



Work has begun on the new £750,000 Ecology Building Society HQ in Silsden, West Yorkshire, designed by Yorkshire-based Hodson Architects. The building is intended to be a benchmark for sustainable development, in keeping with the society's policy of ethical lending and savings schemes. The 550sq m site will use traditional local materials and include eco-friendly design features such as a Sedum-planted "nature roof", a system for rainwater harvesting and solar-powered water heating. Local community groups and schools will also have access to a meeting room and study area.

Public pr as privat

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The government's much-trumpeted increased investment in schools, hospitals and infrastructure is having a dramatic effect on the construction economy, with public workloads growing at the fastest rate for a decade, it emerged this week.

But the boom in public works, largely driven by the Private Finance Initiative, is countered by a slowdown in the number of private, industrial and commercial projects, indicating lower levels of business investment.

The upshot of this mix is a balance. Publicly health and education p up 7%, negating the h private industrial rde

The latest figures, this week by the Royal of Chartered Survey unit, confirm what n tects have been sa recent weeks as they divert effort from increasingly scarce c work to the more fer public building projec

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