



To: Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government  
Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

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Dear Secretaries of State,

As you know, the Paris Climate Agreement commits participating countries to limiting global warming to well below 2°C this century. With the UK's buildings contributing 30% of our greenhouse gas emissions<sup>1</sup> – and with emissions from buildings on the rise again after years of good progress – we call on you to act swiftly to introduce robust new energy performance standards for the UK's buildings.

The construction and property sector stands ready to deliver on bold targets for energy performance and low carbon solutions. But we urgently need both medium- and long-term policy certainty to drive significant investment and catalyse innovation. This would work hand in hand with the industry's drive to boost productivity and skills through the new Construction Sector Deal.

We agree with the Committee on Climate Change – the Government's official advisory body on meeting our carbon targets – that new build standards should be tightened without further delay. We therefore call on the Government to signal as soon as possible that by 2030 all new buildings should be 'net zero carbon', which means reducing all energy use as far as technically possible, with remaining demand met through renewables. As a first step the Government must also swiftly confirm that from 2020 energy performance standards will be significantly improved to put us on the right path towards the 2030 goal.

A construction industry equipped to meet the future can play a pivotal role in delivering the clean growth that lies at the heart of the Government's new Industrial Strategy. We urge you to deliver the policy certainty we need to enable us to play our full part in driving the UK economy forward as we look to a post-Brexit future.

Yours sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> [Meeting Carbon Budgets: Closing the policy gap 2017 Report to Parliament](#)

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