



## BuildForce

We, the undersigned, commit to honour the Armed Forces Covenant and support the Armed Forces Community. We recognise the value Serving Personnel, both Regular and Reservists, Veterans and military families contribute to our business and our country.

### BuildForce

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Date: 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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Signed:

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## And their Families

The first duty of Government is the defence of the realm. Our Armed Forces fulfil that responsibility on behalf of the Government, sacrificing some civilian freedoms, facing danger and, sometimes, suffering serious injury or death as a result of their duty. Families also play a vital role in supporting the operational effectiveness of our Armed Forces. In return, the whole nation has a moral obligation to the members of the Naval Service, the Army and the Royal Air Force, together with their families. They deserve our respect and support, and fair treatment.

Those who serve in the Armed Forces, whether Regular or Reserve, those who have served in the past, and their families, should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services. Special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most such as the injured and the bereaved.

This obligation involves the whole of society: it includes voluntary and charitable bodies, private organisations, and the actions of individuals in supporting the Armed Forces.

Recognising those who have performed military duty unites the country and demonstrates the value of their contribution. This has no greater expression than in upholding this Covenant.

### Section 1: Principles Of The Armed Forces Covenant

- 1.1 We BuildForce will endeavour in our business dealings to uphold the key principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, which are:
- *no member of the Armed Forces Community should face disadvantage in the provision of public and commercial services compared to any other citizen*
  - *in some circumstances special treatment may be appropriate especially for the injured or bereaved.*

### Section 2: Demonstrating our Commitment

- 2.1 BuildForce recognises the value serving personnel, reservists, veterans and military families bring to our business. We will seek to uphold the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, by:
- *promoting the fact that we are an armed forces-friendly organisation;*
  - *seeking to support the employment of veterans young and old and working with the Career Transition Partnership (CTP), in order to establish a tailored employment pathway into construction and the built environment for Service Leavers;*
  - *hold Industry Insight days promoting Construction and the built environment to Service Leavers*
  - *continue to grow the BuildForce Alliance; providing more opportunities for Veterans and Service Leavers*
  - *support Veterans and Service Leavers into a second career in construction and the built environment;*

- *offer 1-2-1 mentoring, work placements and support upskilling for those interested in a career in construction and the built environment;*
- *offer extra support to those who may have personal circumstances working with our Alliance to accommodate this;*
- *aiming to actively participate in Armed Forces Day.*

2.2 We will publicise these commitments through our literature and/or on our website, setting out how we will seek to honour them and inviting feedback from the Service community and our customers on how we are doing.