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CONSTRUCTION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL WRITES TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR BUSINESS, ENERGY AND INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY AHEAD OF THE HEAT AND BUILDINGS STRATEGY

The CLC has published the [second iteration of the National Retrofit Strategy](#), a twenty-year blueprint for how the construction industry can work with Government to retrofit the UK's 28 million existing homes. Following open consultation with the construction industry, the strategy now has over 50 supporter organisations.

In partnership with 38 signatories, the CLC has written to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, enclosing the strategy, and calling on the Government to adopt its themes within the content and implementation of the Heat and Buildings Strategy. A copy of the letter is available [here](#).

Mark Reynolds, Deputy Chair of the Construction Leadership Council, said: "Our homes account for 20% of UK carbon emissions and 35% of energy use. To deliver on the Prime Minister's commitment to reduce carbon emissions by 78% by 2035, the construction industry must work with the Government and take action on reducing the environmental impact of our buildings. As an integral part of the CLC's Co2nstruct Zero campaign, I am pleased that the National Retrofit Strategy is steadily gaining supporters ahead of United Nations Climate Change Conference in November."

Brian Berry, Chair of the CLC Domestic RMI Working Group said: "The National Retrofit Strategy is a blueprint for making green home upgrades accessible to all British households. This will help make our homes more comfortable and cheaper to run. This strategy also has the potential to unlock 100,000 new jobs and save 2.53Mt of carbon dioxide in the first four years, in return for £5.3 billion of Government investment. This will support the levelling-up agenda, helping us to build back better and greener."

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About the Construction Leadership Council (CLC)

The CLC's mission is to provide sector leadership to the construction industry. The expanded CLC has twelve workstreams that operate collaboratively to address the biggest issues facing the sector, focused on the Industry Recovery Plan. Workstreams include skills and inclusion, building safety and business models. The CLC is co-chaired by Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP, Minister for Business and Industry, and Andy Mitchell CBE, CEO of Thames Tideway.