

Comment

I planned to use the January 2018 Comment page to look at things outside the industry...but with the Carillion collapse, it seemed only right to allocate this column to advice for those who may have been affected. So a little behind on the whole New Year thing but still, let me offer up a couple of interesting things I came across that might help induce stress; warn of the consequences of smoking as a stress buster; and advise you of changing accessible buildings regulations.

Stress

The conniving, cheating bastards who take every motorist for a ride are at it again. The London congestion charge has gone up massively in 2018 whilst 2017 saw the profit councils make on parking charges rise by a whopping 10 per cent. English councils and their evil contractor cohorts made a record £819 million from parking operations in the last financial year. This is 40% higher than the £587 million made in 2012-13. And it is also £37 million above what councils themselves had forecast for 2016-17. The only good thing on the horizon as far as parking is concerned is that the government is consulting on cracking down on the fees private car parks charge for an overstay whilst Capita (who run many of the parking ticket scams) might go the same way as Carillion – I personally really hope they go bust, they deserve it.

Get off the fags – and the vape too

Only total cessation of smoking will protect people and populations from tobacco's toxic legacy says the British Medical Journal, with just one cigarette a day seriously elevating cardiovascular risk. The BMJ says that it believes that cardiovascular damage caused by inhaling heated and not fully burned particulate causes more deaths through heart attacks than tobacco causes cancer – and this includes vapes. So put that in your pipe and...in fact don't. If you inhale – try to give it up. If you employ smokers or vapers – try to offer advice on quitting...your staff and their health should be important to you.

BSI, the business standards company, has revised BS 8300:2018 Design of an Accessible and Inclusive Built Environment

The revised standard aims to give clients, design professionals, builders, local government officials, enforcers and ultimately users of buildings the information they need to create an inclusive environment from the outset of a project. An inclusive environment is one that works for as wide a range of people as possible – including disabled people, the elderly and children.

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