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CECA: Contractors Welcome Labour’s “Bold” Commitment To Infrastructure

Civils contractors today welcomed the publication of the Labour Party’s manifesto ahead of next month’s General Election and welcomed its “bold” commitment to infrastructure.

The Labour Leader Sir Keir Starmer [published his party’s manifesto](#) in Manchester earlier this morning promising to “change the infrastructure that supports investment into our economy, reform the planning regime... [and]... start to unlock the potential of billions upon billions in projects that are ready to go” should his party form the next UK Government.

Commenting, Chief Executive of the Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) Alasdair Reisner said: “The Labour Party’s commitment to delivering a business-friendly, high-growth economy through infrastructure delivery will be welcomed by the UK’s civils contractors.

“It is gratifying that the Labour Party has recognised that the best means of delivering economic growth is through infrastructure delivery, planning reform, and unlocking shovel-ready schemes in all parts of the UK.

“In particular, should Labour form a majority in the next Parliament, we look forward to working closely with Sir Keir’s team on the manifesto commitment to deliver ‘a ten-year infrastructure strategy, aligned with our industrial strategy and regional development priorities.’

“CECA stands ready to work with our members and whichever party or parties form the next UK Government, to ensure infrastructure for growth is at the heart of the next administration’s approach to the economy.

“The Labour Party’s commitment to placing infrastructure at the heart of government decision-making, delivering a long-term transport strategy, and rolling out much-needed planning reforms all reflect [CECA’s policy recommendations to an incoming government](#) closely.

“The next UK Government must hit the ground running, and we look forward to working with our members and the next government to identify shovel-ready schemes that can be moved towards delivery without delay, and which will create jobs, boost economic growth, and improve the quality of life for communities up and down 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.

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