

## Spring 2018

Hogan Lovells quarterly newsletter on legal topics relevant to the UK real estate industry. This issue covers:

### **Law Commission gears up for driverless cars**

In December last year, the Law Commission announced plans to develop laws to support the safe development and use of driverless cars in the UK. The aim is to develop legislation which may be ready as early as 2021. Sarah Brown elaborates.

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### **To maximise relief, get SDLT right**

The SDLT regime applicable to UK residential property has seen significant changes over recent years. As a result, there are a number of key SDLT issues to be aware of for investment in UK residential property by corporate buyers. Chris Waddington explains the complex issues for residential property investors.

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### **What do you really need to know about Brexit?**

Jackie Newstead gives a personal view.

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### **BHS Company Voluntary Arrangement - Landlords win on penalties**

Collapsed retailer British Home Stores cannot challenge its own company voluntary arrangement as an unenforceable contractual penalty and must repay rental discounts to its landlords, the High Court in England and Wales decided on 6 March 2017. Mathew Ditchburn and Ben Willis report.

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### **Case round up**

Lien Tran summarises recent case law.

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## 10 things you need to know about MEES on 1 April 2018

New MEES rules apply after 1 April 2018. Jane Dockery and Simon Keen highlight 10 key things you need to know.

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## Why did commonhold fail? the Law commission issues call for evidence asking for the industry's views

The Law Commission has issued a call for evidence on commonhold law to understand why commonhold as a form of ownership has proved to be so unattractive to the property market. Sarah Alldrit and Julia Heyn report.

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## New lease code for old

Neal Bhattacharyya and Claudia Oliver look at the implications of the proposed new lease code as published by RICS.

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