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**Books**

Books about property development can be found in the University Library in shelfmark order, e.g. 333.33. Within each shelfmark books are arranged by a 3 letter alphabetical code which is related either to the author's family name or the first 3 letters of the title. So at 333.33 a book by an author called Isaac (ISA) would be filed before books by Scarrett (SCA) or a collection of essays by different authors called "Readings in property development" (REA).

You will find most property development textbooks on the first floor at 333.33. But a surprising number of other shelfmarks will be useful including some on differing floors, see list below. Most books are on open-access shelves and are available to borrow for 4 weeks. Dictionaries and other useful reference sources will have 'For Library Use Only' on the spine.

**Finding books on property development subjects**

The **Library Catalogue** is the key to our print resources. It shows you what is in our stock, where items will be found and identifies what is out on loan. If you know the details of a book, type one author's family name and one or two major words from the title in the search box. From the results select the required book and click on 'check availability' to see the full shelfmark and to check a copy is on the shelves.

You can browse the shelves when looking for a topic but you will miss anything on loan and ebooks. Use the keyword search on the catalogue to find all useful shelfmarks, and to identify and reserve stock that is out on loan. Take time to think about terms that express your subject – ask for help if you do not find what you are looking for.

Here are some shelfmarks for property development related subjects:

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| **Architecture** | **720-729** | **Property law** | **346.4104** |
| **Building costs** | **692.5** | **Property management** | **333.38** |
| **Building technology** | **690-699** | **Property valuation** | **333.332** |
| **Construction contracts** | **692.8** | **Real estate finance /** | |
| **Construction health and safety** | **690.22** | **Property investment** | **332.6324** |
| **Construction law** | **343.41078** | **Sustainability in** | |
| **Land law** | **346.41043** | **construction** | **690.2** |
| **Planning law** | **346.41045** | **Urban design** | **711.4** |
| **Property development** | **333.33** | **Urban planning** | **333.337** |

**Journals**

Journals contain the latest research and print copies of property development journals are kept on the top floor of the Library. They are shelved in alphabetical order, either as individual issues in cardboard boxes or bound together into large volumes. Some current journals will have their newest issues on the display near the Library café. These are arranged in broad subject areas such as Architecture, Business and Management, Civil Engineering and Engineering. Key titles of interest include:

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| **Building** | **Planning** |
| **Journal of Urban Regeneration and Renewal** | **Town and Country Planning** |

Note that many journals are available electronically. There are direct links to ejournals when you use Discovery or the Publications search page on the Library website.

## Online Resources for Property Development

**Electronic books** (ebooks) are in the Library Catalogue. For a Library Guide on ebooks see https://library.port.ac.uk/guides/docs/LG175.pdf. If you have conducted a search on the Library Catalogue and only want to show ebook results, click Electronic Books under the "Collection" heading on the left of the result list.

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Credo Reference (available via the library catalogue) is an online source of high quality reference books  and dictionaries. It even suggests how to reference what you've found at the bottom of each entry. More detailed referencing help is available via the Referencing@Portsmouth webpage http://referencing.port.ac.uk/.

**Finding electronic articles on property development topics** – unless you have been given references by your lecturer and  know exactly where to look, you can use **Discovery** to find articles on topics for  your assignments. You often get an article abstract and in many cases can link to the full article using the PDF or Locate Full  Text links. A Discovery search box can be found at the top right of the Library homepage and  also on the **Civil Engineering and Surveying Subject Page**: https://library.port.ac.uk/subject/sub52.html. For a Library Guide on Discovery see https://library.port.ac.uk/guides/docs/LG613.pdf. You can also use the eJournals tab (at the top right of the Library homepage) to find which journals we hold electronically.

Sometimes you will need to look for the article in a print journal or, if the journal is not held  here, send for an interlibrary loan: https://library.port.ac.uk/interlib.html

Discovery does not include all our ejournals and databases.  Several specialised resources need to be searched individually. You can find an annotated list of useful databases at https://library.port.ac.uk/subject/page298.html but the following are some highlights:

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| **Engineering Village** | - a general database that includes civil engineering and surveying with millions of articles from 1000s of journals and links to full text where we have it |
| **Construction Information Service** | - technical information, articles, standards and other publications |
| **BCIS Online** | - building costs information service for the construction industry |
| **Estates Gazette Interactive (EGi)** | - news, research and information from the commercial property market |
| **ISURV** | - Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) guidance and official documents |
| **RICS Library Services** | - property and surveying catalogue of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors |

You may also be interested in **Greenfile**, **Art and Architecture Complete** and **Westlaw**

Many of these databases are available via the Civil Engineering and Surveying Subject Page under **Subjects** on the Library website.  If you are using resources when you are working away from the University campus you will need to login first or set up your VPN. You can find detailed instructions via the Accessing electronic resources webpage.

The Library offers lots of other information online to help you get the most from our resources, explore our  website https://library.port.ac.uk/ (available anywhere without needing to log in) to find out more.

**Further Help** in finding property development sources is available from the Library Support Services Desk or from  the Faculty Librarian, Timothy Collinson, (Timothy.Collinson@port.ac.uk tel 023 9284 3224) or Assistant Faculty Librarian Marie Smith (marie.smith@port.ac.uk tel 023 9284 3339).  Just ask!                                                                                              MS 12/18