



## 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](#).

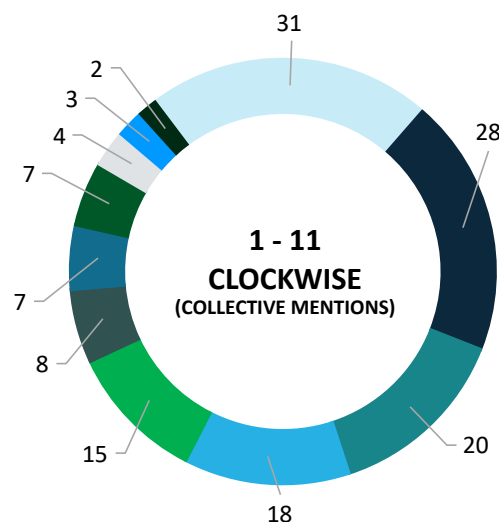
# RESULTS FROM THE SURVEY

## IMPROVING THE UPTAKE OF THE TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Question 26 of the survey asked: "Do you have any suggestions for improving the uptake of the technical standards?"

- In total, 188 respondents contributed to this free-text question. The suggestions were wide ranging.
- Some of the responses were very detailed and some clear themes arose from the responses.

1. Educating clients about value of GI
2. Monitoring, Enforcement of work to Standard
3. Revise the Technical Standards
4. Training
5. Promote the Technical Standards to industry
6. Make standards more widely/cheaply available
7. Summarise or condense standards
8. Retention of staff/working conditions
9. Role for Trade Association(s)
10. Consultant/contractor relationship
11. Included as part of university degree courses



[CLICK HERE TO VIEW ALL 193 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](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.*