



building excellence - bringing our industry together

Dear Colleagues

### **Constructing Excellence Swindon**

A few months have now past since our inaugural meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2006. A number of you attended that first meeting and many others have shown an interest in Constructing Excellence Swindon since.

The intention of this letter is to provide you with a brief update on what has been achieved since that meeting.

This is likely to be the first communication that some of you have had since that meeting.

You will appreciate that this is only a brief summary of what we have been doing and what we are trying to do.

### **Steering Group**

Volunteers from the inaugural meeting agreed to become the Steering Group. The Steering Group have met on 4 Occasions. The purpose of the meetings has been to set up Construction Excellence Swindon. This entailed initially agreeing the constitution and signing up to it. Forming the shadow committee that will take us forward up to the AGM which will be in January 2007. We have also amongst many other things been organising and preparing for the Launch together with our programme of events up to October 2007.

### **The Shadow Committee**

The shadow Committee has developed over the last few months and the members have come from the Steering group volunteers. The shadow committee currently consists of the following people.

Chairman – Allan Bland - Beard  
Vice Chairman – John Coltman – Stepchange Consultants  
Club Secretary – Ian Griffiths – Thring Townsend  
Treasurer – Haydn Beer – Gardiner Theobald  
PR & Marketing – Lorna Rose - HOCHTIEF  
Administrative Secretary – Gemma Dunn - Beard

### **Other Committee Members**

Brian Steel - Business Link Wiltshire  
Cliff Curtis - Equizone Residential  
Pete Creese - Pearce Group  
Bernie Crew - Renelec Building Services Limited  
Ian Stark - Association of Building Engineers (ABE)  
Richard Bayfield – Bayfield Associates  
Nigel Henham - DPDS Architects  
Bill Annis - Aster Housing Group

## The Launch

We have now set the day for the official launch of Constructing Excellence Swindon. It will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at the Wiltshire Golf Club near Wootton Bassett.

This is an excellent venue and we are sure they will look after our needs.

We will be sending out our official invites via email shortly and we do need you to respond RSVP as soon as you receive them.

The details of the Agenda detailing speakers and times will be with the invite. The launch will be the morning of the 9<sup>th</sup> and will finish with lunch and an opportunity to network with your colleagues.

You will be pleased to know that there is no charge to you for attending the Launch.

## Future Events

We are in the process of planning our programme for future events. It is our intention to hold 6 events between now and October 2007. The first of which will be a visit to the New Honda factory in November. We intend providing a full programme of events at the Launch.

## Website

As all modern organisations we have invested in a website.

The website will provide general information relating to Constructing Excellence Swindon. It will also provide an online route to sign up as members / corporate members and payment of fees directly to our bank. We anticipate that this facility will be up and running by October. In the mean time you can complete the attached form and return to C/o Constructing Excellence Swindon's Treasurer Haydn Beer as detailed on the form.

We also see the website as a conduit for providing you with information for future events that you will be able to register an interest in attending.

We are pleased to confirm that the website is now up and running.

The web address is [www.swindonce.com](http://www.swindonce.com)

## Sponsorships

Some of you may also wish to be sponsors and possibly provide an exhibition stand at the Launch. Attached is some brief information as to how you can support Constructing Excellence Swindon in this way.

## Memberships

As mentioned above we hope that all of you will take up a single or corporate membership.

There are real business benefits of becoming a member of Constructing Excellence Swindon and these include:

- Personal corporate recognition as playing a key part of the construction market in and around Wiltshire
- The opportunity of networking/meeting like minded people from all parts of the industry
- Sharing in innovation/best practice and experiences with colleagues across our industry
- Benefiting from continued personal development opportunities.

Supporting Constructing Excellence

We are all enthusiastic volunteers willing to put time and effort in Launching Constructing Excellence in Swindon. We now need your support by becoming members/corporate members as well as attending the Launch. We can not exist with out your support. I would like to thank you in anticipation of you all attending the launch on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2006 and receiving your completed application forms and payment of fees to become members.

Many thanks

**Allan Bland**

Chairman  
Constructing Excellence Swindon.