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CECA: Planning & Infrastructure Bill A ‘Landmark’ In Getting Britain Building Again

Civils contractors have said that today’s introduction of the UK Government’s Planning and Infrastructure Bill represent a ‘landmark’ in boosting economic growth.

This once-in-a-generation legislation will streamline the planning process in England and Wales, accelerate the delivery of key infrastructure and housing, and drive growth in the economy while safeguarding the environment.

Commenting, Director of Operations for the Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) Marie-Claude Hemming said: “This landmark legislation will create a smarter, faster, and more effective planning system to address the challenges faced by UK plc.

“For too long, critical infrastructure has been hindered by bureaucratic processes that stall projects and cause costly delays without improving outcomes.

“These inefficiencies have burdened the taxpayer, impeded progress, and held back the capacity of businesses and communities to grow and thrive.

“CECA has been at the forefront of advocating for radical changes to UK planning, and we are delighted that the Government is making changes to the judicial review process that can hold up projects unnecessarily - something CECA has long campaigned for.

“We particularly welcome provisions in the Bill that will fast-track new homes and infrastructure, ensuring that the default position in approving new schemes prioritises their potential to deliver growth and jobs.

“A simplified consenting process that accelerates project delivery will be essential to creating a UK that is competitive, future-ready, and delivers to public expectations.

“This Bill represents a historic opportunity to rise to the challenge of creating a planning system that is fit for purpose and meets the needs of a strong 21st century economy, with the high standard of living 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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