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Grafton picked for University of Arkansas timber design school

Grafton Architects has won a competition to design a \$16 million (£12.5 million) timber design school at the University of Arkansas in the United States. The Dublin-based studio will design the Anthony Timberlands Center for Design and Materials Innovation for the university, located in Fayetteville, in partnership with local practice Modus Studio. The practice beat five other teams to win the commission, which comes just weeks after its co-founders, Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara, won the 2020 Pritzker Prize. The project is scheduled to complete in 2022. *MF*



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Grimshaw to make redundancies after Heathrow job is shelved

Grimshaw has begun redundancy talks with staff after its Heathrow Airport project was put on hold. It is understood about 100 of the AJ100 practice's employees had been working on the £14 billion scheme before the airport's expansion was blocked by the Court of Appeal on environmental grounds. The unexpected move led to plans for the UK's largest airport being put on indefinite hold. The AJ understands more than 20 employees are expected to be cut from its workforce of 268. *RW*



Hawkins\Brown makes US debut in Hollywood

Hawkins\Brown has revealed plans for its first major project in the USA, an office block in the heart of Hollywood, Los Angeles. The 10-storey development at 1000 Seward Street in the centre of the city's film-making district will include shops and restaurants on the ground floor and a top-floor entertainment and hospitality space. The plans for the 14,000m² stacked-block scheme are backed by The Post Group, which is co-owned by film producer Matt Cooper, and development partner Plus Development. *RW*

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Government refuses to release Garden Bridge report

The Department for Transport is refusing to release a report on the cancelled Garden Bridge, claiming this would prejudice the commercial interests of the Garden Bridge Trust, now in liquidation. A Freedom of Information request to see the report – an assessment of the trust's financial position made by DfT officials in 2016 – was refused and then refused again on appeal, sparking fury from politicians. The document is understood to warn that the project had a funding gap of up to £75 million, advising against putting more taxpayers' money at risk by extending the government's financial guarantee. *WH*

Jeremy King wins permission for new annexe to Victorian house

Jeremy King Architects has been given the go-ahead for a new extension to an early Victorian house on the cliff above a beach in east Kent. The scheme will see an existing annexe to the original Glen Hill House replaced by a new accommodation wing dressed in ashlar. According to the Deal-based practice, the detached house was built in 1842 by an ancestor of the current owners and has remained in the family. Work is expected to start on site this October. *RW*

