



INCOSE UK are Proud to Support the NEPC 2020 Spending Review Paper, with Infrastructure, Low-Carbon Energy, and Skills Recommended as Top Priorities for Government Investment

In a joint paper compiled by the NEPC, over 40 engineering organisations representing more than 450,000 UK engineers call for the government to invest in its proposed actions to help decarbonise the economy, and create a national workforce planning strategy to create jobs and spread opportunities more evenly across the nation. It says the UK could position itself as a market leader in low carbon technologies. But achieving net zero carbon emissions depends on a resilient infrastructure system – the net zero and resilience agendas must be achieved together.

INCOSE UK President, Kirsty Akroyd-Wallis said: *'INCOSE UK are delighted to be a partner of the NEPC and are proud to have contributed to the development of the National Engineering Policy Centre (NEPC) paper containing recommendations related to the Government's 2020 Spending Review. We feel that addressing the challenges in engineering a resilient and sustainable future requires cross-government action, and are proud to have been involved with the development of the key priorities to begin this.'*

The 2020 Spending Review is one of the most important in a generation, coming at a time when the UK is in recession and the impact of the pandemic has increased inequality. Careful and considered decisions must now be made about physical and digital infrastructure in order to drive economic recovery and provide skilled jobs. The paper calls for long-term evidence-based infrastructure to be addressed, with individual regions being given the freedom to create infrastructure strategies. It also recommends building world-class digital connectivity and infrastructure that is fast, secure, and resilient enough for an advanced digital economy.

You can read the full paper and the open letter which was sent to the Chancellor, by visiting [The Royal Academy of Engineering website](#).



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