



**June 2018**

### **AGM and National Rally** **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018** *Hosted by South West Region*



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**Birmingham**

Kuwaiti firm plans Birmingham's tallest office tower



Kuwaiti developer Salhia has reawakened plans to build Birmingham's tallest office tower next to the Bullring shopping centre. Its three-block plan, which includes a 30-storey tower, forms the long-awaited phase two and three of

the Beorma Quarter development, which takes its name from the first settlement of Birmingham during the Anglo-Saxon period. Phase one was built by BAM Construction at a cost of £18m and included the refurbishment of the listed Cold Store, originally built in 1899. The newly-announced phases will cost more than £140m and will consist of a mix of offices, residential, retail, restaurants, a hotel plus landscaped piazza.

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### **First Hard hat recycling scheme launched**

Viridor has launched what it claims is the first recycling scheme for hard hats to divert them from landfill.



With the life-span of a hard-hat at just two to five years, thousands are binned every month.

Now waste management company Viridor is working with Devon plastic recycling

specialist Polymer Industries to give old hard hats new life as plastic products such as refuse bins.

"Hard hats aren't accepted for commercial recycling due to their complex plastic composition but we know our customers want us to identify a circular economy solution," said Viridor account manager Ian Poyser. A trial has been rolled out with Babcock International Group, resulting in 1,200 hat hats





recycled to date, with more expected as the trial progresses.

Polymer Industries managing director Jason Goozée said: "We are working with Viridor in a way where I believe there has been no real commercial solution to date.

Along with Viridor, we see that with the correct infrastructure and process capabilities in place, we can convert conventional waste into a reusable commodity.

"In the current climate where there is scrutiny over the use of plastics, we hope to show that it is not always necessary to design plastics out of our lives, but instead to design the best appropriate means of recovering and recycling them."

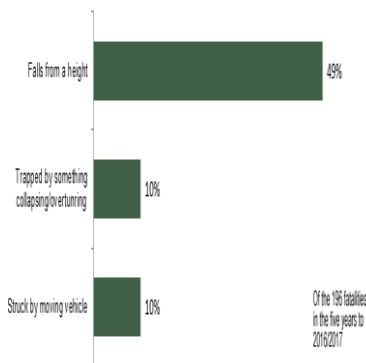
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**Health and safety statistics for the construction sector in Great Britain**

80,000 workers suffering from – related ill health each year (LFS)

30 Fatal injuries tp workers in 2016 -17 (RIDDOR)

64,000 non-fatal injuries to workers each year (LFS)

Fatal injuries to workers by main accident kind



## Grenfell Tower



The fire at Grenfell Tower will live long in the memory of everyone involved with the built environment. With the inquiry ramping up in earnest in 2018, the tragedy will have wide-ranging implications for construction.

The question of what to do with the building itself, though, has yet to be resolved. Grenfell Tower still stands out like a scar on west London's skyline, a constant reminder of the failings of the building and the lives that were lost.

2018 is likely to see a decision taken, with most expecting the tower to be demolished altogether – which, if it happens, would be the most high-profile and sensitive demolition project since the recovery operation.

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