



The age of 'self-build' has come

An Action Plan to promote growth of self-build housing, was formally launched at the end of last month by housing minister Gary Shapps. It has been reported recently that self-build is high on the government's agenda. This is because self-builders have a tendency to build homes of a higher and more sustainable quality.

Simplification and standardisation of the rules around replacement dwellings, planning conditions and building regulations were above all recommended.

Shapps emphasised data shows the UK, at around 12%, lags behind the rest of the developed world in proportion to all homes delivered by self-build. In most cases it is between 40% to 60%, while in Germany it is 65% and in Austria over 80%.

Olympics projects still up for grabs

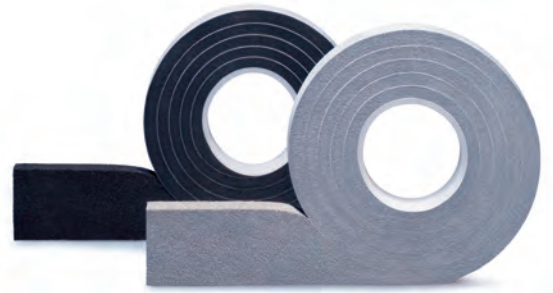
A wealth of architecture work is up for grabs on the Olympic park, including housing and office schemes, which look to transfer the east London sites after the legendary games. With just under a year to go, it has been revealed that a significant number of projects are still in pre-planning. The architects supply chain reaches far and wide and as such, will have a continued impact on British businesses nation-wide.

Zouch Converters' cost-effective joint sealing tapes dominate sales figures

Whilst rates of inflation continue to threaten to rise and the construction industry begins to bow under the pressure of soaring raw material costs, Zouch Converters Ltd have seen particularly prominent sales of ZOUCHexpandafoam BG1 into the construction industry.

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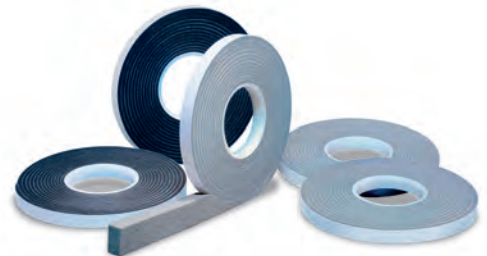


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Reliable and permanent sealing of building joints is a vital part of any build. To prevent exterior wall joints from becoming weak points in the building fabric, attention must be paid to functional and reliable joint sealing at planning stage.

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