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GARDINER & THEOBALD
SUPPORTS CIC'S ESSENTIAL
PRINCIPLES FOR INCLUSIVE
DESIGN

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Gardiner & Theobald is sponsoring the publication of The Construction Industry Council's (CIC) 'Creating an Accessible and Inclusive Environment: Essential Principles for Built Environment Professionals' guide launched at yesterday's Built Environment Professional Education reception in London.

The six principles suggested by the Office for Disability's 'Issues in the Built Environment Professional Education Project Report of Progress' are inspired by the achievements of London 2012, the most accessible Olympic and Paralympic Games ever, and the continuing work in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, now a benchmark for achieving an inclusive environment.

The principles are a call to action for architects, landscape architects, planners, surveyors, engineers, facilities managers and any professionals contributing to the design, construction and management of buildings, places and spaces. The principles aim to support and motivate these professionals when making decisions for and with clients, employers and society which affect the achievement of an inclusive environment.

G&T Partner and Deputy Chairman of the Construction Industry Council, Tony Burton, commented, "G&T is delighted to support this important initiative which has the potential to positively influence the built environment for many years to come. By embracing these six principles for achieving an inclusive environment the construction and property industry can achieve the same impressive levels of accessibility we saw in London 2012."

The essential principles are:

1. Contribute to building an inclusive society now and in the future
2. Apply professional and responsible judgement and take a leadership role
3. Apply and integrate the principles of inclusive design from the outset of a project
4. Do more than just comply with legislation and codes
5. Seek multiple views to solve accessibility and inclusivity challenges
6. Acquire the skills, knowledge, understanding and confidence to make inclusion the norm not the exception

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