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The Rt Hon Nusrat Ghani MP
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Dear Minister,

On behalf of the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB), Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), and Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) we would like to acknowledge that the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill has been combined into your responsibilities as Minister for Industry and Economic Security.

As joint institutes we represent over 260,000 skilled workers in the built environment. Our combined public interest remit provides us with a unique position to help to refine government priorities and policy proposals to ensure that they produce the best outcome for built environment users and creators.

In March 2023, we issued a letter to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade outlining our concerns with the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill (the letter has been attached for information). Together we highlighted that the Bill, in its previous state, could have had potential negative implications on the operations of the construction and the built environment sector.

We would like to welcome the recent announcement that the Bill has been scaled back, no longer assessing an estimated 4,000 pieces of complex retained EU law with a view of repealing, revoking or amending by 31 December 2023. We are pleased to see that a more focused approach is being taken in consultation with key departments and civil servants.

We, however, still believe that industry stakeholders have a vital role to play in assuring that the intentions of removing unnecessary and cumbersome pieces of retained EU law are realised successfully. Much of the currently retained EU laws play a crucial role in maintaining standards in and assuring the health and safety of the built environment. Without some of these, the positive steps towards and greater standards of construction could be at risk.

We urge you in your role as Minister of State for Industry and Economic Security to form consultation groups with representatives from key industries to work together to understand how the revocation of these laws may affect the actual operation of the British economy. These could be held ad hoc and informally through umbrella organisations like the Construction Leadership Council (CLC) which you will know well through your role as Council Co-Chair.

As we stated in our previous letter, built environment professional bodies are communicating collaboratively now more so than ever and we would like to take this opportunity to meet with Government as a group to discuss these concerns further.

Please let us know if this is something you would be interested in.

Yours sincerely,



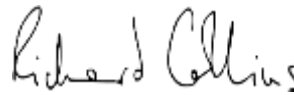
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