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Dear Mr Walker

Gardiner Theobald are a large project and cost consultancy within the Built Environment sector employing over 1000 people and we would very much like to express our support for the Design Engineer Construct: The Digital Built Environment suite of qualifications as follows:

TQUK Level 1 Certificate in Design Engineer Construct! The Digital Built Environment
TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Design Engineer Construct! The Digital Built Environment
TQUK Level 3 Certificate in Design Engineer Construct! The Digital Built Environment
TQUK Level 3 Diploma in Design Engineer Construct! The Digital Built Environment

We welcome the opportunity to recommend that these qualifications are acknowledged by Government as valid, rigorous, and worthy of recognition for performance table points, giving them academic equivalency and thereby encouraging their uptake in schools.

Furthermore, we have actively supported schools offering the Design Engineer Construct! learning programme and qualifications for a number of years, and recognise their worth in the education of the next generation of young professionals. In particular DEC is a pathway to following careers and job roles in project management and quantity surveying. This includes enabling successful students to access apprenticeships in Surveying Technician and Chartered Surveying.

In fact we are actively recruiting DEC students who are continuing their studies whilst in employment with Apprenticeships in Surveying Technician at Level 3 and Degree Apprenticeships in Chartered Surveying at level 6. This is what industry needs and industry wants. We are simply unable to recruit sufficient people from cognate degree courses alone. Built Environment courses taught in schools leading to rewarding careers in a sector that is desperately short of skills.

We wholeheartedly support DEC at all levels.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony D. Burton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "B".

Tony D Burton
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for Gardiner & Theobald LLP