



SPOTLIGHT ON THE UK GROUND INVESTIGATION INDUSTRY

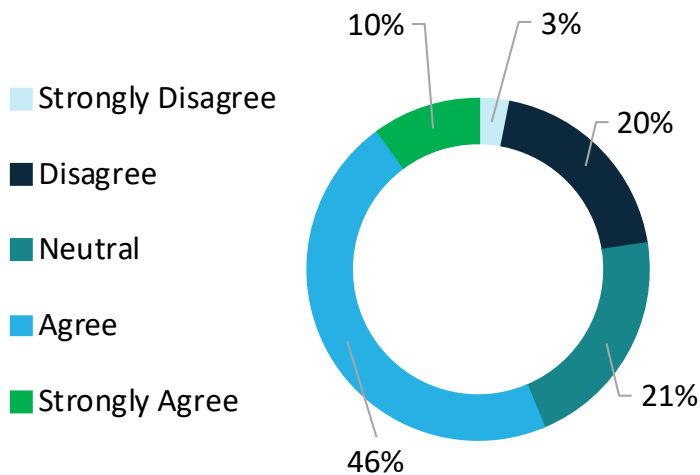
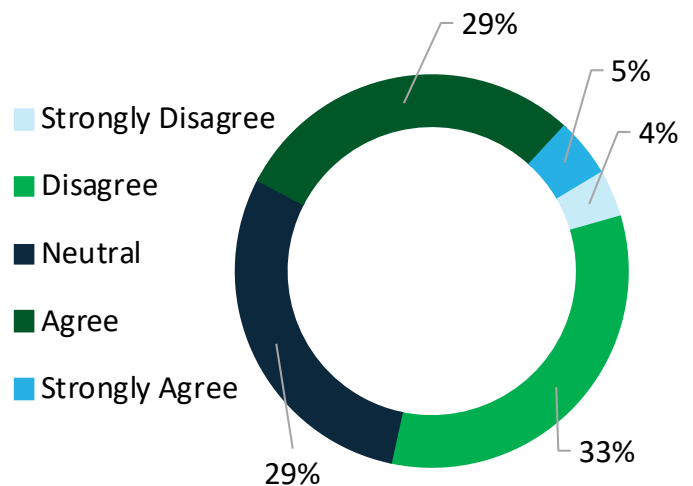
The Association of Geotechnical and Geo-environmental Specialists (AGS) and the British Drilling Association (BDA) agreed in 2016 to set up a joint initiative to shine a ‘Spotlight’ on the UK Ground Investigation industry. This is one of several Bulletins providing statistical feedback from the survey’s findings. To read the Position Paper that was issued prior to the survey, [click here](#).

# RESULTS FROM THE SURVEY

## CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS / ENFORCEMENT VS TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Question 20e of the survey asked to what extent participants agreed with the following statements in relation to UK GI: “Contract specifications do not include the Technical Standards”

- In total, 34% agreed with this statement and 37% disagreed. 29% remained neutral.
- A large proportion of those based in Scotland disagreed to any extent.



Question 20f of the survey referred to the following statement: “The Technical Standards are not rigorously enforced throughout a contract”

- In total, 56% agreed and 23% disagreed.
- A greater proportion of Members of the Association of Geotechnical and Geo-Environmental Specialists agreed to any extent.
- Respondents from Scotland were more likely to disagree to any extent.

# WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

**If you have any immediate responses to the data presented in this Bulletin and would like to engage in further productive discussions, then we want to hear from you.**

Due to the time-consuming nature of responding to feedback across various media platforms, we are encouraging all parties keen to open topics of discussion to do so via email: [info@ags-bda-taskforce.co.uk](mailto:info@ags-bda-taskforce.co.uk)

**We want to know what you think would be the best next-step or course of action for the topic discussed in this Bulletin, considering the data given above. Examples are given below:**

- Seminars / Webinars covering the topic
- Technical articles in magazines
- Training courses covering the topic
- Further detailed surveys on the topic
- Dedicated conference/discussion panels
- Detailed guidance documents from Trade Associations
- Further analysis of the survey data on this topic
- No necessary course of action

Please forward this Bulletin and future Bulletins on to your colleagues and industry contacts in order to ensure as wider saturation for these discussions as possible. Also follow the AGS BDA Task Force on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) to stay up to date with the latest developments.

**There are several Bulletins emanating from this survey. Each Bulletin will be available for download from the Trade Association(s) and Task Force websites once published.**

**The survey has raised some important discussion points which the industry should discuss and debate. The hot topics will be the focal point for the conference at [Geotechnica 2017](#), alongside other prospective upcoming industry events.**

*Further results from the Survey will be available to download following the distribution of all Bulletins. The data summaries are provided by The Dunsmore Consultancy who independently analysed the survey responses.*