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## **CPA Welcomes Government Construction Strategy and Infrastructure Delivery Plan; Clarity and Confidence are Key**

Dr Diana Montgomery, Chief Executive of the Construction Products Association, commented following today's publication of the government's Construction Strategy together with its National Infrastructure Delivery Plan: "We are very pleased to see the government further clarify its wider strategy for construction, along with the means to deliver the pipeline of projects in an effective, efficient way which ensures that the country gets high-quality infrastructure it needs and taxpayers get value for money. We particularly welcome the inclusion, for the first time, of the government's plans to support delivery of large-scale housing and regeneration projects as well as key social infrastructure such as schools, together with those for economic infrastructure.

"The Construction Strategy released today spells out the government's plans to embed digital technologies such as BIM, effect new procurement methods which support greater collaboration, skills capacity and fair payment, and drive whole-life approaches to cost and carbon reduction. These changes should lead not only to further efficiencies but to government being a better client that more clearly and transparently communicates its requirements to industry about its programme of work.

"The National Infrastructure Delivery Plan provides much-needed, unified information for how the government intends to plan, prioritise, finance and bring critical projects to completion. We commend today's publication, having long called for such details as we believe they are key to ensuring that construction products manufacturers and distributors, together with the wider construction supply chain, have the clarity and confidence for the future in order to invest in skills and manufacturing capacity.

Dr Montgomery concluded: "Taken together, these publications reflect that, with more than a quarter of construction output from the public sector, government recognises its central role as the largest

single construction client in the UK with significant influence across the marketplace. With the details provided today, we are encouraged to believe that government is focused on delivery and committed to driving positive change in the industry.”

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**NOTE TO EDITORS:**

The *Government Construction Strategy 2016-20* can be found [here](#). The *National Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2016-2021* can be found [here](#).

The [Construction Products Association](#) represents the UK’s manufacturers and distributors of construction products and materials. The sector directly provides jobs for 313,000 people across 21,000 companies and has an annual turnover of more than £50 billion. The Association acts as the leading voice to promote and campaign for this vital UK industry.

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