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# **Rebuilding London**

**Federation of Master Builders  
(FMB) Programme for the  
London Mayor 2021 – 2025**

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**The construction industry creates, upgrades, and repairs the places where we spend most of our time: our buildings. The health of this vital sector should therefore be important to us all.**



The London Mayor has control over many areas that impact builders' ability to survive and thrive from housing and planning to economic development and the environment. As we begin to rebuild a post-Covid economy, whilst simultaneously adjusting to life outside the EU, the support of our Mayor is more important than it has ever been.

#### **FMB Member:**

'We are considering pulling out of inner London work because the upfront cost to our business are so high i.e. parking, ULEZ, Congestion charge, building control costs'.

The FMB is calling on the next London Mayor to focus on three key areas:

### **Provide builders with access to their place of work**

Assess the impact road closures and restricted travel and parking areas have on SME builders, and consider exempting tradespeople from such restrictions.

Ensure that builders comply with potential new boundary tax initiatives in Greater London by mitigating their impact through considerations such as exemptions and grants to upgrade their fleet to greener vehicles.

### **Provide access to skilled labour**

Develop a strategic plan to support and incentivise people into careers in construction.

Analysis by the Institute for Public Policy (IPPR) forecasts that 750,000 construction workers could retire within the next 15 years and with just 20.3% of construction workers aged under 30, without intervention, the number of skilled workers will drop.

### **Long-term plan to cut carbon from buildings**

With the built environment responsible for around 40% of the UK's total carbon emissions, dramatically cutting down the carbon footprint of buildings is a must if we are to meet our net-zero target. FMB members stand ready to work with the Mayor to meet this challenge in London.

It is an unprecedented task, but done right, it is also a massive economic opportunity. To meet the challenge, London builders will need to reskill and upskill which will require investment.



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To provide them with the confidence to make this investment, they will need to be able to see the potential returns in the form of a long-term and credible plan. Any such plan for London must be developed in consultation with industry.



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The key asks made in this Programme are based on the results of a survey of FMB London member companies conducted between 18 February and 2 March 2021.

## About the FMB

The Federation of Master Builders (FMB) is the largest trade association in the UK construction industry representing thousands of firms in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Established in 1941 to protect the interests of small and medium sized construction firms, the FMB is independent and non-profit making, lobbying for members' interests at both the national and local level.

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