

# LONDON CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME

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What a hectic year it's turning out to be. The construction industry is currently witnessing its fastest rate of growth since 1997 but pressure on supply chains combined with rising material costs are of concern to contractors and clients alike. Product availability is being affected with housebuilding and domestic repair maintenance and improvement (RMI) items being worst hit. The situation increases the need for collaborative approaches when tendering and early contractor engagement in order to minimise further risk. LCP would love to hear from you if you have any examples of successfully addressing these challenges, why not drop us a line at [lcp@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:lcp@haringey.gov.uk)

## Spotlight on Contractors

### City Axis

On a very rainy Tuesday afternoon at the beginning of July LCP visited Kew Gardens where City Axis are building a new Family Restaurant, a project that was tendered via our Major Works framework. It was great to see first hand how they have worked with Kew's team to deliver an innovative building and to hear how satisfied the client is with the whole process. Kew's Project Manager Patrick Wynniatt-Husey told us *'The success in the delivery of the Family Kitchen & Shop project has been founded on a main contractor procurement process that worked very well. We used the LCP Framework to set up early engagement with potential contractors by inviting them to visit site. This event gave a chance for parties to meet each other and became the seed for a strong working relationship...this led to high quality and competitive bids being submitted. The chosen contract is an NEC3 ECC Option A, and the collaborative spirit this contract type encourages has been borne out throughout the work. I anticipate having a very satisfied client when the project concludes.'*



### Diamond Build Group

LCP were delighted to hear from Diamond Build recently when they got in touch to inform us they have been awarded Investors In People gold level accreditation. This is a fantastic achievement not least because only 17% of IIP accredited companies achieve gold, Chairman John Gray told us *'We have been investing in people for many years and it has always been my belief that you are only as good as the people that work for you, which is why we take this award very seriously. This is not just a badge to be proud of – it is a way of life. We believe that if we work together, within a defined structure, having clear roles and responsibilities, whilst ensuring that everyone is able to update their training we will be a more efficient, effective organisation more able to satisfy the requirements of our demanding industry.'*

## Social Value

During May and June we held a series of social value workshops with all of our Major Works Framework contractors. The term 'social value' is used a lot in relation to the construction industry and it's increasingly common to see it included in tenders, so it was encouraging to hear so many positive examples of putting it in to practice from our contractors. There is more to it than simply offering apprenticeships and LCP's intention is to raise the bar in terms of how we embed good social value processes in all that we do and encourage best practice from our contractors and members. We will be setting up a social value working group in the near future and will share more information with you in our next newsletter.

## What our members are saying about us

John Blighton from Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea sat down with our DPS technology partners at *adam procure* recently to discuss his experience of working with LCP. Listen to what he had to say here <https://vimeo.com/574951699/3c3f2c6a42>

## Coming Soon

If you read our last newsletter you'll know that we are working on a brand new LCP portal which will incorporate pre-tender, e-sourcing & performance & contract management functionality for our Major Works Framework tenders. We recently decided to broaden the scope of the portal even further which has extended our project timeline and means the portal launch will be in October. As a now wealthy marketing executive once said...good things come to those who wait!