

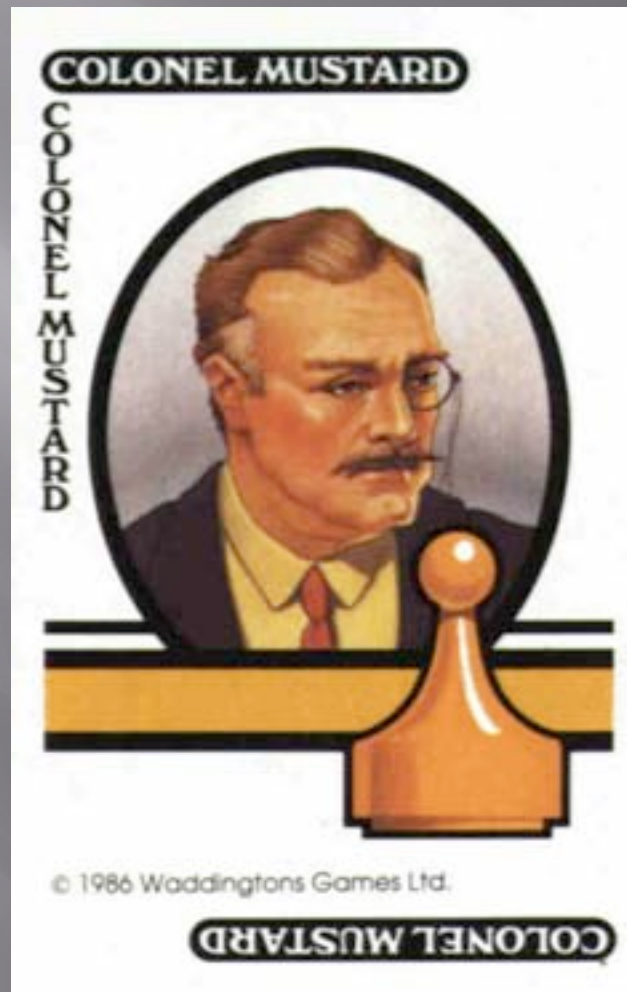
# ONE YEAR ON - IS THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ADVISER CUTTING THE MUSTARD?

Robert Higgs

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# What do these people have in common?

- **Ian Pearson**
- **Ian Lucas**
- **Shriti Vadera**
- **Stephen Timms**
- **Brian Wilson**
- **Margaret Hodge**
- **Nigel Griffiths**
- **Mark Prisk**
- **Nick Raynsford**

- ▣ July 2008 –  
Report “*Construction Matters*”
- ▣ February 2009 –  
Proposed Chief Construction Officer
- ▣ August 2009 –  
Announcement 1<sup>st</sup> Chief Construction Adviser
- ▣ November 2009 –  
Appointment of Paul Morrell OBE





**Paul Morrell OBE**  
Chief Construction Adviser

# The Role:

- ▣ Two Years
- ▣ Three-Day a Week
- ▣ Independent
- ▣ Reports to BIS and Treasury
- ▣ Links Industry and Government
- ▣ Industry Champion

# The Remit:

- ▣ Procurement Best Value
- ▣ Sustainable Construction
- ▣ Low Carbon Construction – Barriers
- ▣ Construction Commitments
- ▣ Innovation
- ▣ Co-ordinating Whitehall



## What He Found:

- ▣ A fragmented industry
- ▣ Lack of respect by Government
- ▣ Victorian practices

## What He Said:

- ▣ Deliver more value
- ▣ Won't lobby for work
- ▣ Unite industry voices
- ▣ Work in partnership
- ▣ Smarter dialogue with Government

## What He Did:

- ▣ Recognise differing industry views
- ▣ Improve dialogue with Government
- ▣ Improve dialogue within Industry
- ▣ Low Carbon Construction Report

# What Next?

- ▣ Industry Consensus – Better Model
- ▣ Eliminating Waste
- ▣ Integrated Approach
- ▣ Progress Decarbonisation
- ▣ Solve our own Tensions

# CUTTING THE MUSTARD?

- ▣ Paul says:

*“Some progress but...  
first find the mustard!”*

- ▣ Robert says:

*“There’s much more mustard to cut.  
Morrell’s a good reaper!”*