

## 'Let it snow', says property industry

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This week's heavy snowfall will force a further review of the property industry's occupational requirements after a majority of those forced to work from home enjoyed a "100% effective" day.

According to a survey of 116 property professionals carried out by property information provider Remit Consulting, 92% were forced to stay at home on Monday with the vast majority having full access to emails and files.

Remit said that 49% of respondents estimated that they had a "100% effective day, with only 9% saying that their effectiveness was '50% or less'".

At the beginning of the week The Federation of Small Business claimed that the country would lose £1.2bn per day based on the estimate that 20% of workers failed to get to work, while the CEBR estimated that 2,000-3,000 businesses will fail because of the impact this makes on their cashflow.

However, Andrew Waller, a partner at Remit, said the survey revealed that the property industry was increasingly waking up to the benefits of remote working.

"This survey shows that people who are motivated to work, do so, regardless of circumstances; and technology clearly helps far more than it has in the past.

"There is still scope within the property industry to become more productive by using technology to provide a balanced approach to remote working."

There was one caveat however. Parents of young children complained it had been impossible to get work done because of the constant calls to come outside and build a snowman.

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Monday 2nd February saw significant snowfall in the South East of England and many people are worked from home. We thought many people would like to know if working remotely is as effective as being in the office.

We therefore put a short survey on our website and more than 100 people responded. A summary of the results will be posted on [www.remitconsulting.com](http://www.remitconsulting.com) soon, but in the meantime, the Estates Gazette ran this article about the survey on the EGi.

Let us know if you would like a copy of the survey summary when it is published.



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