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# Preparing for quality homes

This year, our theme of preparing for quality homes will cover the changing political, economic and market landscape and what that means for house building in the future. It will include factors such as the Brexit deadline in March 2019, the skills shortage, supply chain and market challenges, as well as, of course, changes to the regulatory landscape. We'll guide you through the potential impact of these challenges and what needs to be done to prepare to build quality homes in this changing environment.

A strong feature of the future will be the increasing use of components, framed constructions and off site manufacturing which we will also explore as part of this year's programme. Building upon feedback from last year's Building for tomorrow events and the ongoing collaborative work we do with manufacturers, we will look at how feedback on quality can help improve standards for the future as well as meet changing regulatory requirements.



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## Agenda (Northern Ireland)

### Preparing for a changing landscape

More, Faster, Better is the Housing Ministers message - The market, Brexit, skills, a future Ombudsman, times are changing for the industry - we take a look.

Karly Greene, Head of Research and Equality Services Northern Ireland Housing Executive will also touch on Housing Policy and the Market.

### Local council planning performance

It's been four years since Local planning powers were devolved back to Northern Ireland's 11 Local Councils. John Davison, from Turley Planning Consultants, will tell you all about how the Councils have been performing and what the future looks like.

### Northern Ireland Water – preparing for the future

- Infrastructure – Future waste water Network capacity
- Water Bonds – Art 161, from Application to Adoption
- The Future, everyone working together.

Representatives from Northern Ireland Water will be on hand to give you an update on the sewer network / waste water treatment works and what the future landscape look like. They will also give you an overview of some of the things you can do to ensure a slicker turnaround when applying for an Art 161 Bond and, upon completion, applying for Water bond Preliminary and Full adoption.

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## MMC and offsite manufacturing

The skills shortage has led to an increasing momentum for the use of alternative systems of build which require preparation and understanding. Bft 2019 will explore how the industry is responding.

### Preparing for timber

The use of Timber Frame is increasing for obvious reasons, but how prepared are you if using it for the first time? We explore some important junction details and demystify differential movement.

### Preparing for steel

Light Steel Frame is increasingly being used both onsite and in offsite factory systems so we take a look at the critical design considerations and onsite detailing that is required to ensure best practice is achieved.

## Preparing for quality

Design, procurement, build and feedback all have their roles on the quality journey to improve what homeowners see, touch, feel and what they can't see!

We continue to build on the journey that we started last year, looking at products, installation, workmanship and how we might improve going forwards.

The continued government focus on quality, the creation of a housing ombudsman and the drive for improved customer satisfaction in a changing market mean that we have to continually strive for marginal improvements across the board if house building is to keep on top of its drive for an enhanced product.

Our afternoon session touches on several key product areas and how we might improve quality as an industry.

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