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Dear Mr Walker

DEC! Qualification

This letter is to confirm the support of the Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (ICES), an organisation that has over 5000 members representing approximately 1800 employers, for TQUK's suite of qualifications in "Design Engineer Construct! The Digital Built Environment" 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 the 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 programmes and qualifications for a number of years and recognise their worth in the education of the next generation of young professionals. Specifically, we value DEC as a pathway to careers as land surveyors, quantity surveyors, engineering surveyors, planners, estimators, hydrographic surveyors and others, including apprenticeships in geospatial survey technician, construction surveying technician and surveying technician amongst others.

ICES has been impressed by the Design Engineer construct learning programme and see it as playing a vital part in addressing the much-noted skills shortage in the construction and infrastructure industry. The industry is going through a 'digital revolution' under the remit of the government's Digital Built Britain Initiative and it is vital that schemes such as Design Engineer Construct tap into the enthusiasm for Digital that our young people have and introduce them to practical and exciting ways in which their skills can be used to transform the Built Environment.

Construction is a marvellous and rewarding place to work, but the industry has historically struggled to portray this. I cannot recommend the work of Class Of Your Own and the Design Engineer Construct programmes enough. We need the important role it plays in bringing through the professionals who will help transform the physical world to meet the global challenges of the future.

Yours sincerely



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