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MPA Mortar LinkedIn

Keep up-to-date with MPA Mortar activity by logging onto the MPA Mortar site at LinkedIn.

The association uses the portal to publicise its activities, comment on industry matters and report publication of data sheets, learning texts and ad hoc reports.

If you already are on LinkedIn, simply search for the MPA Mortar site.

Additionally, there is a wealth of information on www.mortar.org.uk.

Guides to washing and repointing brickwork to be published shortly

Two new technical publications are being produced by MPA Mortar covering repointing and washing of brickwork.



A data sheet, 'Repointing external brickwork', explains that mortar in poor condition can lead to a loss in wall strength. This is often found in old properties where mortar is powdery or easily scraped away so that the joints are appreciably recessed. Incorrect use of pressure cleaning of fresh mortar in new masonry can also affect the strength of new construction and must be avoided.

The data sheet goes on to identify the need for repointing, normally developing from a visual inspection of a property. A checklist is provided covering various factors including spalling at the edges of bricks, powdery mortar, eroded and recessed joints, rain penetration and cracking.

Further sections cover the repointing mix to be used, guidance on how to repoint and technical references for further study.

'Cleaning brickwork', is a learning text stressing that, for long-term durability, it is vital that fresh brickwork is not high-pressure, jet washed. This damages the clean, smooth face of a mortar joint which a bricklayer has spent time and care to create. The learning text continues by outlining measures to be taken to ensure cleaning of fresh brickwork is carried out in a safe manner.

As with other MPA Mortar learning texts, 'Cleaning brickwork' has a self-assessment section for students.

Both 'Repointing external brickwork' and 'Cleaning brickwork' will shortly be added to the technical section of www.mortar.org.uk.

CPI helps regeneration of brownfield site



Artist's impression of an area within Cheshunt Lakeside.

Use of factory-produced mortar from CPI Euromix is playing a pivotal role in the regeneration of a brownfield site in Cheshunt, Hertfordshire. The development, Cheshunt Lakeside, is set to become a vibrant new mixed-use community hub with an abundance of benefits for the area.

The new development is led by Inland Homes in close consultation with Broxbourne Borough Council. The site will contain 1,725 new

homes, with 46 of the properties listed as affordable housing by B3Living. The community is at the centre of the ambitious plans for Cheshunt Lakeside, with public landscaped spaces, pocket parks, new transport routes and a new two-form, primary school included in the proposals. The first accommodation phase has been completed and takes the form of apartments in attractive brick buildings no more than eight-stories high. The development will also benefit local businesses by creating 19,000 m² of flexible, commercial space.

CPI Euromix was chosen for the project due to its long-standing, good relationship with the client, Sherrif Construction, who was confident in CPI's ability to provide a high-quality mortar for such a valuable project. CPI has supplied 700 tonnes of its M4 natural mortar so far and has not met any challenges on site which can be attributed to its workable products and logistical expertise. The high-efficiency mixing and excellent dispersion qualities of CPI's aesthetically-pleasing mortar allows for Cheshunt Lakeside to have an exterior as impressive as the environment around it, which includes Lee Valley Regional Park just next door.

The project began in 2020 with more phases to come. CPI will continue to provide its highly workable, durable and appealing mortar to enable the development to reach its full potential.

NHBC and CIOB co-operate over apprenticeship assessment

NHBC is to work with the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) to provide end-point assessment for its level 4 construction site supervisor apprenticeship standard.

Co-created with industry experts and leading house builders, NHBC's supervisor apprenticeship sees trainees undertake ten virtually-delivered modules over a 14-month period. Delivered by NHBC residential build experts, this format means the course can be completed alongside employment from anywhere in the UK.

Training content focuses on new-builds and meets the requirements of major house builders. By the end of the programme, participants will have achieved a higher apprenticeship by completing an end-

point assessment facilitated by CIOB, which includes a demonstration of competences against the knowledge, skills and behaviours of the occupational standard. They will also receive a mandated qualification by achieving an industry-recognised NVQ level 4 in site supervision.

Apprentices will have the opportunity to register for CIOB student membership as soon as they sign-up, with access to CIOB's library and many online resources. Other benefits include free or discounted access to hundreds of events and site visits, plus automatic access to a new technical grade of CIOB membership following successful completion of the apprenticeship and passing their end-point assessment.



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