

**Re-Build the Skylon! [www.rebuildtheskylon.com](http://www.rebuildtheskylon.com)**

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**3. Hayden Nuttall, Design Director, ATKINS (2008)**

“Everything about the Skylon seemed to defy gravity – it just looked like it shouldn’t stand up – yet it did. It was engineering slight of hand – a magic trick using maths and physics. But it was only built to last 2-3 years, the challenge for us will be making the new Skylon last up to a century.

While rebuilding the Skylon would be a challenge it’s the perfect way of refocusing attention on the UK’s architectural and engineering tradition. With recent predictions that the sector could be facing a 20% skills shortfall in the next decade there is an urgent need to get youngsters interested in the built environment.”