

CONSTRUCTION EAST

The Construction and Property Breakfast

The industry is in the grasp of major challenges. And with no immediate end in sight, emergency action is required at all industry levels, including the government, to avert further negative consequences for firms.

In October, Colchester-based Horizon Construction Group welcomed more than 50 senior practitioners from across the region to The Construction and Property Breakfast. At the inaugural event, industry figures discussed some of the major issues that impact the local construction industry.

These challenges include increases in the cost of materials, rising production costs, supply constraints, and a shortage of construction professionals and skilled labour. The effects of Brexit are also entwined with the complexity of those issues.

Data from the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy show prices for construction materials have

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increased by almost one quarter in August 2021 compared with August 2020. Some material costs, such as plywood, are three quarters more than a year ago. The price of cement and bricks has not yet peaked.

This all adds up to a worrying situation for the industry. More so than ever, all firms need to collaborate by delivering new

construction methods and ensure adequate transparency and control over the construction process. Indeed, the current challenges present a vital opportunity and catalyst for the industry to pivot towards a more sustainable future, considerate of the environment and climate.

Horizon Construction has experienced remarkable success during the pandemic. It has completed projects to schedule and has maintained control over its supply chain. With a forward-thinking agenda as a principal contractor, it is working with clients and partners to drive the necessary change.

Construction director Matthew Bynoe said: "Engagement with our clients, partners and supply chain has never been more critical. Horizon Construction has won several new contracts during this year and we are working ever more closely with all stakeholders, including local communities and bodies, to deliver solutions which will stand the test of time."



Horizon Construction's Matthew Bynoe

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"The current issues in the industry set a clear agenda on the importance of how things need to change. The underlying issue is to take our collective responsibilities in construction to provide more

sustainable methods of practice for the benefit of buildings and the environment as a whole."

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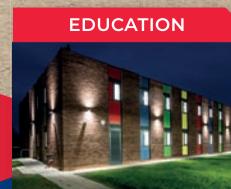
Horizon Construction Group has completed over £300m of high-quality construction solutions since founded in 1999.

Our portfolio in construction represents extensive relationships and projects across a broad range of sectors. It's through our exceptional team of dependable construction professionals and a commitment to excellence, our clients' expectations are delivered with confidence.

Our construction group employs over 50 people and operates throughout East Anglia, London and South East. Recognised by many industry accolades, we have become a market leader and a trusted source of construction expertise. Sustained organic growth has led to an annual turnover of circa £25m and projects valued between £500k and £10m.

Our drive to continuously innovate and evolve leads to supporting our clients with the latest advice and best practices in construction methods to suit individual projects, including the community and environment they affect. This forward-thinking approach to our responsibilities in construction ensures support to all stakeholders.

Our knowledge, experience and flexibility allow us to deliver a comprehensive range of solutions to our clients' challenges. The values, ethos and family-like culture we uphold are the foundations of our service-orientated approach to construction and to building long-lasting relationships.



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