



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Jean Constant

RE: CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY EFFICIENT HOMES.

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of climate change and making homes energy efficient.

Climate change is arguably one of the most serious long-term economic threats that this country and this world faces.

I agree that the sustainability of buildings is crucial to tackling climate change in the UK, and recognise that energy efficiency and decarbonising buildings will be key to meeting our domestic commitments.

All households should be able to invest in energy efficiency improvements, so I am pleased that there is a range of programmes designed to support different houses and locations. Over two million energy efficiency measures have been installed in over 1.7 million homes since 2013 and the Government has announced through its Clean Growth Strategy that it will invest around £3.6 billion to upgrade around a million homes through the Energy Company Obligation by 2020, and extend that support to 2028.

I also welcome the Government's ambition to want all fuel poor homes to be upgraded to Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) Band C by 2030. For privately rented homes, the Government has legislated so that from April 2018, landlords of the worst performing properties will need to improve those properties to a minimum of EPC Band E and will shortly consult on steps to make these regulations more effective. A long-term strategy will also be implemented to improve the energy performance standards of privately rented homes, with the aim of upgrading as many as possible to EPC Band C by 2035 where practical, cost-effective and affordable.

More broadly, following the outcome of the independent review of Building Regulations and fire safety, and subject to its conclusions, the Government intends to consult on strengthening energy performance standards for new and existing homes under Building Regulations, including futureproofing new homes for low carbon heating systems.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.



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