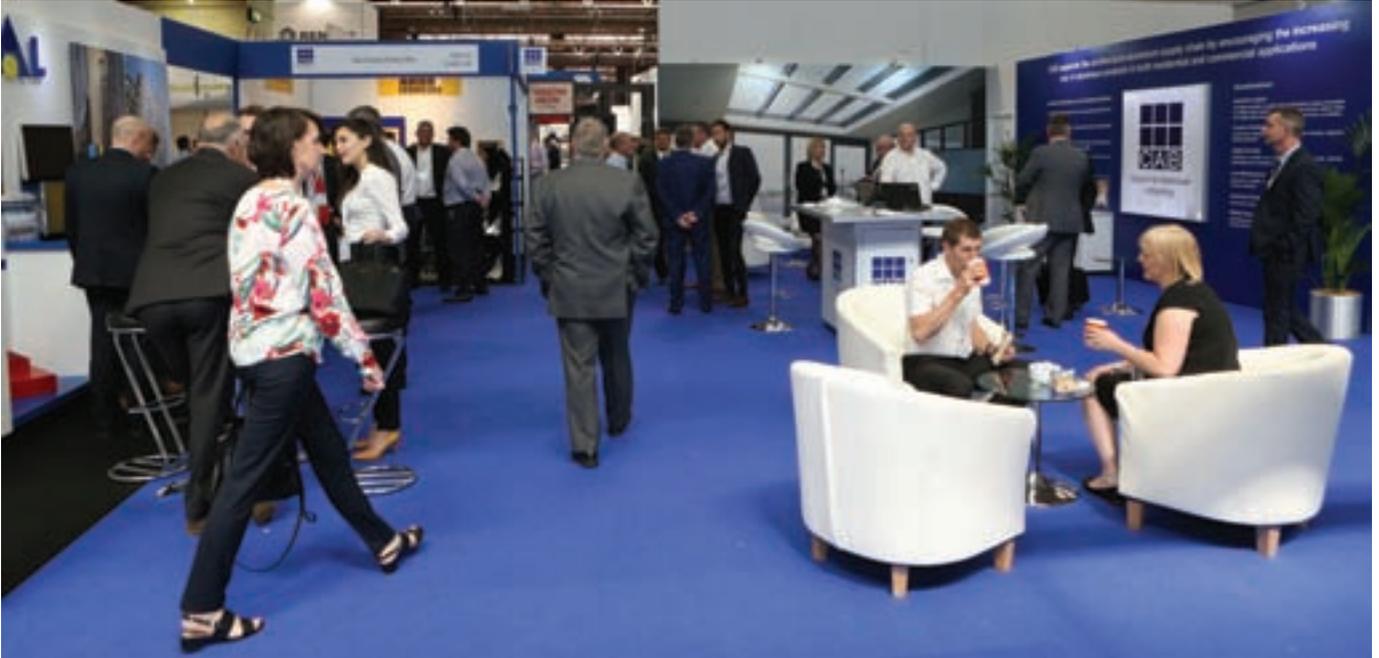


A tale of two halves



While the following observations are based on my perceptions rather than a scientific study, so I stand to be corrected, there were signs at the FIT Show that awareness of Part Q1, concerning security in new dwellings, is increasing. On the other hand, it was harder to find any references to BIM at the show. Perhaps this is a reflection of a residential focus to the event, given that Part Q1 only applies in relation to new dwellings (at least for now). Perhaps this is a reflection that, despite the government's mandate for all centrally funded departments to provide employer's information requirements from April last year, this is yet to filter down to all parts of the supply chain.

Of course, awareness is one thing; understanding is another, and the fact that there are different approaches to

compliance with Part Q1 was in evidence at the NEC. Choice is no bad thing and one size will not fit all, but it can sometimes create confusion when trying to determine the best approach for your situation from all the available options. In many ways, the same can be said for BIM, with different solutions vying for your attention as a product manufacturer or a contractor. The particular challenge with BIM though, is the need to engage with people first, both within your own organisation and then with those in the supply chain; it requires a culture change at the start, so it is always going to be a long journey. When LEXiCON is in place as a common system for the sharing of product data some of the processes will become clearer, but first and foremost BIM is about culture change. □

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CAB is hosting two half-day seminars in Birmingham on 22 June 2017, open to both members and non-members. In the morning session, Martin Ford, CAB technical support officer, will explain the basis of Part Q1 and the options for compliance, with a focus on PAS 24. In the afternoon session, we will focus on the fundamentals of BIM and Justin Furness, CAB technical director, will outline the main concepts, supported by John Eynon of Open Water Consulting and author of *The Construction Manager's BIM Handbook*, and Andy Stolworthy of SFS intec and BIM champion. For further details about attending either or both sessions, please contact Julie Harley, CAB office manager, on 01453 828851 or email julie.harley@c-a-b.org.uk