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Election Statement

My name is Daniel Jenkins, and I am an Associate and Project Architect at Playle & Partners LLP. I have over 10 years of experience in the industry, having started at Playle & Partners LLP as a Part I Architectural Assistant in 2014, and working at the company whilst completing my Part II and III qualifications. During this period, I have become acutely aware of the issues Architects and the wider construction industry face.

Architecture as a profession regularly rates as one of the most elite in the UK and, in a trend seen across creative industries, it continues to be a highly privileged profession, often inaccessible large parts of the population. With the cost of living at the forefront of news cycles, we have also seen damning reports of unpaid overtime at Chartered Practices leading to many young architectural workers not being paid the Real Living Wage, a key requirement of RIBA Chartership. As a professional body driving excellence in Architecture, the RIBA needs to push for a change in the well-established but damaging culture of unpaid overtime that so many have become accustomed to and ensure that the industry is more widely accessible as a while.

The climate emergency is the biggest problem of modern times, with construction and the built environment being one of the largest contributors to emissions in the UK. Architects, and fellow construction professionals, need to be at the forefront of driving faster and more radical changes to our built environment in the effort to establish whole life net-zero developments as an industry norm.