What's new?

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

Minor updates have been made throughout this section to reflect NC version 6.1, published in June 2023, with the most extensive changes to the page on BREEAM schemes .
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.
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 .
Environmental management and policy

Minor revisions have been made throughout the section to bring it up to date.
Flood risk

Among minor amendments to this section , Managing flood risk to a property has been updated to emphasise property flood resilience (PFR).
Key concepts in sustainability

Comprehensive updates to this section reflect latest temperature and carbon data , developments in policy and legislation , and the costs of and prospects for sustainability.
Sustainable management of the UK government estate

What is the government?s estate? has been updated to include figures for 2022?23, while coverage of COP28 has been added to the global context for sustainability .
Whole life carbon

A comprehensive review and update of this section concentrates on the background to Global warming and Climate change and the built environment .

RICS initiatives

iConsult

See iConsult to review the latest RICS consultation drafts.

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