Message from CDBB

From 31 March, the Centre for Digital Built Britain (CDBB) moves its final phase – passing the baton on to new organisations, while completing its work within the Construction Innovation Hub. To mark this transition, it launched a week-long campaign to both celebrate the foundational progress that has been made towards a digital built Britain and provide programmes that follow with a blueprint for the future.

CDBB was launched by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy at the University of Cambridge in 2017 with a mission to expand and embed the digital transformation of the construction and infrastructure sectors to lead to a better built and natural environment, and to create a better future for people and the planet.

We’ve made extraordinary progress since that time; our work has created a significant body of new knowledge, our outputs are being adopted globally, and agendas we created are expanding by many orders of magnitude outside of our Centre. We are more than on-track to deliver our mission; we have radically increased the UK’s digital-built ambition and our work is laying a solid foundation for future programmes.

One of our proudest achievements is the role that we have played in driving the adoption of BIM in the UK and throughout the world, and together with BSI and UK BIM Alliance developing the UK BIM Framework, which offers invaluable guidance and support to businesses of all sizes and at all levels of digital maturity.

We are confident that the UK BIM Framework will continue to thrive under the stewardship of BSI and the UK BIM Alliance supported by a strong coalition of collaborating partners from across the industry. I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who has been involved with the UK BIM Framework, past and present, I would like to say thank you for your time, help and collaboration.

Whilst much of the technical programme that we have delivered as a partner in the Construction Innovation Hub (the Hub) will be completed this month, along with our Hub partners we will continue to drive impact and adoption of these tools and processes. From April 2022 the focus will be on completing the remaining research and development projects and continuing to secure and embed the uptake of information management standards and tools.

Explore the achievements and legacy of CDBB including our recently launched book Our Artefacts: Our Stories and our blueprint for the future – The Gemini Papers at: https://www.cdbb.cam.ac.uk/AboutCDBB/our-stories

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