



Press Release

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CECA: Next UK Government Will Only Succeed By Backing Infrastructure Delivery

The UK's civil engineering contractors today said that the winners of the next UK General Election must back the infrastructure sector to deliver economic growth for businesses and communities across the country.

Earlier today Prime Minister Rishi Sunak announced that the date of the upcoming General Election is to be 4 July 2024.

Commenting, Director of Operations for the Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) Marie-Claude Hemming said: "Today's news will allow all parties to focus on the coming election campaign but must also sound the starting-gun on a new focus on the UK's infrastructure needs, allowing all parties to set out how they plan to deliver a stronger economy for the future.

"CECA has been campaigning on our policy recommendations since the start of this year and we stand ready to work with whichever party or parties form the next government to ensure that an ambitious agenda to deliver world-class infrastructure is rolled out.

"In particular we would like to see the next administration make clear-cut commitments to infrastructure delivery within its first one hundred days of office, as communities in all parts of the country are relying on the economic growth and job creation that only investment in infrastructure can guarantee.

"Recent years have seen unprecedented shocks to the UK economy, such as the COVID-19 pandemic and the energy crisis prompted by Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine.

"That's why it is more important than ever that we take the UK's infrastructure needs out of party-political considerations, and work to ensure the requirements of businesses and communities will be met irrespective of the make-up of the next UK government.

"CECA stands ready to work with all parties to ensure that our nation's infrastructure needs are dispassionately assessed, and to empower our world-class civil engineering contractors to get spades in the ground on infrastructure projects across the UK.

"It is only by backing infrastructure delivery, and our infrastructure sector, that the next government will be able to build a stronger economy and unlock the potential of our communities and businesses across the country."

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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.