

General Election 2019 – manifesto comparison

RIBA Manifesto	Conservative Party	Labour Party	Liberal Democrats
Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boost housing supply. Empower communities to include local design and development guidelines which can be used to provide greater certainty for developers and reassurance for communities. Invest in planning departments. Permitted development and viability loopholes in the planning system need to be closed to create a level playing field that ensures that all homes and buildings meet the same scrutiny, sustainability, safety and quality standards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build 200,000 homes a year. Make the planning system simpler. Allow local communities to decide their own design standards. Encourage innovative design and technology to make housing more affordable, accessible, and suitable for disabled people and an ageing population. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build 150,000 council and social homes a year. Establish a duty on councils to plan and build homes and fund them to do so. Give local governments greater freedom in the planning system. End the conversion of office blocks to homes. Create a new Department for Housing. Bring all council and housing association homes up to a good standard. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build 300,000 homes a year by 2024, including 100,000 social homes. Scrapping permitted development.
Climate change and sustainability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By 2030 all new and refurbished buildings meet the RIBA 2030 Climate Challenge. Provide better information on the real-world performance of buildings through actual in-use measurements to drive quality improvements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the creation of homes that have low energy bills. Invest £9.2 billion in the energy efficiency of homes, schools and hospitals. Deliver net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Establish a £640m Nature for Climate fund. Support gas for hydrogen production and nuclear energy, including fusion. Flood defences to receive £4 billion in new funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce a zero-carbon homes standard for all new homes. Upgrade existing homes to the highest energy efficiency standards by 2030. Deliver nearly 90% of electricity and 50% of heat from renewable and low-carbon sources by 2030. Launch a National Transformation Fund of £400bn. Create a Green Transformation Fund of £250bn for energy efficiency improvement across different sectors. Provide £5.6 billion in funding to improve the standard of flood defences. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require all new homes and non-domestic buildings to be built to a zero-carbon standard by 2021, rising to the <i>Passivhaus</i> standard by 2025. Increase minimum energy efficiency standards for existing buildings. Cut greenhouse gas emissions and deliver net-zero by 2045. Generate 80% of electricity from renewables by 2030. End fossil fuel subsidies by 2025. Empower councils to develop community energy-saving projects. Establish a £5 billion fund for flood prevention and climate adaptation.
Fire safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ban the use of combustible materials on high-rise buildings over 18 metres tall. Safer and alternatives means of escape for all new multiple occupancy residential buildings over 11 metres tall. Improved fire warnings and requiring mandatory sprinklers in all new and converted multiple occupancy residential buildings and as a minimum in refurbished residential buildings over 18 metres tall. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the removal of unsafe cladding in high-rise residential buildings. Continue with the process of materials testing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce a £1bn Fire Safety Fund to fit sprinklers and other fire safety measures in all high-rise council and housing association tower blocks. Enforce the replacement of Grenfell style cladding on all high-rise homes and buildings. Introduce mandatory building standards and guidance regarding fire safety. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No mention
Brexit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amend the Architects Act to enable the UK to sign mutual recognition agreements around the world. Maintain close links to our European neighbours. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pledge to get Brexit done. Put the Brexit deal through Parliament before Christmas, leaving the EU January. No political alignment with the EU. Legislate to ensure workers' rights, environmental protection and consumer rights. Acknowledgement that the UK is a world leader in architecture and that trade in services will be opened up post-Brexit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 'no deal' Brexit. Offer a second referendum on Labour's Brexit deal versus remaining in the EU. Retain membership of the customs union. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remain in the European Union and revoke Article 50.
Immigration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reform our skills and immigration system which works for the UK's architects and our global architecture sector. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce an Australian-style points-based immigration system. Treat EU and non-EU citizens equally. Introduce an NHS Visa for qualified doctors, nurse and allied health professionals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retain freedom of movement. Set out a strategy for a flourishing construction sector with a skilled workforce. Work visa system must fill skills gaps. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retain freedom of movement. Establish a new arms-length, non-political agency to take over visa processing applications. Replace Tier 2 work visas with a more flexible merit-based system.
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest £100bn in infrastructure spending. Establish a £10bn Single Housing Infrastructure Fund for new infrastructure around new homes. A new Towns Fund to help communities make towns safer and more enjoyable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up local transformation funds to fund infrastructure projects decided at a local level. Establish a national investment bank to provide £250bn of lending to enterprise, infrastructure and innovation. Create regional development banks to set priorities for the above lending. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spend £130bn on infrastructure. Give local authorities and regions the power to make decisions about their area. Invest to repair schools and college buildings.