



* for Background information to these Recommendations see over

* The Green Construction Board convened a time-limited Taskgroup in September 2018, chaired by Board member Lynne Sullivan OBE, to inform their recommendations in response to government’s announcement on the Clean Growth Grand Challenge to “use new technologies and modern construction practices to at least halve the energy use of new buildings by 2030 and to halve the costs of reaching the same standard in existing buildings.”

To respond to the second part of the Buildings ‘Mission’, on existing buildings, between December 2018 and February 2020 the Green Construction Board held two multi-stakeholder Retrofit Roundtables. Notes from the Roundtables, and summary Board reports on buildings Retrofit in May and September 2019, were reviewed and discussed at meetings of the Green Construction Board and are available as background to these Recommendations (on request). The BEIS team and Construction Products Association (supporting GCB) were consistently represented and participated. These recommendations were adopted at the Green Construction Board meeting on 14th May 2020 to be put forward to BEIS as their response, and to coincide with, and inform, current calls for green stimulus policies which deliver short and long-run economic multipliers after the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic.

Note: Since the Board was established in 2011, existing buildings’ retrofit has been a consistent priority in our work and outputs include commissioning in 2013 a scoping report on an “Existing Buildings Support Mechanism”; and in 2015 commissioning and supporting the “Solid Wall Insulation” report by the then Chief Construction Advisor Peter Hansford.

Referenced above:

“Notes of Retrofit Roundtable held at BEIS on 12th December 2018”

“Board Paper: Report and suggested Retrofit Action Plan” May 2019

“Board Paper: Priorities for addressing the Energy Efficiency of our existing buildings” September 2019

“Notes of Expert Roundtable on Retrofit for Net Zero Carbon – the issues of Energy Supply and Demand Reduction” co-hosted with UCL Energy Institute February 2020