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Dear Signatories,

Thank you for your letter dated 25 May, regarding the Construction Leadership Council's (CLC) National Retrofit Strategy.

As I set out during the CLC broadcast call on 26 April, the Government continues to be very grateful for the efforts of those working in the construction sector. I am encouraged by the vision and leadership shown by the CLC Taskforce throughout the pandemic, serving as a focal point for the industry, and supporting businesses and individuals to continue to operate safely throughout. As we emerge from the Covid-19 crisis, the CLC will continue to play a vital role in uniting the industry to confront the challenges of the future. Tackling climate change is principal amongst these. I welcome the industry-wide action spearheaded by the CLC to-date, and the Government is delighted to support the CLC's *Co<sub>2</sub>nstructZero* programme.

As you are aware, to meet our net zero emissions target by 2050, we need to have largely eliminated emissions from our housing stock. The Government has a range of policies and programmes in place to support the transition to greater energy efficiency and low carbon heat in homes, and we are committed to building a vibrant and sustainable market for energy efficiency.

The Government's forthcoming Heat and Buildings Strategy will set out the immediate and longer-term actions we will take to reduce emissions from buildings. These actions will include the deployment of energy efficiency measures and low-carbon heating as part of an ambitious programme of work. This will enable key strategic decisions on how we achieve the mass transition to low-carbon heat and set us on a path to decarbonising all homes and buildings.

Please be assured that the Government has noted the recommendations in the CLC's National Retrofit Strategy and the request to incorporate them into the content and implementation of our Heat and Buildings Strategy.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. I hope this response is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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