



LEADING INDUSTRY BODY ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF RESPONSE TO 'BUILDINGS MISSION 2030'

A leading industry body has announced the launch of its response to the Government's 2018 Grand Challenge to 'at least halve' the energy usage of new buildings by 2030 by using new technologies and modern construction practices.

Hosted by Baxi Heating, the 'Developer's Forum' on Friday 7th June 2019 will see The Green Construction Board (GCB), the sustainability workstream of the Construction Leadership Council (CLC), launch its response to the '2030 Buildings Mission', presenting a summary of its findings and taking questions on the reply.

The report places the recommendations in the context of the longer-term objective of Net Zero Carbon buildings and asserts that new technologies and modern construction methods are not a pre-requisite for delivery. However, the GCB response calls out the need for mass production of high-performance fabric and systems to operationalise the solutions at scale.

Using case studies to provide background evidence for recommendations on reducing energy demand and improving energy and system efficiencies, the report unequivocally supports the view that the Mission is deliverable.

At the launch, Lynne Sullivan, OBE, Architect, Green Construction Board Member and Chair of the GCB Buildings Mission Taskgroup, will present a summary of the GCB's response to the government.

Lynne said that, "the report provides background evidence for our Recommendations, which are positioned in the context of the longer-term objective of Net Zero Carbon buildings. We have focused, as a nearer term objective, on reducing energy demand and improving energy and system efficiencies. Along with process efficiencies including better quality management and procurement practices, we demonstrate how the Challenge can be tackled pragmatically, building on current best practice.



“Our Recommendations unequivocally support the Mission objective and this report demonstrates that it is realisable. We call for urgent and consistent action on three fronts - regulation, incentives and supporting research – and whilst the government’s Challenge was framed in the context of new technologies and modern construction practices it is notable that the exemplars cited in this report do not suggest that these are a significant pre-requisite.”

David Pinder, Chair of the GCB and CEO UK and Ireland Baxi Heating, commented:

“I am proud to be part of a group that is championing the delivery of a more environmentally sustainable construction agenda, which is fundamental to the UK achieving its clean growth goals.

“It is a privilege to work with industry experts with such a wealth of knowledge, and also the vision and passion to deliver a future with zero carbon buildings and a cleaner environment.”

To download a full copy of the report and resulting recommendations, please visit: <http://www.constructionleadershipcouncil.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/GCB-Energy-Mission-Report-300419-FINAL.pdf>

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