

# WHY IS THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SO IMPORTANT TO NORTHERN IRELAND?



Every £1 invested in construction generates £2.84 in economic activity

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Construction creates and sustains many jobs across a broad range of skills

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The work of the construction industry builds the infrastructure that provides a legacy for future generations and enables economic development

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Construction activity plays a central role in reducing Northern Ireland's carbon emissions

# 10 ACTIONS THE NI EXECUTIVE CAN TAKE TO HELP THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY REVITALISE THE WIDER ECONOMY:

## ACTION 1

Make investment in the building and maintenance of our infrastructure a top priority.

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## ACTION 2

Provide assistance to construction companies that are seeking to win work abroad.

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## ACTION 3

Change the status of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive so that it can borrow funds against its existing housing stock which is valued at over £3bn.

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## ACTION 4

Implement fully and urgently the recommendations in the Review of Planning.

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## ACTION 5

Continue to try and improve the availability of reasonable lending facilities to local companies.

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## ACTION 6

Use private finance to deliver infrastructure projects where value for money has been clearly established.

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## ACTION 7

If water charging is introduced, ring fence the revenue generated to reinvest in infrastructure.

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## ACTION 8

Incentivise and facilitate the speedy retrofitting of the existing housing stock to improve energy performance and reduce fuel poverty.

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## ACTION 9

Implement the industry proposals for fully employed construction apprenticeships.

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## ACTION 10

Continue the good work to reduce the regulatory burden on local business as part of the Better Regulation Programme.

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The Construction Industry Group is the umbrella group for these 20 representative organisations:

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Association for Project Safety (APS)  
Association of Building Engineers (ABE)  
Association of Consulting Engineers (ACE)  
Association of Project Management (APM)  
British Constructional Steelwork Association (BCSA)  
Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT)  
Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB)  
Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE)  
Concrete Society  
Construction Employers Federation (CEF)

Construction Surveyors Association Northern Ireland (CSANI)  
Electrical Contractors Association (ECA)  
Heating and Ventilating Contractors Association (HVCA)  
Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE)  
Institution of Structural Engineers (IStructE)  
Landscape Institute Northern Ireland (LINI)  
Quarry Products Association (QPA)  
Royal Society of Ulster Architects (RSUA)  
Scottish and Northern Ireland Plumbing Employers Federation (SNIPEF)  
Wood NI