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Built Environment Sector Deal: Opening formal negotiations with the sector

Thank you for your ongoing work on the proposed Built Environment Sector Deal. From initial proposals put forward by the British Property Federation in 2017 and revised in 2018, to your more recent engagement with Minister Malthouse and government officials, we appreciate the sector's tenacity and vision for how industry collaboration can support government objectives and drive the future of the built environment sector. **We are pleased to inform you that we are now opening formal negotiations with the sector to progress a Built Environment Sector Deal.**

The negotiation process will refine and finalise offers and asks of both government and the sector, but will maintain core objectives of:

- **Delivering more homes and improving housing quality** for example through initiatives that support offsite construction.
- **Improving the sector's productivity** through improved access to data and the promotion of PropTech.
- **Enabling the sector to diversify its workforce** through dedicated skills and employment strategies, as well as **diversifying its firm base and increasing competitiveness.**
- **Promoting clean growth** and supporting the sector's transition to low carbon.

Formal negotiations will be shaped by the sector bodies, taking in views of their members over the coming months. Government officials will also continue their engagement to ensure that it is a Deal that works for all parts of the United Kingdom.

As you know, the built environment sector is crucial to the UK economy, employing over two million people and generating around 7% of the country's GDP, as well as delivering great places to live and work. We are delighted that the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy will be working in partnership with you and the sector to meet shared objectives and achieve strong and sustainable growth.

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