



# Press Release

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## CECA & Highways England Announce Partnership Charter

The representative body for the UK's civil engineering contractors today said it was 'delighted' to have signed a Partnership Charter with Highways England.

The Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) said that the partnership would help its members improve delivery practices, drive better performance, and help mitigate risks and challenges in delivering outcomes.

CECA also said the Charter would ensure forward visibility of investment for its membership, and identify opportunities to improve safety, customer service, and supply chain engagement.

Commenting, CECA Chief Executive Alasdair Reisner said: "CECA is delighted to agree this Partnership Charter with Highways England, which is one of our most valued stakeholder organisations in the roads sector, and with which we have worked for many years.

"The Charter is an opportunity to build on the work we've done together, both to improve delivery and drive best practice across the roads sector, as well as an opportunity to formalise the close relationship between Highways England and the CECA membership.

"The Charter will be in place for the duration of the second road period (2020-2025) and will be reviewed on an annual basis, to ensure the key strategic and collaborative work we do optimal outcomes for CECA members, road users, and ultimately, the taxpayer."

Malcolm Dare, Executive Director for Commercial and Procurement at Highways England, said "We are very happy to sign the Partnership Charter with CECA to build on the relationship and support the industry further during the second road period (RP2) 2020 to 2025.

"This will improve delivery practices and performance, to better mitigate risks and challenges in delivering successful outcomes."

David O'Neill, Supply Chain Director at Highways England, said "We have a constructive relationship with CECA as a key trade body representing many of our contractors.

"It is really important for us to work with them in identifying opportunities to improve delivery and to help mitigate any particular challenges.

"We are keen to continue growing this relationship to create good practice for industry, and to ensure best possible visibility of the forward investment pipeline for suppliers."

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### Notes to Editors

1. 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.

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