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## CECA North West

### NEWS DIGEST FROM CECA NORTH WEST

Welcome to this round up of news from CECA North West. If there are any items you wish to include, please let me know. If you would like to contact me, or wish to arrange a meeting, I can be reached via email: [guy.lawson@cecanw.co.uk](mailto:guy.lawson@cecanw.co.uk) or mobile 07703 585027.

### Civil Engineering Contractors' Association North West news

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#### Free and discounted services for members - what can we do for you?

CECA NW always wants to make sure it delivers the services that members want. So, please tell us what your priorities are. We are always looking for ways to enhance the services CECA NW offers to members, which currently include:

- Legal services (see below)
- Training
- Tendering support
- Market intelligence
- Lobbying

But, please contact Guy Lawson if there are any specific areas where we can be of assistance.

#### CECA NW Legal Advice Service

Willow Contracts has provided very high quality advice to CECA NW members over the last year - and their support and expertise for legal and contractual matters is highly recommended. The email address exclusively for members is [CECAsupport@willowcontracts.co.uk](mailto:CECAsupport@willowcontracts.co.uk) and this will automatically contact Chris Hutchinson and his colleague. For the telephone service, the dedicated number is 01924 919392. In the event that the call cannot be taken any voicemail left is automatically routed to Chris's mobile phone. Call costs I am advised are at standard rates.

#### Tendering workshops

Members are invited to contact Guy Lawson for 1-2-1 tendering workshops, where he will advise on PQQs and ITTs, eg on how to present socio-economic and CSR data as effectively as possible. This is a free service to CECA NW members. Please contact him at the above number or email.

### **CECA NW - the NEW video!**

Please find a link to the 2018 CECA NW video - aimed at promoting careers in the industry. It is now available on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/r6ieFJ2LAPQ>

### **Working Rule Agreement**

Hard copies or a pdf version of the new edition of the Working Rule Agreement are available to CECA NW members free of charge. Please contact Guy Lawson to order your copy.

### **CECA NW Annual Awards Dinner, Friday 12 October 2018 - the winners**

Many thanks to all who supported the annual awards dinner, and congratulations to: Winner CT Construction and Highly Commended Harry Fairclough Construction for Project of the Year under £1 million; Winner PP O'Connor and Highly Commended Bethell Construction for Project of the Year between £1-5 million; Winner A E Yates and Highly Commended GRAHAM Construction for Project of the Year over £5 million; Winner Stephanie Curran of ACS Construction and Highly Commended Molly Guirdham of Morgan Sindall for the Women in Civil Engineering Award; Winner Toby Hensman of Chartrange and Highly Commended Aron Owen of I&H Brown for the Young Professional of the Year Award; Winner Eric Wright Group and Highly Commended CPUK Civils & Remediation for the Social Value Award; Winner D Morgan & Peel Ports and Highly Commended Eric Wright Civil Engineering for the Collaborative Partnership Award; and Brian Goodacre of Harry Fairclough, former CECA NW Chairman and Vice Chairman of the CECA Health & Safety Forum, received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

### **CECA NW meeting with Homes England, Tuesday 30 October, 14.00-15.00**

A meeting for CECA NW members has been arranged with Jon Sandford, National Infrastructure Planning Lead for Homes England, Manchester Meeting House, Mount Street, Manchester. Interested parties should contact Guy Lawson.

### **CECA NW meeting with Inovyn, Thursday 1 November 2018, 13.00-15.00**

A meeting for CECA NW members has been arranged with Inovyn at Daresbury Park Hotel, Warrington. Interested parties should contact Guy Lawson.

### **CECA NW/Network Rail seminar, Thursday 15 November 2018, 08.30 for 09.00 - 12.30**

A seminar is being arranged, primarily for smaller regional and SME members who are not currently working on rail projects, but all welcome - free for CECA NW members. It will take place at Preston International Hotel, Marsh Lane, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 2YF - interested parties should contact Guy Lawson: [guy.lawson@cecanw.co.uk](mailto:guy.lawson@cecanw.co.uk)

### **CECA NW Foundations, Seminar and Social event, Friday 16 November 2018**

A seminar with sessions on collaborative working and procurement & marketing will take place at the Manchester Meeting House, Mount Street, Manchester, starting with lunch at 13.30, until 17.00 - with drinks to follow. All welcome, especially people who are relatively new to the industry. Please confirm whether you plan to attend at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ceca-nwfoundations-winter-seminar-drinks-tickets-50433644388>

### **CIHT, CECA + ACE joint Young Professional's Christmas Social, Friday 30 November 2018**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ciht-ceca-ace-pn-nw-young-professionals-christmas-party-tickets-51436232155>

### **Sponsoring the Civil Engineering Challenge**

We are sponsoring resource packs to enable scouts and guides to achieve the Civil Engineering badge, developed by Pippa Higgins of Vinci. Please let me know if you would like more information. We are now funding over twenty groups to undertake the civil engineering challenge.

## Training & Development

### HKA Legal Breakfast Seminars

We now have dates for the 2018 legal seminar programme run by Geraldine Fleming of HKA. The first is rather short notice, so please let Jemma Carmody know asap if any of your colleagues would like to attend. They are all breakfast seminars, with an 08.30 start, apart from the NEC4 half day.

All at HKA's offices, Daresbury Park, Warrington, apart from those marked; all free for CECA NW members apart from the NEC4 half day. To book, please email: [jemma.carmody@ceca-yorks.co.uk](mailto:jemma.carmody@ceca-yorks.co.uk)

- Tuesday 6 November - Legal update, Brockholes, Preston New Rd, Preston PR5 0AG

### NW Contractors' Training Group - free for all CECA NW members

The Group provides access to CITB funding to support training, and its members receive free or substantially discounted training. If you are interested in joining the Group, please let Gill Steele know: [mgtpsteele@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mgtpsteele@hotmail.co.uk) Please could CECA NW members advise their Training Managers of this opportunity. The next meeting is on Thursday 29 November at Bamber Bridge. Please contact Gill to book your place.

### CECA Employment Law and Taxation seminar, 29 November 2018

A seminar with Liz Bridge and Gerry Lean is planned for the autumn.

<https://www.ceca.co.uk/wales/event/employment-law-and-taxation-issues-2/>

### CITB Employer Update

<http://elink-eu.azure send.com/m/023a3170cc3440b2b5de2b317aba2411/610813C4/A6E289F7/102018n>

### Merseyside and Cheshire Construction Safety Group 2017-18 programme

<https://mccsonline.wordpress.com/programme-2017-2018/>

These events are run by MCCSG, so you would need to book places with them, rather than via CECA NW.

### A New Standard for Collaborative Business Relationships for Engineering & Construction Companies

Would members be interested in a workshop on ISO 44001? Please let me know if it would be something you would like CECA NW to arrange.

Looking to recruit ex-services personnel? <http://www.forward-assist.com/>

### Fairness, Inclusion and Respect Programme (FIR) update

More introduction to FIR workshops are being run, plus Ambassador training session, and Ambassador coaching sessions. If any of this is of interest and you want your organisation to get involved or build on its existing activity then please do get in touch: Tolu Oke, T: 020 7697 1985; M: 07469 159 788

FIR Training and Project Manager, E: [Tolu@supplychainschool.co.uk](mailto:Tolu@supplychainschool.co.uk)

FIR Toolkit: <https://www.supplychainschool.co.uk/default/fairness-inclusion-and-respect/fir-toolkit.aspx>

### UK Nuclear Skills Awards 2019

Nominations for the UK Nuclear Skills Awards have launched!

Do you employ an individual who is starting out in their career in nuclear, who has made an impact on your department/organisation? Closing date for all applications 5pm on the 26th October 2018.

<http://www.nsan.co.uk/uk-nuclear-skills-awards-2019>

### GoConstruct

A campaign by CITB to attract more entrants to the industry: <https://www.goconstruct.org/en/>

GoConstruct has also produced a new infrastructure video which can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=98rc8Ac-mF4>

## Policy & Industry Affairs

### Government seeks global investment for £2bn portfolio

The government is seeking UK and global investment for seven major construction projects worth around £2bn. Projects will include a 2,000-home development in Liverpool's Festival Park, a 12,500-seater stadium in Gateshead, and a new science and technology park in Burgess Hill, Sussex.

The list of schemes has been put together by the DIT's capital investment team, which leads the government's drive to attract investment into large-scale property, regeneration and infrastructure projects across the country.

The seven projects will be added to the list of 60 government-supported schemes available for overseas investors to fund and finance.

### Gatwick Airport sets out £500m runway upgrade

The UK's second-busiest airport has revealed plans to move and upgrade its standby runway into routine use for departing flights by the mid-2020s. The plan to bring the runway into routine use for short haul flights has been set out in Gatwick Airport's new masterplan setting out new growth plans.

Under its current planning agreement, Gatwick's existing standby runway is only used when the main runway is closed for maintenance or emergencies. This 40-year planning agreement will come to an end in 2019. And the draft masterplan sets out for the first time how Gatwick could potentially bring its existing standby runway into routine use for departing flights, alongside its main runway, by the mid-2020s. The plan would see the existing standby runway moved 12m north to take it further away from the main runway.

### Ofgem open tender for Beatrice windfarm transmission link

Ofgem has announced that it has opened tender for the transmission link from Beatrice Offshore Windfarm to shore. The transmission link will go to tender at the end of October. Since 2009, Ofgem and the Government have raised £3 billion worth of investment for similar tenders of connecting links to offshore wind farms.

<https://www.energyvoice.com/otherenergy/183547/ofgem-open-tender-for-beatrice-windfarm-transmission-link/>

### Q3 RICS UK Construction and Infrastructure Market Survey

The survey shows 20% more chartered surveyors reported that their workloads had risen rather than fallen - up from +15% in Q2.

Private housing and infrastructure workloads reported the strongest rise while activity across the private industrial and public non-housing categories improved modestly with net balances of 9% and 11%, respectively.

Regionally, workloads are now reported to be increasing across all areas with notable acceleration in the Midlands and East.

Financial constraints are reported by 75% of surveyors to be by far the most significant brake on growth with firms reporting difficulties in accessing bank finance and credit.

### Turner & Townsend UK Market Intelligence Q3 2018:

#### Contractors report order book increases but Brexit uncertainty prevails

- UK contractors report a 23.4 percentage point increase in order books despite subdued growth
- Surveyed contractors expect construction materials costs to rise by 5.3 percent in next 12 months
- Dublin construction market booming as London faces Brexit uncertainty and potential major occupier relocations

<http://www.turnerandtowntsend.com/en/insights/uk-market-intelligence-q3-2018-contractors-report-order-book-increases-but-brexit-uncertainty-prevails/>

### **Andy Mitchell named Construction Leadership Council chair**

Tideway boss Andy Mitchell will replace Andrew Wolstenholme as co-chairman of the Construction Leadership Council. Mr Mitchell, who will remain chief executive of Tideway, will replace former Crossrail boss Mr Wolstenholme, who steps down after nearly three years in the CLC role.

Prior to joining Tideway in 2014, Mr Mitchell spent five years as programme director for the £15.4bn Crossrail project. He also spent eight years at Network Rail, where he was programme director for the £4bn Thameslink upgrade, as well as time working on major infrastructure projects in the Far East. Mr Mitchell will officially take over the role following the CLC conference on 24 October.

### **EngineeringUK announces Hilary Leever as new chief executive**

EngineeringUK has announced the appointment of Dr Hilary Leever as its new chief executive. Leever, who will join the organisation in January, is currently head of education and learning at Wellcome, where she has led a programme to improve science education and position it as an organisational priority for the charitable foundation.

### **Highways England £8.7bn framework announced**

Successful bidders for Highways England's £8.7bn framework are:

- North West/North East/Yorks/Humber: Costain, Balfour Beatty, Kier
- South West: Vinci, Galliford Try
- East & West Midlands: BAM Nuttall, Skanska
- South East: BAM Nuttall, Balfour Beatty
- East: Skanska, Galliford Try, Costain

### **Balfour Beatty appointed as sole contractor to £2 billion Scape Infrastructure frameworks**

Balfour Beatty has been appointed as the sole contractor to Scape Group's second generation civil engineering frameworks, valued at a combined total of up to £2.1 billion revenue.

The two new frameworks, open to all public sector bodies in the UK, will run for a period of four years from October 2018, with schemes due to be awarded from early 2019. The Scape National Civil Engineering framework, which is valued at £1.6 billion, covers England, Wales and Northern Ireland, while the Scape Civil Engineering - Scotland framework, valued at £500 million, covers Scotland.

### **The Crown Estate confirms progress on proposed offshore wind farm extensions**

The Crown Estate has announced that after initial assessments of a number of offshore wind farm extension applications, eight proposed projects have satisfied the application criteria.

These projects have been named as: Sheringham Shoal offshore wind farm (up to 317MW); Dudgeon offshore wind farm (up to 402MW); Race Bank offshore wind farm (up to 573MW), Greater Gabbard offshore wind farm (up to 504MW); Galloper offshore wind farm (up to 353MW); Rampion offshore wind farm (up to 400MW); Gwynt y Môr offshore wind farm (up to 576MW); and Thanet offshore wind farm (up to 300 MW).

<https://www.thecrownestate.co.uk/en-gb/media-and-insights/news/2018-the-crown-estate-completes-initial-assessment-of-offshore-wind-extension-applications/>

### **Banks cut lending to construction firms**

Banks have been steadily cutting lending to construction companies over the last six months.

Latest figures from the Bank of England show that lending from banks to firms in key sub-sectors, including house building, commercial construction and civil engineering has recorded the longest period of decline since 2011. The developing construction credit squeeze follows the collapse of Carillion and growing unease about the impact of Brexit on housing and commercial property. During the period from March to August total lending to construction companies fell from £34.5bn to £32.6bn.

### **Forecasters cancel 2019 construction rebound as orders fall**

Forecasters have abandoned hopes of a 2.3% rebound in construction growth in 2019 after getting the jitters about falling order levels and Brexit. Growth for next year has been downgraded to rise by only 0.6% with this year now expected to be flat amid Brexit uncertainty and on-going delays in the delivery of major infrastructure projects. The Construction Products Association's Autumn Forecast predicts that even this growth will depend on the Government extending help to buy and driving ahead with major infrastructure projects to hit the expected output peak of £23bn by 2020.

CPA Autumn 2018 forecast:

- Construction output to remain flat in 2018 (0.1%) and rise by 0.6% in 2019
- Private housing starts to rise 2.0% in 2018 and 2019
- Offices construction to decline 10.0% in 2018 and 20.0% in 2019
- Retail construction to fall 10.0% in 2018 and 2.0% in 2019
- Infrastructure work to rise by 8.7% in 2019 and 7.7% in 2020

### **Enabling works underway for "world-class" east west rail link**

The Secretary of State for Transport, Chris Grayling, has announced enabling works for the East West Rail link that would mean that construction could begin in September 2019.

The 'three phase' project will see the reinstatement of the Varsity Line connection between Oxford and Cambridge which was closed in the 1960s.

The Transport Secretary said that the 'East West Rail Link' would "transform journeys in one of Europe's most vibrant economic regions, providing passengers and businesses with a transport system that unlocks economic opportunity and drives forward new housing and jobs".

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/transport-secretary-welcomes-progress-on-east-west-rail>

### **New commissioner for shale gas appointed**

The UK Government has appointed former Labour MP, Natascha Engel, as the new independent Commissioner for Shale Gas. Engel is to be a "direct communication link between local communities, the shale gas industry and regulators", according to BEIS.

The role of Commissioner will be to operate independently from the shale gas regulatory regime and Engel will be a source of impartial, fact-based information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/natascha-engel-appointed-as-commissioner-for-shale-gas>

### **What CECA wants from the Budget**

- Commitment to the National Infrastructure Delivery Plan
- Development of a clear long-term pipeline of work
- Supporting the development of the Sub-National Transport Bodies
- Reform of the Apprenticeship Levy in England

<https://www.ceca.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/CECA-Budget-Submission-28-September-2018.pdf>

### **What the Rail Industries Association wants from the Budget**

- Provide match-funding for rolling stock R&D in Control Period 6
- Commit to ending 'boom and bust' rail funding and ensure a visible pipeline of enhancements that provides confidence for rail suppliers
- Ensure electrification remains an option for decarbonising the rail network, subject to costs being reduced as per RIA's Electrification Cost Challenge
- Ensure the Rail Review does not result in a stalling of investment in the rail network.

### **Late payers threatened with government investigation**

Minister for small business Kelly Tolhurst has told MPs that Prompt Payment Code signatories who do not adhere to its terms will be investigated.

Ms Tolhurst told the business, energy and industrial strategy select committee that the move had been introduced last week. 'We will now investigate all complaints against signatories of the code and there will be regular reviews of signatories to the code,' she said.

PPC signatories are meant to pay all suppliers in 60 days and work towards paying them in 30 days.

### **....and Government pledges five day payment for small firms**

Small to medium-sized firms are being promised five-day payment terms from Government as part of a fresh push to stamp out late payment. The move to pay 90% of undisputed invoices from SMEs within five days, comes as the Government tries to reboot its late payment measures with a call for evidence on the best way to tackle the scourge once and for all. Among the latest measures being looked at are forcing company boards to have a non-executive director responsible for prompt payment performance and empowering trade bodies to highlight the best and worst practices in payment behaviour. The Government call for evidence will be open until **29 November** and the government is encouraging interested parties to contribute their views to it.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/creating-a-responsible-payment-culture-a-call-for-evidence-on-tackling-late-payment>

### **New route linking the M54 to the M6 announced**

Highways England has announced that "commuters travelling through the Midlands are set to benefit from a new multi-million-pound route linking the M54 to the M6".

The preferred route for the proposed M54 to M6/M6 (Toll) Link Road is based on "option B" and a statutory consultation on the proposals is expected to take place in 2019 prior to Highways England submitting its application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under the Planning Act 2008 to authorise its plans in 2020.

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/m54-to-m6m6-toll-link-road/>

### **Network Rail: £4bn Western and Wales framework**

Network Rail has launched an eight-year £4bn framework for projects on its Western and Welsh routes. Contractors are being invited to bid on construction work covering bridges, tunnels, shafts and subways. The rail client is seeking companies for repair, refurbishment and life-extension projects.

The framework falls under Control Period 6 and will be split into six lots, with bidders allowed to apply for - and win places on - up to five each.

<https://ted.europa.eu/TED/notice/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:430622-2018:TEXT:EN:HTML&src=0>

### **PM announces ten cities shortlisted for major transport funding across England**

Communities across the UK will benefit from £840 million to upgrade public transport links, the Prime Minister has announced.

The shortlist of ten city regions marks the next stage of the £1.7 billion Transforming Cities Fund which under the government's modern Industrial Strategy is supporting cities to make it easier, safer and quicker for people to travel and get to work by funding improved transport connections. Local authorities in Derby & Nottingham, Leicester City, the North East, Norwich, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Southampton, Sheffield, Stoke-on-Trent and West Yorkshire will bid for a share of the funding.

The Transforming Cities Fund is already delivering major improvements for people across England. Six Mayoral Combined Authorities have already received a share of £840 million to deliver schemes such as the Brierley Hill tram lines extension in the West Midlands and **£160 million towards the Beeline Cycle Network in Greater Manchester**. Set to be the largest network of its kind in the UK, the proposal for 1,000 miles of interlinked bike and pedestrian lanes will connect communities across its 10 boroughs and help make cycling and walking a safer option for people living in the region.

### **Skills and Training Fund - up to £10k grant for members with less than 100 employees**

CITB established an annual fund of £3m to support small businesses with their training and development needs. Few CECA members have applied for this funding which is worth £10k a year to a business with 99 employees - there's a sliding scale. According to the records, more than half CECA members would be entitled to apply. The closing date is: **March 2019**. To be eligible for funding companies must:

- Have fewer than 100 PAYE staff
- Be up to date with CITB Levy payments and Levy Returns
- Be CITB registered

<https://www.citb.co.uk/funding/types-of-funding/skills-and-training/>

### **National Infrastructure Commission gives evidence to Lords EU Committee**

The House of Lords EU Financial Affairs Parliamentary Sub-Committee has asked the National Infrastructure Commission (NIC) a selection of questions on the public financing of infrastructure. The Committee explored how much money a UK infrastructure finance institution would need to replace the current support of the European Investment Bank (EIB) post Brexit? In addition, the Committee also raised questions that touched upon the current state of UK infrastructure and the recent recommendation made by the NIC for continued access to EIB support post Brexit. The possible expansion of the British Business Bank (BBB) was also raised.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/lords/media-centre/house-of-lords-media-notice/house-of-lords-media-notice---2018/september-2018/national-infrastructure-commission-to-give-evidence-to-lords-eu-committee/>

### **New 'employer toolkit' to support EU staff**

The Home Office have launched an official 'employer toolkit' aimed at helping HR teams support their EU staff. Its purpose is to arm employers with practical information on how EU citizens will be able to apply for 'settled status'. This is so HR teams are better equipped to answer potential questions and directly help their EU employees over the next few years.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-employer-toolkit>

### **HS2 Economic Growth Conference 2018, 7 November 2018, Birmingham**

<https://www.built-environment-networking.com/event/hs2-economic-growth-conference-2018/>

### **ORR PR18 period review in advance of CP6**

The 2018 periodic review (PR18) is the process through which we determine what Network Rail should deliver in respect of its role in operating, maintaining and renewing its network in control period 6 and how the funding available should be best used to support this.

[http://orr.gov.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0010/27757/pr18-draft-determination-overview-june-2018.pdf](http://orr.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/27757/pr18-draft-determination-overview-june-2018.pdf)

### **Chartered ICES newsletter**

<http://mailshot.cices.org/Chartered%20ICES%20Newsletter%20JulAug18.html>

### **News from ACAS**

Mock Employment Tribunal, Thursday, 15th November, From 10:00 until 16:00, Hallmark Hotel, Chester:

<https://northwest.cmail20.com/t/ViewEmail/r/042F04468C6798FF2540EF23F30FEDED/690519DB59B65153BA4AF9908B8D85ED>

Mental Health guidance:

<https://acasnational.cmail19.com/t/ViewEmail/r/FAB53243B63C66982540EF23F30FEDED/775DDA388CC A819016FB8100885F948E>



## **North West - and the North**

### **North Powerhouse Rail construction earmarked for 2020 start**

Construction of the Northern Powerhouse Rail line could begin as soon as 2020, it has been revealed. Transport for the North (TfN) is finalising proposals to submit to the government in December. If given the go ahead TfN claims that construction could start in 2020. Dubbed “Crossrail for the North”, the rail line will connect Hull, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle and Sheffield with a “metro-style” service. The route will also be integrated with High Speed 2 stations and Manchester Airport.

### **Bid race for £25m Poynton Relief Road**

Cheshire East Council has started the hunt for a design and build contractor to deliver the £25m Poynton relief road. This involves delivery of a new 3km single carriageway linking the A6 Manchester Airport relief road to the A523 London Road.

The project forms part of the South East Manchester Multi-Modal Scheme to improve existing transport links on the south east side of Greater Manchester.

It will encourage the regeneration of Poynton, Macclesfield and the north of the area.

The scheme will require a new road bridge to allow the proposed relief road to pass beneath the existing Chester Road and two additional bridges to allow existing public rights of way to pass over the proposed relief road. Landscaping and environmental mitigation works are proposed for great crested newts, bats and other environmental flora and fauna.

Interested firms must return PQQs by 23 November with shortlisted firms invited to tender on 14 January 2019. Work is anticipated to take around 14 months. **See the Tenders section for contact details.**

### **Wylfa update**

Three companies have won deals to support the design and construction of the £15bn Wylfa Newydd nuclear plant in north Wales. Atkins, KBR and Wood are the latest companies to be chosen as partners on the proposed Anglesey plant, for which they will support the delivery of the nuclear island. Atkins, which was bought by SNC Lavalin last year, will assist the civil engineering design for the island, KBR will work on project controls, and Wood will support the island’s architectural engineering.

### **Detailed designs revealed for Liverpool cruise terminal**

The most detailed designs yet for the proposed Liverpool Cruise Terminal - which is earmarked for Peel Land & Property’s £5bn Liverpool Waters scheme - have been revealed, with a new video showing how the site will look and operate. A 90 second fly-through details the passenger and baggage facility, complete with security checking and customs areas, a lounge, café, toilets, taxi rank, coach and car passenger drop off and pick up points, a short-term car park and a four-star hotel.

### **Historic area of Manchester city centre to get major revamp**

The oldest part of Manchester city centre is to undergo a major transformation as part of a new scheme. A planning application has been submitted for the area around Manchester Cathedral and Chetam’s Music School. The plans will include a tree-lined park alongside the river and a network of walkways and tree-lined spaces. The area has been dubbed the Manchester Medieval Quarter. Chetam’s is one of the oldest buildings in the city centre and parts of the school date back to the 1420s.

### **Funding agreed for Burnley’s £26m Pioneer Place**

Lancashire County Council will provide £3.2m to support the delivery of Burnley’s £26m Pioneer Place retail and leisure development, set to include a cinema, restaurants, and a public plaza. The council has signed off the funding package to help deliver road and infrastructure improvements in the Curzon Street area which will help improve access to the site.

### **Council signs off first phase of Chester Northgate**

Cheshire West & Chester Council has agreed to provide £6m of funding to get the first phase of Chester's £300m Northgate project under way, due to start on site next year.

### **Liverpool overhauls SIF as City Region eyes £1.3bn investment**

The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority is relaunching its flagship Single Investment Fund, aiming for an era in which the Combined Authority "provides a steady flow of funding" as it targets £1.3bn investment in the region from Government over the next seven years.

### **Examination into the proposed Tees CCPP closes**

The examination into Sembcorp's proposals for a "gas fired combined cycle gas turbine (CCGT) power station" of up to 1,700 MWe closed on 10 October 2018. The examining authority will now have three months to consider the findings and issue its report of recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy. After this, the Secretary of State will have a further three months to reach a decision of whether or not to grant development consent for the Tees Combined Cycle Power Plant (CCPP) scheme at the Wilton International site on Teesside, which means that a decision is expected by **10 April 2019**.

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/tees-ccpp/>

### **HS2 plans to transform Leeds station approved by council**

Councillors have endorsed a "milestone" plan to transform Leeds station in preparation for HS2 arriving in the region. The Leeds City Council executive board approved the strategic outline business case, the detailed transformational plans for the rail station which will "maximise the potential of high-speed rail" in the region. At the board meeting, senior councillors listened to the case for a masterplan helping guide the future development of the site and heard that it is imperative to have a "fully-integrated, modern station" in Leeds.

### **Business boost for Doncaster and northern Lincolnshire port freight**

Work is underway to upgrade the rail route between Doncaster and Immingham in an exciting new project which looks to boost businesses while keeping traffic off the region's roads. Network Rail is partnering with the Humber LEP and North Lincolnshire Council to invest more than £15m to support the growth of rail freight in the region. The project will allow high cube shipping containers to run between Doncaster and Immingham/Killinghome on standard height wagons. While high cube containers can be accommodated on the Immingham - Doncaster routes, it currently requires special low wagons of which there is a limited supply. Low Floor wagons are also more expensive to run and to maintain.

### **ONS: construction booming in the North West**

The North West has seen construction boom over the last year, according to new figures.

According to the Office of National Statistics, total construction output across the region is up 15% to more than £4.6 billion in the 3 months to August 2018 compared to the same period last year.

Overall construction output in Great Britain for this period is up 1.5% compared to the same period last year meaning the North West's increase is 10 times the national average

The value of construction work on new housing in the North West has increased by £386 million this quarter compared to the same quarter in 2017 and output of new infrastructure projects has also risen during this period.

- Overall construction output in the region up 15%, 10 times the national average
- Total value of construction over the last 3 months is more than £4.6 billion, up more than £600 million when compared to the same 3 months a year ago

[https://www.gov.uk/government/news/construction-booming-in-the-north-west?utm\\_source=469a48ec-588c-4260-bf90-0fb9ee77594f&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=immediate](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/construction-booming-in-the-north-west?utm_source=469a48ec-588c-4260-bf90-0fb9ee77594f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)

## **CECA NW in the news**

### **Geraldine Fleming of HKA inspires women to join our industry**

<https://www.businessupnorth.co.uk/women-in-engineering-real-stories/>

<https://bdaily.co.uk/articles/2018/10/05/women-in-engineering-real-stories>

### **CECA North West Award Winners 2018**

<https://www.ceca.co.uk/ceca-north-west-award-winners-2018/>

### **Liverpool City Council picks development team for £700m Festival Park**

Ion Property Developments, in a joint venture with Midia Group, is set to partner with Liverpool City Council to deliver the residential-led regeneration of Festival Park. The council has been searching for a developer or investor for the 90-acre site for a number of years, and exploring different procurement routes. The latest launched in March; Ion and Midia both submitted expressions of interest, and due to similarities in their proposals suggested to the council they work together on the scheme.

### **MPs back West Cumbria Mining - and coast rail line upgrade**

A cross party group of Cumbria's MPs have come together to demand support from the Government for the upgrade of the Cumbrian Coastal Line in order to benefit from £60bn of future investment for the area. The Cumbrian MPs say a number of impending projects including West Cumbria Mining, which will create 500 jobs and the construction of the £15 billion Moorside project will require the railway to be brought up to modern day standards.

### **Developers to consult on Six56 Warrington**

Langtree and First Panattoni are seeking to bring forward up to 3m sq ft of development at junction 20 of the M6 and junction 9 of the M56, an area it said could deliver up to 4,900 jobs. Six 56 Warrington sits at Bradley Hall Farm between Grappenhall Lane and is proposed as a major logistics and manufacturing development. Up to 625,000 sq ft of the space is currently earmarked for industrial development.

### **HIMOR granted approval for 200,000 sq ft Carrington development**

Regeneration and property group HIMOR will begin work on the first phase of its major Future Carrington regeneration scheme in November after winning approval for a 212,129 sq ft speculative industrial development. Trafford Council has approved a reserved matters application for Carrington Gateway, the first phase of the project, which will return employment use to a 19-acre site fronting Manchester Road.

### **West Lancs releases local plan for Skelmersdale**

The proposal is for villages to be developed to the north of the A577 at Dicket's Lane, with 1,500 homes; 2,500 homes east of Lyelake Lane; and north east of the Rainford bypass, with a further 2,000 dwellings. Together with increased employment, it is hoped a business case for a rail link can be made.

<https://www.westlancs.gov.uk/news/cabinet-approves-ambitious-local-plan-preferred-options-for-public-consultation-with-faqs.aspx>

### **Preparation set to begin on waterfront car park demolition**

Detailed logistical plans have been drawn up to demolish the fire-damaged 1,400-space car park at Liverpool's Kings Dock, which still contains 1,100 burnt-out cars inside that have been unable to be removed due to concerns over the strength of the building. The car park was engulfed in a blaze on New Year's Eve, while 1,191 vehicles were parked inside it.

### **BCEGI to lead £1bn Bolton regeneration**

Chinese contractor Beijing Construction and Engineering Group International is joining private investors backing plans for Bolton's ambitious £1bn town centre plan. The development is being led by a private consortium called Bolton Regeneration Limited, which is made up of the Department for International Trade, the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and is being led by Midia, an investment and development specialist. BCEGI is expected to confirm it is joining the consortium this autumn.

**TfGM opens survey on future plans**

The online 'conversation' launched by Transport for Greater Manchester aims to generate feedback which will shape the draft City Centre Transport Strategy to be implemented from 2020.

The survey, conducted by TfGM on behalf of Manchester City Council and Salford City Council, provides those who know the city best with an opportunity to tell transport planners what they think should be done to improve travel in the city for the coming decade. Future plans could include major infrastructure changes such as a transformed Piccadilly station ready for the arrival of HS2, as well as a possible Metrolink tunnel under the city and pedestrian areas.

<https://www.tfgm.com/your-city-centre>

**Construction Live, 14 November 2018**

On Wednesday, 14th November at 10:30am Balfour Beatty will be hosting another Construction Live event with the University of Manchester. Please register and join free of charge using the link below and find out about the exciting technology and careers available in Construction and Engineering.

<https://learnliveuk.com/construction-live2/>

**8th NDA Estate Supply Chain Event, 1 November 2018, Manchester**

The biggest networking event in Europe for nuclear decommissioning

<https://decommsupplyevent.co.uk/>

**The Manchester Lecture 2019: Trains, planes & automobiles, 17 January 2019**

<https://www.cices.org/news/events/manchester-lecture/>

## Tenders

Design and Construction of Poynton Relief Road

Expressions of interest close on 23/11/2018.

Contact: Steve Mellor, Cheshire East Council, Email: [steve.mellor@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:steve.mellor@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

Register via The Chest: <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Highways Maintenance Patching Works

Expressions of interest close on 12/11/2018.

Contact: Steven Polese, Manchester City Council, Email: [s.polese@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:s.polese@manchester.gov.uk)

Register via The Chest: <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Kensington - Prescott A57 Design & Construct

Expressions of interest close on 06/11/2018.

Contact: Roger Ruffles, Liverpool City Council, Email: [roger.ruffles@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:roger.ruffles@liverpool.gov.uk)

Register via The Chest: <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Mottram Road Retaining Wall

Expressions of interest close on 21/11/2018.

Contact: Mohammed Abdel Hamid, Tameside MBC, Email: [mohammed.abdel-hamid@tameside.gov.uk](mailto:mohammed.abdel-hamid@tameside.gov.uk)

Register via The Chest: <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Provision of Road Marking Works

Expressions of interest close on 16/11/2018.

Contact: Chloe Brownlee-Chapman, Cumbria County Council

Email: [Chloe.Brownlee-Chapman@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:Chloe.Brownlee-Chapman@cumbria.gov.uk)

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Oldham - Construction and Highways Works & Services Framework

Expressions of interest close on 26/10/2018.

Contact: Jay Thind, Oldham Council, Email: [jay.thind@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:jay.thind@oldham.gov.uk)

Register via The Chest: <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Small Works Construction Framework 2019 to 2023

Expressions of interest close on 12/11/2018.

Contact: Neil Davies, Manchester City Council, Email: [n.davies@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:n.davies@manchester.gov.uk)

Register via The Chest: <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Lincolnshire County Council- Highways 2020

Expressions of interest close on 09/11/2018.

Contact: Jonathan Evans, Lincolnshire County Council, Email: [Highways2020@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:Highways2020@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

Register via East Mids tenders: <https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>

Lorry Park Extension - Great North Road, Newark

Expressions of interest close on 09/11/2018.

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Register via East Mids tenders: <https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>

Highway Temporary Traffic Management

Expressions of interest close on 13/11/2018.

Contact: Joanne Kirk, Rotherham MBC, Email: [joanne.kirk@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:joanne.kirk@rotherham.gov.uk)

Register via YOR tender: <https://www.yortender.co.uk/>

YORbuild2 and YORcivil2 frameworks - Meet the Buyer event, 26 October 2018, Rotherham

Expressions of interest close on 25/10/2018.

Contact: Derek Prest, Leeds City Council, Email: [derek.prest@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:derek.prest@leeds.gov.uk)

Register via YOR tender: <https://www.yortender.co.uk/>

**....and finally**

**World's longest sea crossing: Hong Kong-Zhuhai bridge opens**

Chinese President Xi Jinping has officially opened the world's longest sea crossing bridge, nine years after construction first began. Including its access roads, the bridge spans 55km (34 miles) and connects Hong Kong to Macau and the mainland Chinese city of Zhuhai. The bridge cost about \$20bn (£15.3bn) and should have opened in 2016.