

## **Education Construction Seeing a Downward Spiral**



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Construction within the Education sector isn't currently reaching the output it has been in the past causing a downward spiral, in some circumstances it isn't even reaching the detailed planning stage

AMA Research's editor for the Education construction market report states that "The outlook for the construction sector remained difficult to predict given the instability in the political sphere and the continued uncertainty that this has created for not only the construction sector but also the wider UK economy. Whilst the construction pipeline remains positive, the continued caution within the market for some sectors persists."

Statistically speaking Education construction output decreased by 8% in 2018, following growth of 46% between 2013 and 2017. Now that the harsh political climate of 2019 has come to an end and the B(rexit) word is now progressing. Will we see the output increase? Knowing that the Department for Education is the single largest client for education construction works, what will the new government have installed and how will this help the education construction sector?

The number of education projects reaching the detailed planning stage through 2018 saw a downward movement of 7%. Which meant the outlook for growth throughout 2019 and now 2020 through to the medium term will be lower.

As of June 2019, the education construction pipeline projects were expected to be focused in London, Scotland and the North-West of England. This will now be the waiting game as to see which projects get through to the detailed planning stage and even through to output.

The £1.4bn Free Schools Programme, which aims to open 500 new schools by the end of 2020-21, is also behind schedule, with the majority of funding not expected to be used until some point in 2020.

And, so now, we wait. We wait to see if the calmer political climate does in fact improve the output in number of education construction projects. Whether this will improve even the projects getting through to the planning stages and whether the Free School Programme is able to catch up on its own schedule through 2020.

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