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## CLC: FUTURE-PROOFING GUIDE FOR CONTRACTS LAUNCHED

The Disputes and Collaboration group for the Construction Leadership Council (CLC) COVID-19 Task Force has today published [guidance on futureproofing contract amendments](#) in the light of COVID-19.

Building upon the Contractual Best Practice Guidance published by the group earlier in the year, it includes options for amending many of the JCT and NEC contracts to cater for impacts of the pandemic on delivery of the works/services.

The output cannot tell parties what to do, but can help them identify the issues and distil their negotiated position into the drafting of the contract.

It is intended that this advice will provide a starting point for all parties involved as to how they will deal with the COVID-19 pandemic going forward.

The working group has also published today additional material (a [Summary Guide](#) and [Guidance on Record Keeping](#)) to help the supply chain manage the impact of COVID-19 on their businesses.

Commenting, Steve Bratt, Group Chief Executive Officer at Electrical Contractors' Association, said: "The challenges UK businesses have faced as a result of the pandemic have been unprecedented.

"As such, the Construction Leadership Council has been working to sustain the construction industry through the current period when restrictions are in place, and to ensure it is able to drive future economic growth and prosperity.

"The additional guidance published today on the future proofing of contracts forms a key part of this workstream, enabling businesses to work across their supply chains and plan for the future.

"Building on the bank of advice issued by Government and industry in the last few months, this combined with the summary and record keeping guides aims to support firms as they continue to navigate the challenges of COVID-19 on their businesses."

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### Notes to editors

- The Construction Leadership Council's guidance on future-proofing contracts can be downloaded [here](#).
- The Construction Leadership Council's guidance on record-keeping can be downloaded [here](#).
- The Construction Leadership Council's publication *Covid-19: Managing Contractual Disputes & Collaboration - Summary Guide* can be downloaded [here](#).
- The Construction Leadership Council (CLC) works between industry and government to identify and deliver actions supporting UK construction in building greater efficiency, skills and growth. Visit the CLC website [here](#).

### The output of material to manage disputes includes:

- Government 'Guidance on responsible contractual behaviour in the performance and enforcement of contracts impacted by the COVID-19 emergency' (Updated). Download [here](#).
- CLC statement on Payment & Contracts. Download [here](#).
- PPN 01/20: Responding to COVID-19. Download [here](#).
- PPN 02/20: Supplier Relief due to COVID-19. Download [here](#).
- PPN 02/20: Additional guidance, FAQs and model terms for construction. Download [here](#).
- PPN 04/20: Recovery and Transition from COVID-19. Download [here](#).
- CLC advice on Temporary Suspension of Sites. Download [here](#).
- Pre-Action Protocol for Construction and Engineering Disputes. Download [here](#).
- Construction Industry Council Low Value Disputes Adjudication. Linked [here](#).
- RICS offers a Conflict Avoidance Pledge for early resolution of issues. Linked [here](#).
- RICS Low Value Dispute Adjudication - 15 days service. Linked [here](#).