



# Press Release

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## CECA: New UK Government Must Expedite Infrastructure For Growth

Civils contractors have today published a list of priorities that a new UK Government must pursue in its first 100 days in office if it is to drive economic growth across the country.

The Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA), which represents companies that build, maintain, and upgrade the nation's infrastructure, [has published its recommendations](#) to the winners of this week's General Election for the first weeks of a new administration.

CECA calls on the next UK Government to take immediate steps to:

- Unblock projects that were paused in the run-up to the General Election;
- Deliver on-hold policy decisions, including spending plans in the water and roads sectors;
- Publish a policy statement of intent that covers areas such as energy, transport, water, skills, and employment;
- Engage with industry on delivering an English Skills Strategy;
- Set a date for the next Fiscal Event, including timelines for the next Autumn Statement, Budget, and any future Spending Review;
- Commit to best practice in project delivery.

Commenting, CECA Director of Operations Marie-Claude Hemming said: "The formation of a new UK Government offers an opportunity to turn over a page in project delivery and get the economy firing on all cylinders once more.

"The success of the UK infrastructure sector rests on certainty of pipeline, clarity of policy, and close co-operation between industry and government.

"Once the results of the General Election are in and a new administration is formed, we must take steps to optimise the ability of CECA members to rapidly deliver schemes that will drive economic growth, create jobs, and underpin the wellbeing of businesses and communities in all parts of the country.

"We look forward to working with our members and the new Government to ensure that the policies are in place to unleash the economic potential of the UK, not just over the course of the first 100 days of the new Parliament, but in the months and years to come.

"All parties in the 2024 General Election have rightfully identified infrastructure delivery as a primary driver of economic growth and the backbone of a sustainable future.

"The UK's contractors now stand ready to get spades in the ground on schemes across England, Scotland, and Wales, to turn manifesto plans into reality, and deliver the stronger Britain that we all want to see."

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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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