



To: Michael Fallon; Mark Prisk; Paul Deighton; Patrick McLoughlin; David Laws; Matthew Hancock; Nick Boles; Grant Shapps; Jeremy Hunt; John Hayes; Chris Grayling; Ken Clarke; Greg Clark; Stephen Hammond

Cc: Michael Gove; Vince Cable; Eric Pickles; Philip Hammond; Ed Davey; Greg Barker

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Dear new Ministers,

Many congratulations on your appointments.

The construction industry looks forward to working with you to deliver first class infrastructure and to help promote economic growth. Construction, which makes up 8% of GDP, touches everyone's lives delivering the fabric of our society. It will no doubt be an important element in your new portfolios.

In particular we welcome the appointments of Michael Fallon to the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills; Mark Prisk as housing minister, Paul Deighton as commercial secretary to the Treasury where he will oversee the delivery of infrastructure; Patrick McLoughlin as transport secretary; Stephen Hammond as transport minister; David Laws as schools minister; Matthew Hancock to BIS and the Department of Education; Nick Boles as planning minister; Grant Shapps as co-chairman of the Conservative Party; Jeremy Hunt as health secretary; John Hayes as energy minister; Chris Grayling as justice secretary and Ken Clarke as minister without a portfolio.

As the government now moves to a fresh focus on implementation, we want you to know that the industry is here to support you as you make those briefs your own.

We hope you can take a few moments to look at our "Creating Britain's Future" campaign website (www.ukcg.org.uk/future) which shows the importance of construction to the economy and our capability in delivering growth and jobs.

One lasting Olympic legacy must surely be the fact that a great client provided the industry with an opportunity to build a first class product on time and budget that is the envy of the world. It shows construction team GB can deliver gold. It is therefore brilliant news that LOCOG chief executive Paul Deighton is to join the government to help drive investment in infrastructure.

Spending on infrastructure generates growth. The construction industry has one of the highest multipliers of any industry – every £1 invested in construction generates £2.84 in economic activity. It is not heavily dependent on imports so 92p of every £1 invested in construction stays in the UK, creating British jobs. Currently, construction employs 1 in 12 people in the UK.

As the leaders of construction's biggest firms we want to work with you to help deliver growth. There are also five key things you can do to help us:

- Moving forward the implementation of the UK Guarantees Scheme and working with the construction industry to boost infrastructure and housing to bring forward the pipeline of projects published with the last Autumn statement;
- Providing early signals on the level of public investment and the construction pipeline in the next CSR period;
- Making an early announcement on the future of the Private Finance Initiative;
- Providing clarity over the future direction of policy on the expansion of airport capacity in London and the South-East to ensure the UK is positioned for economic growth and investment, and
- Continuing to work with us to help create more apprenticeship opportunities within the industry.

We want to help you speed up decision making and find new ways of financing construction projects. Above all we want to help you find ways of growing the economy again.

We look forward to working with you.



Stephen Ratcliffe

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