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**Civil Engineering Contractors Association  
Priorities for a new UK Government's  
first 100 days in office**

The **Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA)** is the representative body for companies who work day-to-day to deliver, upgrade, and maintain the country's infrastructure.

With more than 300 members based across the devolved nations of Scotland and Wales and the six English regions, CECA represents firms who together carry out an estimated 70-80 per cent of all civil engineering activity in the UK, in the key sectors of transport, energy, communications, waste, and water.

CECA members directly employ more than 250,000 people across the UK, and support supply chains that provide employment for many thousands more, generating the economic growth that businesses and communities rely upon.





## Introduction

**As we approach the General Election on 4 July, prospective governing parties are giving thought to the agenda they will communicate to the UK public once a new Government is in place.**

This vision is set out for the first 100 days of a new Government, when focus will shift to what the UK's new leadership will do to improve the UK's economic and social outcomes.

In our policy document *Priorities for an incoming Government 2024-25* (January 2024) the Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) set out the policy framework needed to deliver the next infrastructure decade.

This short briefing focuses on what CECA members need from a new Government now to give them the confidence to deliver infrastructure fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## Unblock projects paused in the run-up to the General Election

The announcement of a General Election put a hiatus on the progression of critical infrastructure projects.

Notably, the long-anticipated planning decision on the next stage of the Lower Thames Crossing (LTC) was expected by 20 June, and has now been delayed until 4 October, when a new Government is in place.

Other critical infrastructure projects requiring early decisions from a new Government include proposals for new terminals at London Luton Airport and at the Port of Immingham.

CECA calls on the next Government to recognise the challenges the election period has put on project delivery and prioritise decision-making on this vital infrastructure.

## Deliver on-hold policy decisions

As with projects, the pre-election period of sensitivity meant that a number of policy issues were delayed, including the publication of the draft PR24 settlement in water, and the third Road Investment Strategy, while expected changes to the payment reporting regulations were also held up.

We hope that these issues can now be moved forward promptly, delivering clarity to industry.

## Publish a Policy Statement of Intent

Industry recognises that an incoming Government will not be able to implement all of its planned manifesto commitments overnight. In some cases decisions will turn on the outcome of a spending review to be undertaken in the months that follow the election.

However, industry functions best in an environment where they have clarity and certainty about policy. As such, we would welcome the publication of indicative policy statements in areas such as energy, transport, water, skills and employment, to help guide businesses on the general shape of policy in the first few weeks and months of a new Government.

Such advice will be particularly welcome in areas where there is uncertainty or a likely significant change of policy direction.

## Engage with industry on an English Skills Strategy

An incoming government will take responsibility for the skills system in England. This system will play a key role in ensuring that our sector has the capability and capacity needed to deliver the future infrastructure workforce.

Given the scale of the challenge, and the immediacy of the need for action, we would ask that the new Government works with all bodies representing the sector to make sure that there is a credible plan to secure this future workforce, with a single plan supported and endorsed by all key stakeholders.

## Set a date for next Fiscal Event

As common within a General Election period there is much speculation as to when a new Government will announce key fiscal events. This causes uncertainty for civil engineering contractors working primarily for public sector clients.

In the first 100 days of a new Government, CECA calls for a timetable for major fiscal events which must include timelines for the next Autumn Statement, Budget and any future Spending Review.

## Commit to Best Practice in Project Delivery

Infrastructure investment under a new Government will remain within the parameters of economic restraint and global uncertainty. Yet a high level of investment must be maintained to ensure the UK construction industry delivers infrastructure in line with public expectation.

The construction industry is committed to best practice and efficiency. To secure future efficiencies CECA recommends the next Government requires public bodies - including local authorities - to adopt, track progress and publicly report on the utilisation of best practice tools such as the Construction Playbook, Project 13, and the recent Cabinet Office frameworks review, alongside reporting on the impact of the Procurement Act which comes into force later this year.

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CECA members deliver work worth more than £15 billion per annum to the economy, undertake 75-80% of all civil engineering activity in the UK, and employ more than 250,000 people.

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