



SPOTLIGHT ON THE UK GROUND INVESTIGATION INDUSTRY

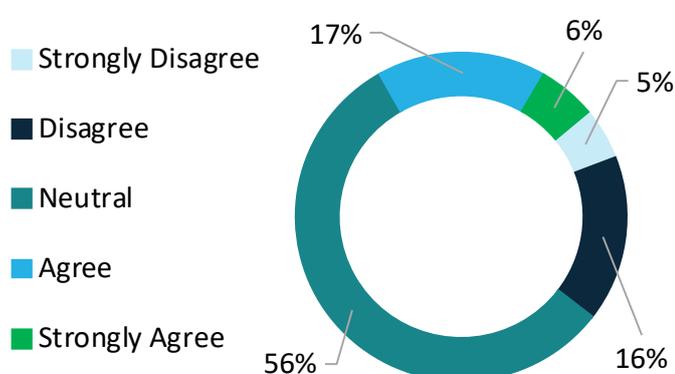
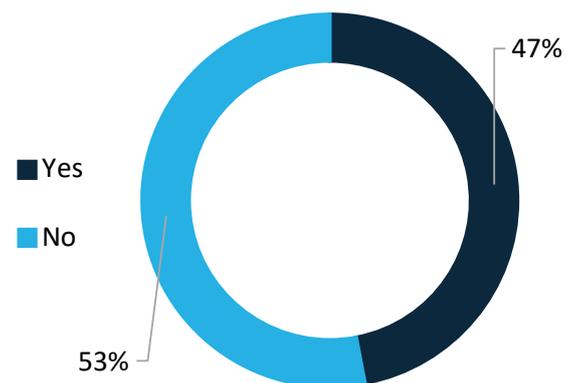
The Association of Geotechnical and Geo-environmental Specialists (AGS) and the British Drilling Association (BDA) agreed in 2016 to set up a joint initiative to shine a 'Spotlight' on the UK Ground Investigation industry. This is one of several Bulletins providing statistical feedback from the survey's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

RESULTS FROM THE SURVEY

EXPERIENCE AND BEST PRACTICE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

Question 16 of the survey asked participants the following: "Do you have experience of applying non-UK technical standards?"

- Just under half of respondents reported having experience of applying non technical standards.
- Respondents from Greater London, Senior Managers/Directors and those with Professional/Chartered status were more likely to report this.



Question 22e of the survey asked to what extent participants agreed with the following statement: "The UK GI industry would benefit from adopting best practice from other countries."

- In total, 23% agreed with this statement and 21% disagreed. A majority of respondents, 56% remained neutral.
- Statistical analysis revealed that Members of the British Drilling Association were more likely to disagree to any extent.

A further question (23) was asked to clarify which practices from other countries respondents thought might be adopted. A total of 62 text responses were submitted. Among the suggestions were:

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| 7 | In situ tests | 3 | CPT testing |
| 5 | Rotary boring | 2 | US EPA |
| 5 | Health and safety | 2 | Alternative to Cable Percussion Boring |
| 5 | Practices in Australia | | |

CLICK HERE TO VIEW ALL 62 OF THE TEXT RESPONSES TO THIS QUESTION

NB: These text responses are verbatim contributions from survey respondents. The AGS BDA Task Force has chosen to publish these anonymous contributions in order to best reflect the factual findings from the survey. Each individual comment/contribution is opinion held by the contributor only and does not necessarily reflect the stance of either Trade Association.

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

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.