

Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP
Secretary of State
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
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Dear Secretary of State

25.05.21 **Re: The Construction Leadership Council's National Retrofit Strategy**

We are writing as a coalition of more than 50 organisations to call on you to incorporate the recommendations of the Construction Leadership Council's (CLC) National Retrofit Strategy into the content and implementation of the Government's forthcoming Heat and Buildings Strategy.

If the UK is to meet our world-leading carbon reduction targets, create jobs, and level up, we must address the energy and water inefficiency of our 28 million homes. Our strategy is a blueprint, endorsed by the construction industry and beyond, for growing the domestic energy efficiency retrofit sector over the next twenty years.

Our homes account for 35% of all energy use and emit 20% of total carbon dioxide emissions. Widescale domestic retrofit is essential to the Net Zero agenda and backing a long-term strategy will help position the UK as global market leader in the low carbon economy ahead of the United Nations Climate Change Conference in November.

The National Retrofit Strategy will support the UK to build back better and greener from the pandemic, and it will help deliver the ambitions that the Government has committed to in the Energy White Paper and the 10 Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution.

Importantly, long-term backing by Government will give confidence and consistency to businesses and households who want to invest in retrofit. Our modelling shows that Government investment of just over £5 billion by the end of this Parliament, would create 100,000 jobs across the UK to support the levelling-up agenda, generate Government revenue of more than £12 billion, provide additional GDP of more than £21 billion, and unlock £11.4 billion of private capital.¹

We want to work with the Government to make retrofit a success and hope that the strategy is a useful summary of what will be required. We look forward to working with you now and into the Comprehensive Spending Review to achieve our shared goals.

Yours sincerely

Signatories

Actuate UK
Arup
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Bathroom Manufacturers Association
Bradford Council
Builders Merchants Federation
Canopy Housing
Centre for Ageing Better
Chartered Institute of Building
Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers

¹ <https://www.constructionleadershipcouncil.co.uk/news/national-retrofit-strategy-consultative-document/>

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FENSA Ltd
Glass and Glazing Federation
Green Building Store
Green Finance Institute
Insulation Manufacturers Association
LEDA Ltd
Leeds Community Homes
Local Authority Building Control
Melius Homes Limited
NAPIT
National Federation of Builders
National Federation of Roofing Contractors
National Home Improvement Council
Otley Energy
Parity Projects
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