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## **The importance of Infrastructure UK and the National Infrastructure Plan 2010**

The importance of our infrastructure to our economic well-being and the need to modernise it has been recognised by the Coalition Government. The question has been how to modernise it and where to focus, particularly in the current economic climate. The answer, at least in part, lies in the work of Infrastructure UK (IUK) and the National Infrastructure Plan 2010.

### **Infrastructure UK**

The establishment of IUK was first announced in the 2009 pre-budget report under the last administration. It's existence and role was confirmed in the June 2010 Budget.

IUK is a division of HM Treasury and is charged with both advising the Government and leading the Government's long term planning, prioritisation and delivery of infrastructure within the United Kingdom. It is to operate by engaging across all government departments and with the private sector. It is managed and directed by an Advisory Council whose members are both senior civil servants from key government departments and representatives from the private sector, all of whom have experience in the construction sector and the delivery of major projects.

### **The National Infrastructure Plan 2010**

IUK's first significant step has been the publication of the joint HM Treasury and IUK National Infrastructure Plan in late October. The plan is the Government's vision for the future of infrastructure in the United Kingdom and is a first - never before has there been such a plan.

It highlights:

1. The importance of integrated, modern, reliable and secure infrastructure for our economic prosperity.
2. The challenges in achieving this. Within the United Kingdom our existing infrastructure is old and out-dated and subject to increasing demand. It needs to be modernised against a backdrop of the current economic climate, over stretched public finances and international competition for the necessary human and financial resources.

3. The areas where investment will be prioritised:

- The development of a low carbon economy through increased energy efficiency, an increased supply of secure and affordable low carbon energy and a reduction in our dependency on imported hydro carbons;
- Improved transport links with confirmed funding of £10 billion for maintenance and investment in key road and local transport schemes; £14 billion for Network Rail maintenance and investment; funding for Crossrail and the London Underground network;
- Digital communications with a target of having the best superfast broadband in Europe by 2015;
- Flood management, water and waste; and
- Science and research to ensure the United Kingdom remains a world leader.

4. The continuing and increasing role of the private sector in infrastructure development.

### What does this mean in practice

After the concerns about the Comprehensive Spending Review and its impact on the domestic construction industry, the publication of the National Infrastructure Plan is some well needed good news. Modernising our infrastructure has clearly been put high on the Government's to do list and is seen as key to reversing the economic downturn and maintaining our competitive position in the global market. In the Comprehensive Spending Review some £40 billion was committed to infrastructure projects with a commitment to find £200 billion from the private and public sectors over the next five years.

Further, the plan offers the industry a clear insight into where the opportunities may lie and allows strategic planning to benefit from those opportunities. Undoubtedly those who will benefit the most are those who can demonstrate real value for money.



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