

## GREEN CONSTRUCTION BOARD WELCOMES THE CLEAN GROWTH MISSION TO HALVE THE ENERGY USE OF NEW BUILDINGS BY 2030

The Green Construction Board (GCB) welcomes the launch by the Prime Minister of the Grand Challenge missions, including the Clean Growth Mission to at least halve the energy use of new buildings by 2030 (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/industrial-strategy-the-grand-challenges/missions#buildings>).

The launch of this Mission has the potential to dramatically improve the energy performance of buildings, benefitting firms and households, increase innovation in relation to low carbon technologies and reduce the cost of these, and to improve the quality of construction. It will also benefit consumers through developing smart technologies that give them a greater ability to monitor and control their energy consumption.

Whilst the focus of the Mission is on new buildings, the development of new energy efficiency technologies will also benefit existing buildings, and drive the growth of the retrofit market in the UK. David Pinder, Chair of the Green Construction Board and CEO of Baxi Heating UK Ltd, responded to the Prime Minister's speech today by commenting:

*"The UK construction industry should welcome this challenge, coming as it does from the largest client of our services, and at a time when we all recognise the great need for answers to the problems of poor energy efficiency within our housing sector and the wider built environment. Having a long-term mission and target from Government – particularly one that is sufficiently ambitious to drive innovation in products and solutions – should help focus minds throughout the construction supply chain. I'm certain we can rise to the challenge, and I look forward to leading the discussion with my colleagues on the Green Construction Board to make that happen."*

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