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CECA: Contractors Welcome Focus On Growth In 2022 Queen's Speech

Civils contractors today welcomed a clear focus on delivering economic growth and levelling up opportunities in all parts of the UK in the Queen's Speech at today's State Opening of Parliament.

Director of Operations for the Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) Marie-Claude Hemming said: "There is a clear focus on delivering economic growth in the Government's agenda, and of levelling up opportunities in all parts of the country.

"We particularly welcome the UK Government's commitment to simplify the public sector procurement system, which will provide greater opportunities for small businesses and drive greater efficiencies.

"Furthermore, we look forward to the publication of a Bill to drive local growth, the UK Government's ambition to improve transport across the UK, and the establishment of the UK Infrastructure Bank in legislation with a remit to drive levelling up and deliver net zero.

"The UK Government is right to recognise that investment in infrastructure is a key driver of growth in our economy, as well as creating high-quality jobs in all parts of England, Scotland and Wales.

"It is CECA members who will deliver the schemes that will form the backbone of the UK Government's levelling up agenda, and we look forward to working with our members, the UK Government, and all stakeholders to ensure that the planned pipeline of investment is delivered on time and on budget, to the benefit of communities and businesses across the UK."

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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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