



SPOTLIGHT ON THE UK GROUND INVESTIGATION INDUSTRY

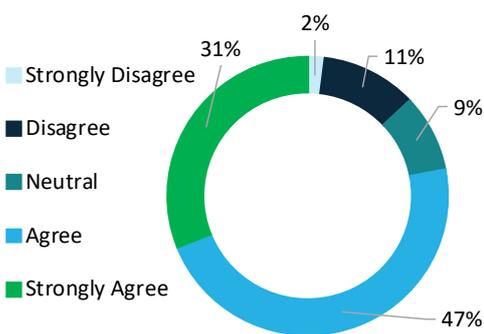
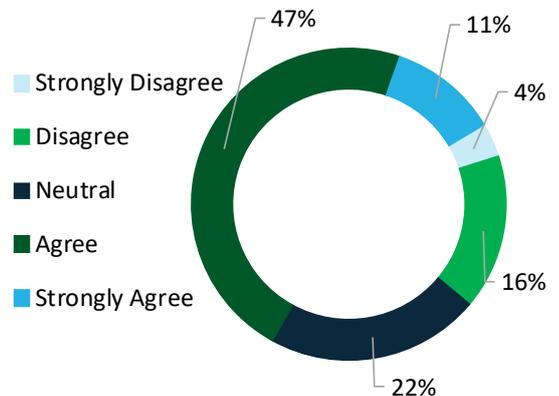
The Association of Geotechnical and Geo-environmental Specialists (AGS) and the British Drilling Association (BDA) agreed in 2016 to set up a joint initiative to shine a ‘Spotlight’ on the UK Ground Investigation industry. This is one of several Bulletins providing statistical feedback from the survey’s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

# RESULTS FROM THE SURVEY

## PROCUREMENT VS TECHNICAL STANDARDS AND HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE LEGISLATION

Question 20a of the survey asked to what extent participants agreed with the following statements in relation to UK GI: **“Inappropriate procurement processes discourage adhering to the Technical Standards”**

- In total, 58% agreed and 20% disagreed.
- Analysis revealed that most participants aged between 45 and 65 years or who had more than 20 years industry experience agreed to any extent.
- Senior Managers/Directors and those based in Scotland were more likely to disagree to any extent.

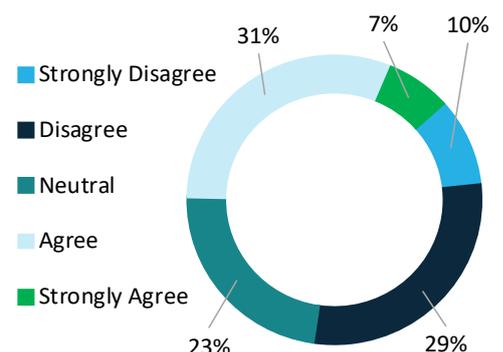


Question 20b of the survey referred to the following statement: **“Procurement decisions based primarily on cost discourage adhering to the Technical Standards”**

- In total 78% of respondents agreed and 13% disagreed.
- A large proportion of Men, AGS members and Business owners agreed or strongly agreed.

Question 20c: **“Inappropriate procurement processes discourage abiding by Health, Safety and Welfare legislation”**

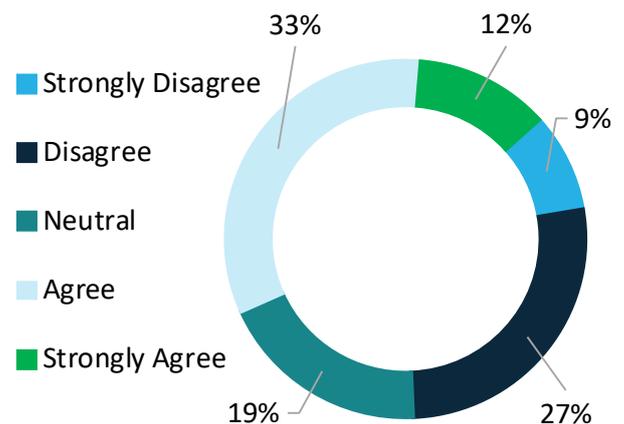
- In total, 38% agreed while 39% disagreed.
- Senior managers/Directors; those based in Scotland or Greater London and those involved in commissioning private work were all more likely to disagree with this statement.



# RESULTS FROM THE SURVEY CONT.

Question 20d of the survey asked to what extent participants agreed with the following statements in relation to UK GI: “Procurement decisions based primarily on cost discourage abiding by Health, Safety and Welfare legislation”

- In total, 45% agreed with this statement and 36% disagreed.
- Analysis revealed that a large proportion of Business owners agreed to any extent while those involved in commissioning work in the public sector 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:**

Please forward this Bulletin and future Bulletins on to your colleagues and industry contacts in order to

- 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

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.*