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Ian Trickey FICConstM. Director of Membership for the past two years has handed over the role to Roy Blamey MConstM. at the Executive meeting held 27th January, Ian was thanked for his hard work

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Swindon



£270m Swindon leisure complex Plans to build a 500,000 sq ft regional leisure scheme in Swindon have been given the thumbs up just four months after developer Seven Capital took the reins on the project.

Outline planning for the first phase of the £270m North Star site has been recommended for approval by the council’s planning committee.

The development is set to be one of the largest of its kind in the UK. Included in proposals are

a snow and ski centre, along with a 130-bed hotel, a 14-screen IMAX cinema with the largest IMAX screen in the UK and a new Hollywood Bowl

This will all be supported with a large number of new restaurant and retail units. Developer Seven Capital took over the project in July after it had stalled several times. It now hopes to have a contractor on board to start work on the North Star development in 2018.

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Salisbury Plain

Lovell has been awarded a £250m contract by the Ministry of Defence to build more than 900 new homes for troops and their families relocating from Germany to Salisbury Plain.



Ludgershall, one of three sites on Salisbury Plain to be built out by Lovell

The project, part of the Army Basing Programme (ABP), will be Lovell’s largest-ever contracting scheme. Contracts have been signed for the deal that will see the Morgan Sindall Group subsidiary construct 917 homes



at three sites in Bulford, Larkhill and Ludgershall by May 2020. It will be working to a handover rate of 20 homes a week.

Approximately 4,000 additional service personnel and their families are relocating to the Salisbury Plain area by 2020.

Construction is set to start in early 2018 after Lovell's completion of pre-commencement works, including the creation of new roads and other infrastructure, which began in spring 2017.

**AGM and National Rally
Saturday 30th June 2018
Hosted by South West Region**



**Leigh Park Country House Hotel & Vineyard. Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire.
Please book asap.**

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Health Fears

Health fears raised over construction nanotechnologies
Concerns are growing that Nanotechnologies being used in building materials could pose a health threat to construction and demolition workers. Researchers at Loughborough University have now issued a guide for construction companies about how to minimise the dangers. Nanotechnologies manipulate materials atom by atom. Estimates suggest that by 2025 up to half of new building materials might contain nanomaterials.

Scientists fear that the tiny particles and fibres could pose health risks similar to asbestos if they float freely in the environment and are inhaled. The Institution of Occupational Safety and Health have sponsored the research in a bid to improve industry understanding of the potential dangers.

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Southampton

Further student accommodation planned for Southampton
Expanding Midas Construction is understood to be in line for a major £45m student residential scheme in Southampton.



Cumberland Place scheme is presently in for planning
The site fronting 18-22 Cumberland Place has remained vacant since 2007 following the demolition of Grosvenor House, a multi-storey office building in the City.
Joint developers Peveril Securities and Cumberland Commercial plan to redevelop the vacant site to make way for a part 11, part 12-storey complex comprising of 507 student's rooms-62 cluster flats and 166 studio units, Capita is acting as project manager for the building plan. The scheme has been designed by Architecture PLB, with Meinhardt on board as structural engineer.

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