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In conclusion, I am of the opinion that it is as important as ever to make the most of limited resources. It follows therefore that the owner, architect, contractor and course manager all have to be involved in any new project from the beginning, so that all interests can be voiced, explained and agreed before construction gets under way.

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