

Infrastructure sector grows by 18.5% in January

The value of infrastructure contract awards was £1.5 billion during January 2019 – an 18.5% increase on December 2018. Whilst the infrastructure sector remains open to considerable volatility in monthly contract award values, the sector has remained relatively robust over the last two years with contract awards consistently above the £500 million threshold.

The latest edition of the [Economic & Construction Market Review](#) from industry analysts [Barbour ABI](#) highlights levels of construction contract values awarded across Great Britain. This month it shows the total value of construction contracts awarded in January 2019 was £5.5 billion which is 9.9% higher than December 2018 figures.

Looking at how these contracts were awarded across the sectors, the residential sector was the largest in January 2019 with a 28% share, followed by infrastructure with a 21% share and the commercial & retail sector with a 20% share.

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TOP TEN BIGGEST PROJECTS BY VALUE



★ TOP PROJECT	£400,000,000 • LONDON • COMMERCIAL & RETAIL Paddington Square – Paddington Cube	6	£150,000,000 • EAST OF ENGLAND • INFRASTRUCTURE London Stansted Airport, Phase 2 – Arrivals Terminal
2	£330,000,000 • NORTH WEST • HOTEL, LEISURE & SPORT Manchester Town Hall redevelopment	7	£120,000,000 • EAST OF ENGLAND • INFRASTRUCTURE Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing
3	£214,000,000 • SOUTH WEST • INFRASTRUCTURE Hinkley Point C Connection Project	8	£120,000,000 • SCOTLAND • COMMERCIAL & RETAIL Bothwell Exchange, 177 Bothwell Street – 9 storey office building
4	£210,000,000 • SCOTLAND • INFRASTRUCTURE Earls Gate Energy Centre – 21.5MW Facility	9	£100,000,000 • YORKSHIRE & HUMBER • INDUSTRIAL North Gildersome – Industrial Park
5	£196,400,000 • LONDON • INFRASTRUCTURE Barking Riverside Railway extension	10	£95,000,000 • SOUTH WEST • RESIDENTIAL University of Exeter, East Park student accommodation

(Figure 1.1)

The largest contract awarded in January was the £400 million Paddington Cube in Paddington Square, London within the commercial & retail sector. This development covers 49,676 sq m of office and retail space and was awarded to Mace Limited. (see fig 1.1.)

The second largest contract awarded was within the hotel, leisure & sport sector for the Manchester Town Hall redevelopment valued at £330 million and Hinkley Point C Connection Project was the third largest contract awarded to provide an overhead power line to connect Hinkley with substations in Bridgwater and Avonmouth. This has been valued at £214 million and was awarded to Balfour Beatty. (see fig 1.1.)

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