

Mineral Products Industry Priorities for Government

‘Delivering for the UK’

The mineral products and quarrying industry is an essential, indigenous and major primary material producer in its own right that is locked into the DNA of a whole host of other important industries. We are the largest supplier to the construction industry and sectors such as housing and property, as well as transport, energy and water all rely upon the supply of mineral products of one type or another. In short, we are critical to the development and maintenance of UK infrastructure, the built environment and for the improvement of people’s everyday lives.

Government’s post-election policy development and implementation will be central to the future health of the UK economy and the mineral products sector upon which so much depends. Negotiating a good deal on Brexit which maintains UK competitiveness will be vital.

Priorities for Government

Building confidence for investment by:

- Continuing to strengthen the economy, maintaining stability and minimising uncertainty

Boosting growth by:

- Implementing an Industrial Strategy which works for all UK sectors and regions
- Stimulating economic activity throughout the UK and maintaining and delivering infrastructure spending
- Increasing housebuilding and accelerating the delivery of energy and transport infrastructure

Improving productivity and UK supply chains by:

- Maximising indigenous supply of UK minerals and mineral products
- Supporting the need for a UK Minerals Strategy to ensure demand is supplied
- Developing a skills system that delivers on infrastructure and innovation
- Maintaining neutrality over all construction methods and adopting procurement policies that support responsible sourcing
- Making the link between all forms of development and the essential mineral products they rely on

Promoting industrial competitiveness by:

- Maximising access to the EU single market and other international markets
- Maintaining access to necessary labour & skills
- Maintaining regulatory & standards equivalence and the UK’s position as a world leader in standards and design codes development

Easing the tax burden by:

- Ensuring proportionate and consistent taxation which encourages investment
- Reviewing the scope and operation of environmental taxes, particularly carbon and energy taxation, to protect the competitiveness of UK Energy Intensive Industries
- Reviewing business rates to encourage investment

Cutting and improving ‘Red Tape’ by:

- Seeking opportunities to improve both EU and UK-derived regulation
- Recognising and minimising the cumulative impacts of regulation and avoiding regulatory duplication
- Improving the operation of both the mineral planning system and environmental permitting
- Improving the delivery and implementation of regulation through better resourcing and greater consistency

*Mineral Products for schools . . . hospitals . . . housing . . . roads . . . rail
. . . power stations . . . airports . . . ports . . . food . . . water . . . agriculture*

Priorities for the Industry

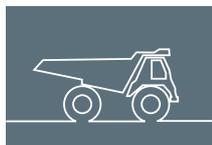
Meeting future demands for mineral products generated by economic growth and development by:

- Investing in indigenous mineral resources, manufacturing plant and transport operations
- Investing in our people to improve skills and competence and broaden awareness of employment opportunities in the sector
- Working with customers and clients to ensure efficient and sustainable use of industry products
- Contributing to the innovative development of mineral products and evolution of product standards and design codes

Improving the sustainability of UK supply by:

- Focussing on improving the health and safety of our workforce and all associated with the industry and minimising risk to the public
- Making maximum effective use of recycled and secondary materials
- Maximising opportunities for increasing biodiversity and nature conservation
- Seeking further opportunities for reducing energy use and carbon emissions
- Contributing to targets for improving air quality and reducing non-carbon emissions

The mineral products and quarrying industry contribution to the UK:



360mt

GB production of aggregates and manufactured mineral products



£6.4bn

Gross value added of our industry



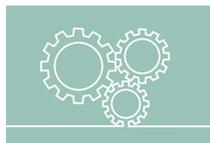
£144bn

Value of construction, our main customer



£20bn

Annual turnover



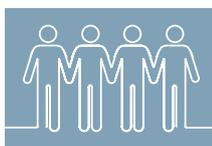
£495bn

Turnover of industries we supply



78,000

People directly employed in our industry



3.4m

Jobs supported through our supply chain

The Mineral Products Association is the trade association for the aggregates, asphalt, cement, concrete, dimension stone, lime, mortar and silica sand industries.

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