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Dear Mr Walker,

This letter is to reaffirm the support of London South Bank University (LSBU) 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. 603/1991/4
- TQUK Level 2 Certificate in Design Engineer Construct; The Digital Built Environment. 603/1992/6
- TQUK Level 3 Certificate in Design Engineer Construct; The Digital Built Environment. 603/2052/7
- TQUK Level 3 Diploma in Design Engineer Construct; The Digital Built Environment. 603/1993/8

LSBU's School of the Built Environment and Architecture has supported these excellent qualifications from the outset. The School will continue to encourage Schools, Academies and Colleges to offer the Design Engineer Construct! suite of qualifications within their provision.

These qualifications are recognised qualifications contributing to the entry requirements for all of our undergraduate courses within the School alongside other relevant qualifications at the same level. In addition, students with these qualifications applying for undergraduate pathways to professional careers in the built environment will have a much better all-round understanding of the sector. Examples of such courses are:

- Architectural Technology BSc (Hons);
- Architecture Technology BA (Hons)
- Building Services Engineer BEng (Hons);
- Building Services Engineer HND;
- Building Surveying BSc (Hons);
- Civil Engineering BEng (Hons);
- Civil Engineering BSc (Hons);
- Civil Engineering HNC;
- Commercial Management (Quantity Surveying) BSc (Hons);
- Construction Management BSc (Hons);
- Construction HNC;
- Property Management (Building Surveying) BSc (Hons);
- Quantity Surveying BSc (Hons); and
- Real Estate BSc (Hons).

Higher and Degree Apprenticeship pathways are supported in Building Service Engineering, Chartered Surveying, Civil Engineering and a programme of contractor focused apprenticeships at Level 6 are in development.

I have witnessed firsthand the enthusiasm of teachers and staff who have been motivated by the imaginative project based nature of delivery and assessment. This long much needed suite of qualifications makes a significant contribution to remedying the growing skills gap at technical and professional levels. These qualifications provide a stimulating and appropriate pathway for young people aspiring to become Surveyors,



Civil Engineers, Architects, Facilities Managers, Building Services Engineers, Chartered Builders, Landscape Architects and other similar professional careers.

Schools, Academies and Colleges all seek to provide a balanced blend of education embracing academic and work-related subjects. The innovation of this suite of qualifications in recent years has provided choices for those students able to access them.

The construction sector now more than ever requires a new generation of creative thinkers, educated and able to respond to the increasing challenges of the built environment driven by the desire for a low carbon future.

This inspirational initiative brings to life for students the professional career potential to students around the UK and we are beginning to see the benefit of more able students being attracted to the sector.

Our School of the Built Environment and Architecture is one of the principal providers of undergraduate and postgraduate education for the built environment. The School is totally dedicated to preparing tomorrows professionals to the sector. We look forward to welcoming the supply chain of DEC students to all of our undergraduate provision.

Most importantly we welcome this opportunity to recommend that these excellent 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, academies and colleges.

Yours sincerely

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