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## Building a Better East of England

A new report highlights the strategic issues facing the future development of the construction industry in the East of England.

Representatives of the industry, professional bodies for the built environment and the East of England Development Agency (EEDA) attended the launch of the report. **Alan Crane**, Chair of Rethinking Construction, speaking at the launch, praised the publication of the report and warmly endorsed its findings.

**Alan Crane** said: 'This review, commissioned by Rethinking Construction and CIC East, has been undertaken with input from the industry. It identifies priorities for action in the region and provides a platform for future joint working with strategic partners, including EEDA.'

**Alan Crane** congratulated the authors of the report and applauded CIC East in its progress with establishing a Construction Industry Network and developing a strong working relationship with EEDA.

**Bill Wilson**, EEDA's Director of Programmes, also spoke at the launch, highlighting the strategic opportunities for future development in the region.

**Bill Wilson** said: 'EEDA is pleased to work with CIC East as the sector working group for the construction industry.'

**David Potter**, RICS Regional Director and Chairman of CIC East, said: 'The construction industry plays a key role within the regional economy. It provides the fabric of our society. If our regional economy is to prosper then the construction industry must be efficient, properly skilled and well-connected. We look forward to working with EEDA, GO-East and the other organisations that will join with us to *[Build a Better East of England](#)*.'

Copies of the report, including its list of regional priorities, can be obtained from Sue Innes – tel: 01728 685924 or email: [sue.innes@fbcl.co.uk](mailto:sue.innes@fbcl.co.uk). The report can also be viewed on the CIC East website: [www.cic.org.uk/regions/east](http://www.cic.org.uk/regions/east).

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### Notes for Editors

CIC East is a regional grouping of the Construction Industry Council (CIC). Membership of CIC East comprises the professional bodies concerned with the built environment and other related organisations, including the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB).

The steering group that prepared the report comprised:

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