

LETTERS

What you've been talking about this week: how to improve the safety of cyclists in London, 'level headed champion of quality' Claire Bennie, and Johnny Marr's views on Modernism



MOST TWEETED PICTURE OF THE WEEK JOHNNY MARR: 'MOST OF THE NEW HOUSES I'VE SEEN LOOK SHIT'



CLAIRE BENNIE LEAVES PEABODY

Sad to hear @clairebennie is leaving Peabody. Her clarity will be missed!
@ArgentLLP

JOHNNY MARR

Great article. JM neatly summarises the effect of architecture on the way we behave.

@kennpalmer

@Johnny_Marr Modernist tower blocks appear to have much more style than new-build #housing @ArchitectsJrnal he plays a mean guitar too!!!!!!
@2H_Architecture

ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION CHANGES

Simply slashing time to save cash: students solely as consumers. Hence business/law takes centre stage
@Future_Cities

We shall wait and see what is the final answer. Quality shouldn't be reduced for the sake of cost.
@parkdesigned

TRIBUTES TO JANET TURNER

So sad to hear divine and inimitable Janet Turner has died. She lit up the world in more ways than one
@DeborahSaunt

LEICESTER CHURCH LISTED

My uncle was in the gang to erect the cross on this church and he was very proud
@KeelyColette

This was always known as 'the big round circle church with slidey roof' to us.
@ryanwicksphoto



CYCLISTS NEED MORE PROTECTION FROM HGVs

HGVs make up a small percentage of traffic but are responsible for nearly half of cyclist deaths.

We need to give cyclists and pedestrians, as some of the most vulnerable road users, extra protection in light of the devastating fact that HGVs are such a persistent threat.

To put an end to these tragic incidents, we need to ban unsafe lorries, restrict how and where they operate by moving deliveries away from the busiest times of day and ensure all lorries have direct vision and that drivers have the highest standards of vehicles and training as well as making sensory detection equipment mandatory.

All of these measures would help to tackle HGV blind spots that have been implicated in so many deaths.
Claire Francis, head of policy and campaigns, Sustrans

MARR MIGHT BE RIGHT

Johnny Marr's memory of the sense of community in the council estates of his youth reminds me of Johnny Rotten fondly recalling his own childhood estate in a TV interview – 'It was shit, but it was our shit'.

What do we learn from this? That the post-war architects did actually get it right to some extent – or that nostalgia is surprisingly efficient at redeeming the past – especially nostalgia for pre-Thatcher Britain?
Simon Gill,
Simon Gill Architects

REIACH AND HALL'S £20M NUCLEAR ARCHIVE

Stunning building, but what a waste of money for something completely irrelevant (Scotland's nuclear decommissioning archive).
Marc Massin