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CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CONIAC)

A DVD for Designers

Summary

This paper is for discussion at CONIAC on 23 June 2008

It informs CONIAC about the DVD for Designers to be demonstrated to it by Peter Caplehorn of the Construction Industry Council.

Issue

1. Demonstration of CDM Compliance DVD for designers.

Timing

2. Routine.

Recommendation

3. That CONIAC members note the information on the DVD and the project of which it is a part.

Background

4. Tom Harper of Working Well Together/Constructing Excellence approached RIBA in 2007 with an idea for a DVD targeted at students and those new to the design professions. The concept was for a short and well-focussed product dealing mainly with health and safety, and especially the requirements of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007 (CDM 2007). A particular goal of the project was to present the facts in a simple and engaging format so as to encourage greater use of good practice.

5. A core team, including Shelley Atkinson-Frost of the Construction Confederation and Mark Poole of the BBC, was formed. This enabled sponsors to be sought, a production team to be briefed and the details to be assembled. The immediate target was to release the first DVD on CDM compliance on the first anniversary of CDM 2007, and despite the limited time

this was achieved. Welcome endorsement was given by Stephen Williams, HSE's Chief Inspector of Construction, and by Sunand Prasad, RIBA President. Copies of the DVD are available for under £15.00 and have been issued to all schools of architecture free of charge.

6. It is believed that the objective to encourage and explain in a style that is interesting and informative has been achieved. The CDM compliance DVD is the first in a projected series of 6 which among other things will address: working at height, refurbishment and housing. Work is well advanced on the second and third programmes. The production team are known as "Squaredcircle" and more details of them and the project can be found at: www.squaredcircle.info.

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