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### June 2018

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



Leigh Park Country House Hotel & Vineyard. Bradford on

Avon, Wiltshire. Please book asap.

#### ++++++ +++++++ +++++++ 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 wideranging 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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#### Southampton

Funding is now in place for Hampshire contractor PMC Construction to build a £27m private rental scheme in Southampton. Developer National Regional Property Group has secured funding by selling the development to a real estate investment trust (REIT).Grainger's GRIP REIT real estate



investment trust joint venture with APG has conditionally agreed to forward fund and acquire the 132-home build-to-rent development on a disused shopping site in Southampton's East Street for £27m.Grainger chief executive Helen Gordon said: "Southampton is a target location for Grainger and this scheme on East Street will deliver 132 new high quality, purpose built rental homes and will allow us to utilise our operational base in Hampshire and provide our customers with great service and a great property to live in." Mike Harris, director of growth at Southampton City Council, added: "The development at East Street reinforces the importance of Southampton having a city centre master plan. It

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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## 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



Currently traffic into the city centre relies on the M275, which is not only congested but also acts as a barrier to developments in the city.

A new road layout has been devised with the aim of easing traffic flow and opening land for development. The scheme comprises odification of the existing road network around the A3 southwards from the junction with Princess Royal Way to the junction with nicorn Road, including construction of a new link road between Flathouse Road and the A3 south of Herbert Street.

The contract notice for the Portsmouth city centre road re-development, now published, reveals that the council wants a contractor in place by the end of October and to have design completed and work on site starting in the third quarter of 2019. The aim would then be to have the job finished by autumn 2021.

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