



### March 2018

#### Hong Kong Housing

Balfour Beatty's 50:50 joint venture Gammon Construction has won a HK\$800m (£79m) residential development project in Hong Kong. The scheme for Wheelock Properties includes the construction of 20 villas and the aim is for it to meet the Hong Kong Building Environmental Assessment Method (HKBEAM) Gold standard upon completion. The standard is designed to ensure that a range of environmental issues have been addressed in a holistic manner.

Thomas Ho, chief executive of Gammon, said, "We are delighted to work with Wheelock Properties, our long-term partner, again for this deluxe residential project. The project team is committed to delivering the project to the highest quality and in a sustainable manner, while maintaining excellent standards of safety."

The project is scheduled for completion in 2020. At construction peak, the project will employ a workforce of 450.

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#### British Virgin Islands

Dorset Steel Firm helps with Caribbean rebuild following the devastation of hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Dorset-based Reidsteel has been brought in to build disaster-proof steel



structures in the Caribbean.

Many buildings were just a tangled mess, found Chappell (right, pictured with Hesketh Newton of Newton Construction, Reidsteel's local agent) Reidsteel has designed, manufactured and supplied hundreds of buildings in the Caribbean and Central America over the past century, including churches, granaries, schools, industrial units, aircraft hangars and bridges.

Sales manager Mike Chappell has recently returned from a fact-finding trip to the British Virgin Islands and Antigua where he saw the devastation first hand. He met business and community leaders as well as government ministers.

His visit came after virtually all of Reidsteel's structures – including warehouses, supermarkets and chandleries and banks – survived hurricanes Harvey and Irma, which hit at speeds of more than 200 mph. Only one of its many buildings had suffered minor structural damage as a consequence of the hurricanes.

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#### Britain

Worst weather for many years has hit Britain



In Warwickshire, a lorry crash closed the M40 southbound between junctions 14 and 12. High winds were particularly affecting the North West on Friday morning, and the M62 remained closed between junctions 24 and 21, while surrounding roads such as the A62, A618 and A66 were also shut.

Train services will be cancelled and delayed across nearly all operators on Friday, with many urging passengers no to attempt to make journeys.

All cross-border trains between England and Scotland remain suspended.

No trains will run between Newcastle and Edinburgh on Friday.

ScotRail said train lines will need to be tested on Friday morning to check if they are safe, which means there will not be any services in the worst affected areas during the morning peak.

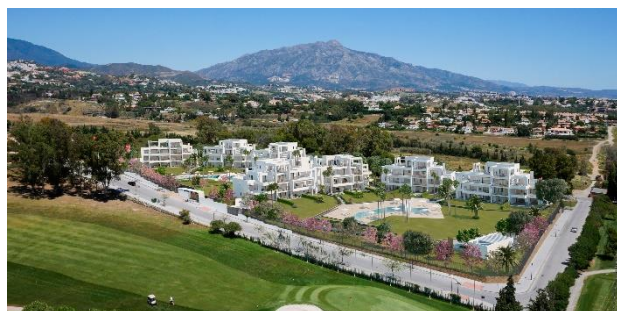
A spokesman for travel trade organisation Abta said: "Customers who are overseas and whose flight arrangements are delayed or cancelled should liaise with their tour operator or airline regarding changes to their travel itineraries and new flight arrangements.

"If their flight is in the European Union or their airline is an EU carrier, customers will be entitled to food, refreshment and overnight accommodation or a refund of proportionate costs and will be flown home as soon as is possible at their airline's expense."

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## Spain

New developments on the Costa del Sol are popular for the following reasons:



- Firstly, you are more likely to get maximum value for money, as

- developers offer the best deals to enable them to construct.
- Secondly, the termination of construction is guaranteed by the financing bank, offering peace of mind.
- Thirdly, you will be getting a brand-new property, equipped with the latest technology and materials.
- Lastly, newly developed communities are more likely to be rented out, resold, etc., offering investment benefits on top.

## +++++++ ++++++ ++++++ Dumper Truck

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The publication has been compiled following several fatalities on site in the past couple of years, where operators have been crushed by overturning dumpers or have run over infantry due to full loads impairing their view. Some organisation that have borne witness to the dangers of dumper trucks have advocated banning driving on spoil heaps. They also want cabs to be mandatory for larger forward tipping dumpers.

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