



## **Press Release**

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## **CECA: All Parties Must Back Infrastructure For Growth At GE 2019**

Civils contractors have called on all parties in the UK to back infrastructure as the best means of delivering economic growth at the 2019 General Election.

As the UK prepares to go to the polls ahead of a likely General Election in December, the Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) has said that any incoming government must commit to an ambitious infrastructure agenda if the economy is to succeed once Britain has resolved its future relationship with the European Union.

Commenting, CECA Director of External Affairs Marie-Claude Hemming said: "By their very nature General Elections are unpredictable, but one thing is clear is that whichever party or parties form the next UK government the infrastructure sector has the potential to be a driver of growth in the economy.

"That's why we are calling on all parties to commit to the existing pipeline of projects, as well as to guarantee the future of mega-projects such as HS2, airport expansion, and Crossrail 2.

"Our members are also looking forward to the final publication of the next Roads Investment Plan, which must not be derailed by a new administration.

"Our research shows that £1 of investment in infrastructure delivers £2.82 benefit to the wider economy. If the economy is to succeed in all parts of the UK, any new government must provide the certainty our members need to deliver the schemes businesses and communities rely upon across England, Scotland and Wales."

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<sup>1.</sup> The Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) represents over 300 contractors of all sizes, covering approximately 80% of the civil engineering market in Great Britain. Our members build infrastructure that provides the basis for economic sustainability and quality of life in communities across the country.