

CECA NORTH WEST - CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT, 8 APRIL 2020



COVID-19 has put the civil engineering sector in a parlous state, and the need is greater than ever for the industry to work together to do what we can to get through this crisis.

While the immediate priority is to do what we can to deal with its effect upon our businesses and our employees, soon we will need to turn our attention to what comes next. It will be a challenge to gear up again, to bring back staff who have been furloughed, and to handle a rapidly growing workload as clients require projects that have been paused to restart.

CECA is issuing daily briefings on the virus, and working closely with the Construction Leadership Team and the Government's Construction Taskforce to put forward the industry's concerns and to press for the support we all urgently need.

In the North West, among other initiatives, this week we are rolling out a programme to put members with spare capacity in touch with others who are struggling to find workers or supply chain companies.

But, I would urge you to contact CECA NW Director, Guy Lawson, with any concerns or matters you would like to raise both to ensure the voice of contractors is heard, and to access the support and assistance you need.

Good luck, and let's all pull together to ensure the industry we all care about gets through these difficult and uncertain times.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Oliver Tolputt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Oliver Tolputt