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Dear Dame Hillier,

Update to the Construction Playbook

This letter is to inform you that the updated version of the Construction Playbook will shortly be published with a continued focus on the original policies designed to transform HM Government's approach to the commercial delivery of infrastructure projects and programmes to maximise value for money and deliver better outcomes.

The Construction Playbook was published in December 2020 to improve the way government works with the construction industry, to safely improve the productivity of construction, shorten time taken to build, and reduce whole life costs.

Following the success of the first iteration of the Construction Playbook, government committed to update the playbook annually in order to embed learnings into our implementation programme and drive continuous improvement. The updated playbook is a light touch refresh that maintains focus on the original 14 policies whilst strengthening current guidance and further supporting implementation.

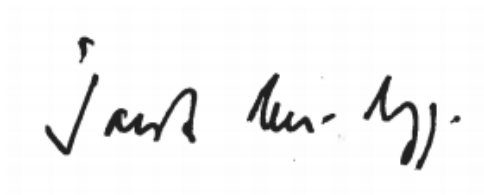
Consultations with industry and contracting authorities identified five key themes where updated content would ensure the playbook is still fit for purpose;

1. **Digitalisation.** The playbook remains committed to driving efficiency in construction through digitalisation and the update reflects the advances made in this area on information management and Modern Methods of Construction.
2. **Sustainability.** Sustainability already runs through the playbook forming part of the consideration of the commercial process. The update aligns the playbook with any changes to procurement policy since its original publication.
3. **Building safety.** The new Building Safety Bill is now referenced where appropriate and guidance reflects new checks and controls required for different building types;

4. **Frameworks and contracts.** The playbook now integrates with the Independent Review of Public Sector Construction Frameworks, enabling contracting authorities to easily identify frameworks that meet best practices and and embody the policies set out in the playbook;
5. **Contract management.** The playbook now further emphasises involving contract managers in procurement as early as possible particularly when business units are completing the controls process.

These changes to the Construction Playbook will ensure government continues to improve the way in which we assess, procure and manage government contracts to create a productive, profitable, sustainable and resilient sector.

With every good wish,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lord Ken-My". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.