

# ResoLex Roundtable

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Registration open 17.00 | Start 17.30 | Drink Reception 19.00

Location ResoLex 70 Fleet Street London EC4Y 1EU

## Tackling the barriers to collaboration

We are at a crossroads in industry improvement, and an era of relative austerity and serious pressures on client budgets remains ahead of us.

Constructing Excellence and many others argue that collaborative working has never been more important to eliminate wasteful processes and deliver value in the built environment. It is seen as key in the Government Construction Strategy 2016–2020 and in its latest Industrial Strategy with the Construction Leadership Council. Infrastructure clients in particular have become more mature in their understanding of risk, and in making “high risk, high value” investments they are increasingly responding with collaborative approaches, eg alliancing, the ISO 44001 Standard, and the Government Construction Strategy identifies three new models of construction procurement which aim to facilitate collaboration: two-stage open book; cost-led procurement; and integrated project insurance, the subject of a previous ResoLex Roundtable.

Yet still there remain barriers to widespread uptake, including low awareness of the potential benefits to customer and supplier alike, lack of standardised approaches, poor training and development, failure to deliver benefits in practice, a focus on initial capital cost rather than whole-life value, a failure to keep project teams together as supply chains, and an obsession with lowest-price tendering. How can we address some of these barriers and ensure the sector converts words into action in the coming years?



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