

Energy Efficiency First Declaration

Responding to the devastating threat of climate change, Parliament has now declared a climate emergency and the UK Government has legislated to reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. This target can only be achieved with a major reduction in energy demand.

Huge potential still remains for making our homes more energy efficient. The UK can cost-effectively reduce energy demand in homes by a quarter. This is equivalent to the output of six nuclear power stations the size of Hinkley Point C and could save the average household £270 every year. There is technical potential to go even further and halve energy demand in homes.

As leading charities, NGOs and businesses, we are calling for energy efficiency to be an infrastructure investment priority and to allocate at least £1 billion of additional public investment every year to household energy efficiency, prioritising the fuel poor.

Doing so is a huge public investment opportunity. It is the most cost-effective way to reduce carbon emissions and helps everyone to bring down their energy bills. It generates strong economic returns, creates thousands of high quality jobs and reduces NHS costs. It is also essential for an affordable transition to zero carbon heating and for fulfilling the Government's legal duty to end fuel poverty by 2030.

No other infrastructure project can do so much for so many.

Scotland has already acted with cross-party support, and their energy efficiency infrastructure programme is delivering powerful results. We know what to do. We know it works. An energy efficiency programme based on the Scottish model, with higher levels of investment and high standards, now needs to be rolled out across the UK.

It is time to get on track to net-zero and end fuel poverty.

It is time to put energy efficiency first.

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