

FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

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Dear Mr Lynch

I write to express the support of the University of Westminster for the proposed new Design Engineer Construct! Qualifications:

- TLM Level 1 Certificate in Designing, Engineering and Constructing a Sustainable Built Environment
- TLM Level 2 Certificate in Designing, Engineering and Constructing a Sustainable Built Environment
- TLM Level 3 Award in Designing, Engineering and Constructing a Sustainable Built Environment
- TLM Level 3 Certificate in Designing, Engineering and Constructing a Sustainable Built Environment
- TLM Level 3 Diploma in Designing, Engineering and Constructing a Sustainable Built Environment

The qualifications are suitable for the following age ranges:

- Level 1 & 2 for 14-16, 16-18 and 19+
- Level 3 for 16-18 and 19+

There is a proven need for new talent to join the professional and technical careers in the Construction and Built Environment sector of industry. The programmes we offer at the University of Westminster through the Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment provide a vital source of talent. However we in turn require a similar talent supply of young people enthused and prepared to enrol on our programmes. At present these young people are not appearing in sufficient numbers from English schools.

We have consulted with the writers of these qualifications and are confident that the learning outcomes and levels of understanding and knowledge that young people will be required to achieve are appropriate. We firmly believe that the Design Engineer Construct! suite of qualifications, across levels 1, 2 and 3 will help to remedy the skills gap in this sector and provide a stimulating and appropriate pathway for young people aspiring to become Architects, Surveyors, Engineers, Facilities Managers, Landscape Designers and other similar careers.

As a University with a particular interest in the development of young people's skills relating to the construction and built environment sector we will be actively supporting schools offering the Design Engineer Construct! suite of qualifications. Further we welcome the opportunity to recommend that these qualifications are acknowledged by Government as valid, rigorous and worthy of recognition for performance table points, thereby encouraging their uptake in schools.

Yours sincerely,



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cc Alison Watson Class of Your Own