

## Construction Industry Council Signs up to the Conflict Avoidance Coalition

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The [Conflict Avoidance Coalition](#) has announced that the [Construction Industry Council](#) (CIC) has signed up to the Conflict Avoidance Pledge.

The Pledge signals a promise by organisations and their members to “commit to collaborative working and the use of early intervention techniques throughout the supply chain, to address and resolve differences of opinion before they escalate into disputes”.

Established in 2018, the Coalition now comprises around 90 of the UK’s leading professional and industry bodies. Its mission is to reduce the financial and relational costs of disputes in construction and engineering by promoting collaborative practices and encouraging widespread adoption of the Conflict Avoidance Pledge.

CAC President, Len Bunton said: “I am delighted that CIC has committed to signing the Conflict Avoidance Pledge and to support the work of the Coalition. This is an excellent example of collaboration in the industry to reduce the number of disputes in the UK construction industry”.

CAC’s chair, Richard Bayfield said: “It is entirely appropriate for the Construction Industry Council to set a positive example by signing the Pledge. The Conflict Avoidance Coalition recognises that conflict is inevitable in any situation involving human activity. Often, small problems are hidden and eventually grow to become too big for the project team to resolve. Decisions are then escalated to a third party such as a judge or adjudicator, at great disadvantage to the parties involved and usually against the wider public interest.”

For more information about the Pledge, and to sign up for free, visit [conflictavoidance.org](http://conflictavoidance.org).