

# BUILDING BRITAIN'S FUTURE

## FOUR OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NEW PARLIAMENT



Renewing and greening the places where we live, work and play is one of the biggest opportunities for this Government, and all MPs and Peers to tackle the crises facing the country - from soaring energy, housing and health costs, to left behind and vulnerable communities, and climate and nature breakdown.

The **new Government and all Parliamentarians can build a better future for Britain**, in partnership with the built environment industry, with decisive action across these four areas.

**As the UK Green Building Council - supported by over 700 members including some of the biggest businesses, local authorities and government departments in the country, we stand ready to harness a huge range of expertise and ambition to help.**

### 1 MAKE HOME UPGRADES AN EASY CHOICE

Britain's homes are largely poorly insulated and expensive to heat with climate-wrecking gas and oil. People want cheaper bills, comfortable homes they are proud of, and the chance to do their bit in the face of the climate emergency.

**A 10-year £64 billion upgrade programme.**

**Energy saving stamp duty incentive.**

**Raise the quality of privately rented homes.**

**Scale-up local capacity and skills.**

### 2 MAKE NEW DEVELOPMENTS HIGH QUALITY, WELL-CONNECTED AND GREEN

New developments are often seen as controversial and delayed by planning disputes. People need new homes and buildings to be high quality, affordable and genuinely low carbon. They should protect nature and be built in the right places.

**Put nature & climate at the core of planning.**

**Stronger sustainable buildings standards.**

**Restrict embodied carbon emissions.**

**Regulate to protect and restore nature.**

### 3 PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES FROM CLIMATE RISKS

The country now faces increasingly dangerous and costly flooding, overheating and water shortages. Investing in upgrading our buildings, planting trees and creating green spaces will make our neighbourhoods safer, resilient, and more attractive.

**Prioritise nature-based solutions.**

**Increase urban tree cover.**

**Invest in resilient retrofits.**

**A robust national climate safety plan.**

### 4 RENEW OUR TOWN CENTRES

Our town centres are struggling. We can breathe new life into them by upgrading our offices, shops, schools and hospitals to be energy efficient and low carbon and by repurposing under-used buildings.

**Raise energy performance standards.**

**Modernise Landlord and Tenant Act.**

**Tax incentives for small businesses.**

**High standards for repurposed buildings**

