



Introduction

Welcome to the April 2023 Edition of *Foundations* – our newsletter for those in the Housebuilder Sector.

Our [Housebuilder Team](#) continues to expand, and this month we give a huge welcome to Paul Skeldon who joins our London Office as a Legal Director, [Melinda Dix](#), an Associate in our Sevenoaks office who joins as a as result of our recent merger with Batchelors and Antonia Akande who joins our Chelmsford office as a newly qualified solicitor. We are pleased to be able to broaden the expertise and service we can offer our clients as a result of their joining.

In this edition, [Rafal Jedrasiak](#) looks at the importance of obtaining a tree felling licence and the severe impact not obtaining one can have on an intended development.

Next, [Deborah Sharples](#) and [Edward Long](#) provide some practical considerations for Developers as a result of the publication by DEFRA of three key pieces of guidance relating to the introduction of mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain earlier this year.

[Naomi Sunkin](#) takes a look at Section 106 Contributions for the funding of treatments and services within an NHS Trust.

In this editions' Q&A Session, [Adele Dean](#) presents me with a series of questions! Adele also provides a rundown of the success of our most recent Builder's Breakfast held on 28 March.

Finally, [Laura Moyies](#) and [David Springett](#) take a look at Custom Builds versus Self Builds.

If you have any questions on any of the content in this newsletter, please do get in contact or join our conversation in our dedicated LinkedIn group, which can be found [here](#).



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Featured articles

The importance of tree felling licences

[Rafal Jedrasiak](#) explains why housebuilders should consider securing tree felling licences for their developments.

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DEFRA releases new BNG guidance

This article explores the practical considerations for developers when it comes to Biodiversity Net Gain.

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Section 106 contributions for the funding of NHS services

[Naomi Sunkin](#) explores section 106 obligations for new developments.

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Colleague Q&A

[Adele Dean](#) interviews Head of our Housebuilders Team, [Steven Kay](#).

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Birketts' Builder's Breakfast: a roundup

[Adele Dean](#) provides a review of our latest event for Housebuilders.

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Self-Build and Custom Build: an Introduction

This article covers what the terms mean in practice, and if they are worth investing in for developers.

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