

# Aiming for Net Zero – what is the Real Estate sector in the UK and China doing?

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China and the UK have both made commitments to aim for net-zero carbon and the built environment is acknowledged as playing a significant part in that. In their aims to build more sustainably, we explore what the players in the two different countries can learn from the diverse ways each approaches the issue.

Our speakers include:

## Matt Redding and Joerg Lonkwitz, Gensler

Gensler is a global architecture, design and planning firm with 50 locations and more than 5,700 professionals networked across Asia, Europe, Australia, the Middle East and the Americas.

Gensler's mission is to transform the built environment for a net zero future with every project, in every location, and for every person.

Matt (Gensler Birmingham) and Joerg (Gensler Shanghai) respectively discuss the design principles Gensler employs at the inception of every project, to help achieve our Net Zero goals. This includes the utilisation of Gensler's bespoke in-house environmental analysis tool.

## Laura Hughes, Browne Jacobson

Laura looks at the importance of the relationship between the construction industry and local government in tackling climate change and outline some of the expected legal landscape in England & Wales.

## Yeow Poon, Chair England China Business Forum

A Chinese perspective on Climate Change and Environmental Degradation, the current energy crisis, what China has been doing and will be doing in coming years towards becoming an "ecological civilization".

The webinar is Chaired by **Zo Hoida**, Browne Jacobson Real Estate partner and Co-Chair Birmingham China Business Forum.



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