

Parliamentarians

A launch event in Portcullis House, brought together parliamentarians and industry to hear about the aims of the UK Steel Charter. Speakers included Andrew Stephenson MP (Business and Industry Minister, BEIS), Luis Sanz (Chair, UK Steel, and CEO, Celsa UK), Roy Rickhuss (General Secretary, Community), Deirdre Fox (Vice Chair, UK Steel, and Director, Tata Steel), and Nic Dakin MP (Scunthorpe, and Chair, Steel APPG).

The following parliamentarians have signed the Charter, pledging their support for the UK Steel industry:

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| 1. Andrew Percy MP | 14. Jessica Morden MP | 27. Ruth Jones MP |
| 2. Andrew Stephenson MP | 15. Rt Hon John Healey MP | 28. Ruth Smeeth MP |
| 3. Andy McDonald MP | 16. Justin Madders MP | 29. Simon Clarke MP |
| 4. Anna Turley MP | 17. Madeleine Moon MP | 30. Rt Hon Sir Michael Fallon MP |
| 5. Baroness Redfern | 18. Marion Fellows MP | 31. Sir Peter Bottomley MP |
| 6. Barry Gardiner MP | 19. Rt Hon Mark Tami MP | 32. Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP |
| 7. Bill Esterson MP | 20. Martin Vickers MP | 33. Stephen Doughty MP |
| 8. Rt Hon Caroline Flint MP | 21. Nia Griffith MP | 34. Stephen Kinnock MP |
| 9. Chris Elmore MP | 22. Nic Dakin MP | 35. Tom Pursglove MP |
| 10. Rt Hon David Hanson MP | 23. Nick Smith MP | |
| 11. Dr Caroline Johnson MP | 24. Rt Hon Pat McFadden MP | |
| 12. Gill Furniss MP | 25. Rachel Reeves MP | |
| 13. Ian Austin MP | 26. Richard Harrington MP | |

Speaking at the launch, UK Steel Director General, Gareth Stace said:

"I am incredibly proud that my organisation is launching the UK Steel Charter. We have worked hand in hand with the UK, Welsh and Scottish Governments in recent years to change the way steel is procured in this country, much progress has been made but we know more can still be done. I am therefore incredibly pleased to see the Department for Business today signing up to this charter, making a strong showing of support for our industry.

"This initiative, and BEIS's support for it, will encourage as many organisations as possible to take a more proactive and thoughtful approach to their procurement of steel in the future, and importantly publicise the exemplar approach that many organisations are already taking."

"UK public procurement accounts for a massive 14% of UK GDP each year, its decisions are therefore a hugely important policy tool and perhaps the most significant intervention the Government makes in the economy. Government procurement decisions are important in themselves but also as a driver and catalyst for positive change elsewhere in the economy. It is therefore essential that a more strategic and long term approach to procurement is developed, sitting at the heart of the Industrial Strategy.

Further information:

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