

Letter to George Osborne and Amber Rudd
23rd September 2015

Dear Chancellor and Secretary of State,

You have rightly decided that it is time for a rethink on energy efficiency. We welcome this Government's commitment to work with industry to come up with a new, value for money policy that works to keep our homes warm and bills down.

New research from Frontier Economics highlights the economic opportunity of a major energy efficiency programme. They have examined Government data, which shows that a programme to make British buildings more energy efficient would generate £8.7 billion of net economic benefits. This is comparable to HS2 or Crossrail.

This research confirms that energy efficiency investments should be classified as 'infrastructure'. A programme to make homes highly energy efficient can free up energy capacity for other uses, just as investment in new power generation or network capacity would.

Research from Cambridge Econometrics reinforces the value of a major energy efficiency programme, and how it could boost Britain's economy. Their results are clear. For every £1 of Government spending, £3.20 of economic growth would be achieved. The programme would also see gas imports reduced by 26% and a net increase in employment of up to 108,000 jobs.

With the Government poised to spend £100 billion on infrastructure during this Parliament there is a strong case for an energy efficiency programme to be included. It would be good for bill-payers, good for our economy, good for energy security, and good for our environment too.

The energy efficiency industry stands ready to support you in delivering this. An investment in the infrastructure of our homes is an investment in the productivity and prosperity of the UK.

Yours sincerely,

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