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HOW CONSTRUCTION HAS HELPED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

Companies from across the UK construction sector are being asked to showcase how they have played their part in the fight against Covid-19.

Since the initial outbreak of coronavirus in March 2020, businesses from across the industry have been supporting the fight against the disease, providing vital resource to those on the frontline, and safeguarding construction workers and local communities.

Today sees the launch of a website www.constructioncovid19response.co.uk that showcases examples of these responses.

The site is structured around four themes:

1. Building NHS Capacity
2. Donating PPE
3. Safeguarding Workers
4. Helping Communities

Commenting, Andy Mitchell CBE, co-Chair of the Construction Leadership Council, said:

"No-one can have any doubt that the true heroes of the pandemic are those who work day in, day out in our NHS and care system, risking their lives to help others.

But I have also been proud to see the response of the UK construction industry, which has come together to support our NHS, change the way we work, and support the communities in which we live.

The delivery of the NHS Nightingale hospitals within a matter of weeks has required 24 hour working at all levels of the UK construction supply chain, and a level of co-operation that has shown UK construction at its very best.

Industry has not only stepped up to the plate in a time of crisis but has donated millions of pieces of much-needed PPE to hospitals, care-homes, and other front-line workers.

We have also moved at speed to implement safe working practices in response to Covid-19 so where work can be done safely it can continue.

Industry and Government's priority now must be a long-term recovery plan for our sector, which will be at the very heart of the UK's economic revival in the months and years ahead."

The site is open to businesses from across the construction sector. Please send any case studies to hustongilmore@ceca.co.uk



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1. Notes to editors – the site has been prepared as part of the work of the Construction Leadership Council Covid-19 Taskforce. The taskforce includes representatives from the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, Infrastructure & Projects Authority, Infrastructure Client Group, Association for Consultancy & Engineering, British Property Federation, Builders Merchant Federation, Build UK, CITB, Civil Engineering Contractors Association, Construction Industry Council, Construction Products Association, Electrical Contractors' Association (ECA), Federation of Master Builders, Home Builders Federation and National Federation of Builders.

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