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## **ALL MEMBERS MEMORANDUM No. 130 - 20**

### **NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

The future pipeline of work is a major concern for BCSA members and BCSA has written to the, Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy at the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy urging him to encourage both public and private sector clients not to shelve projects but to accelerate and bring forward construction sector projects.

The Transport Secretary, Grant Shapps, announced a transport infrastructure investment fund worth £1.7 billion to improve roads and railways and to accelerate vital repairs to the transport systems.

However, information from 'Builder's Conference' shows a continued downward trend in both the number and value of contracts awarded in the first two weeks of May. In the six weeks before the lockdown there was an average of 122 contracts awarded each week. In the first and second weeks of May there were just 66 and 94 contracts awarded respectively and the value of the contracts awarded fell from an average of £2.08 billion per week to just £0.3 billion in the first week of May and £1.43 billion in the second week of May.

BCSA will continue to urge the government to progress as a matter of urgency with the infrastructure projects promised in the budget and at the same time encourage private clients to continue with their construction projects so that the work is brought on-stream later this year.

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