

Construction Options

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Use ethically sourced materials
such as timber, straw and hemp
fibre

1. **Modular building can help deliver schemes on time and within budget.** Off-site modular construction is incredibly flexible and reliable and includes factory testing of materials to ensure high quality products. It also eliminates delays caused by onsite building.
2. **Natural materials such as straw and hemp fibre need to be introduced into mainstream construction.** We are facing an imperilled climate crisis that requires a significant change in the way we source materials and choose construction methods.
3. **Concrete can help provide volume house building without compromising on quality or performance.** It is an important building material and 85% of all new homes in London are built with concrete. There have been many innovations in the concrete industry offering a range of high-quality finishes that are beautiful and deliver long-term performance.
4. **Engage early.** Understanding your building limitations and engaging a contractor with the appropriate skills early on, will help you plan your project around the best method of construction.
5. **We need to change the way we build.** Modern methods of construction don't fit in our current framework for delivering homes. We need a pan London approach to improve supply-chains and source alternative finance models for innovative small to medium manufacturers currently locked out.

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