

Built Environment Resources

Learning and Information Service

What's available?

The Library provides a range of quality resources for **built environment** subjects including: books and ebooks, journals and ejournals, magazines, newspapers, DVDs and videos, British Standards, web resources and databases for finding articles.

How do I find books and journals?

Use the [Library Catalogue](#) to search for books and journals. The Catalogue will tell you where they are shelved, whether they are available or on loan, and how long you can borrow an item for. The journals are only for reference in the Library but most books can be borrowed for 7 or 21 days (plus renewals unless requested by another student).

The main book and journal stock for built environment subjects is found on Floor 1B.


You can also find and access ebooks and ejournals using the Library Catalogue. The Catalogue will give you a link to the ebook or ejournal so that you can read it online. Most of them are available off campus.

Where is ...?


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How do I find journal articles?

You can locate journal articles on specific topics by searching the Library's online databases.

1. Go to the [Library Portal](#) and log in, then locate the **eResources** panel
2. Select your subject area from the subject drop-down menu
3. Click on the title of an individual database you wish to search
4. Most will require your University login for off campus access but check the password details for each resource by clicking on the  icon

The databases collect together the publication details of articles, conference papers and reports etc. Many include an **abstract** - a summary of what the resource is about. Use the abstract to decide if the full text is worth reading. Some databases also include the **full text** online; others may give you a link to the Library catalogue.

To see if the Library has the full text of the article you need - look out for this icon: . You can often email, print or save useful results.

- Searching these databases will allow you to find articles on **specific** topics.
- You can search hundreds of articles at once - saving you time!
- Databases are useful for finding up to date information and the latest research.

Key built environment databases

Construction Information Service (CIS)

- Provides full text access to many British Standards, regulations, advisory documents and journal articles relating to construction topics e.g. *Building Regulations: Approved Documents*
- Full text access to a number of key text books

Digimap

- A digital mapping service providing maps and map data from the Ordnance Survey
- Generate maps in scales from 1:1250 up to 1:750000 and download to use with CAD or GIS software
- When on campus, access Digimap via Firefox.


Isurv

- An online service from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)
- Provides access to important full text information for the surveying profession. It includes best practice, legal and RICS guidance notes.


IEEE Xplore / IET Electronic Library

- Delivers full text access to high quality technical literature in engineering and technology.

Technology Research Database

- Covers journal articles, conference proceedings and technical reports for technology subjects
- No full text - check to see if the full text is available 

Art Full Text

- Covers journal articles for interior design and architecture - some full text articles may be available but for others you may need to check if full text is available through the Library 

Web

There are a number of useful websites for built environment subjects e.g.:

architecture.com

[Construction Statistics](#)

[Design Council Cabe](#)

RIBA

Office for National Statistics

Merger of Design Council and Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment Archive

Have a look at the Library's subject guide for [Construction and the Built Environment](#) for a list of more websites you could look at - plus links to key databases, ebooks, referencing support and more.

And finally...

This factsheet only covers basic information about built environment resources.

For more information and support, contact the Information Librarian for Art, Design & Fashion, contact the Mountbatten Information Point or use the [Enquiry Hub](#).

For interactive help with searching for information, referencing and other skills, try the succeed@solent tutorials in myCourse.