments 2021-25](#) also now covers the Government Property Sustainability Strategy.
Sustainable procurement

A comprehensive edit brings the [whole section](#) up to date, and adds a [checklist of basic measures](#) to take when preparing a sustainable procurement strategy.
Waste management

Slight changes have been made to [this section](#) to update certain links and tax rates.

RICS initiatives iConsult

See [iConsult](#) to review the latest RICS consultation drafts.

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