Whispers of the week - 27 January

HEADLINES

BPF events - BPF annual and residential conferences Construction - what do you think about building regulations? Sustainability - have your say on environmental legislation and energy prices In the media - latest BPF news coverage Other events - dates for your diary

BPF events

BPF Annual Conference - save the date

9 May 2012, 12.00 – 19.00, 8 Northumberland Avenue, London, WC2N 5BY

This year's conference starts with lunch at 12.00, followed by a speech from BBC Economics Editor Stephanie Flanders. The conference sessions will focus on 'What's happening in retail and what will it mean for landlords', 'How do you make development popular?' and 'Property's role in the growth agenda'. Speakers include Rt Hon Mark Prisk MP, Minister for Business and Enterprise, Peter Cross, Managing Director of Mary Portas' consultancy Yellowdoor, and Chris Grigg, Chief Executive of British Land. Further details and a booking form will be available shortly, but if your organisation would be interested in sponsoring the event, please contact Alex Williamson.

Home Truths: Investing in 2012

There are only a handful of places still available for our annual Residential Conference, taking place on 29 February at the offices of Deloitte, on New Street Square. Keynote speakers include Deloitte Chief Economist, Ian Stewart, Kate Barker CBE and DECC Minister of State, Greg Barker. To view the full programme and to book your place download the booking form. < for more information, contact Ben Lees >

Other events

Sitematch London

1 March 2012, City Hall, London

Sitematch London brings developers and councils together to discuss London's top priority sites. A no-frills event, with the public and private sectors in one room, this is billed as an excellent opportunity for making introductions and doing deals. Launched by London Borough of Ealing, consultant 3Fox International and the GLA, developers can use the website to obtain details of the city's 120 sites most in need of development and to pre-book 15-minute meetings to discuss sites they are interested in. For further information, contact Brendon Walsh at Ealing council or 3Fox International managing director Toby Fox.

The future of the built environment at Ecobuild

20-22 March, ExCeL, One Western Gateway, Royal Victoria Dock, London E16 1XL Ecobuild is the world's greatest gathering for sustainable design, construction and the built environment, attended by over 55,000 of the most influential individuals. It features 130 free conference and seminar sessions delivered by 800 expert speakers, including our own Liz Peace and Patrick Brown. < click here for timings; registration is free, to attend the seminars and exhibition >

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