

BUILDING BRITAIN'S FUTURE

FOUR OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NEXT GOVERNMENT

GENERAL
ELECTION
2024

Renewing the places we live, work and play is the biggest opportunity for an incoming government 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 next government can build a better future for Britain, in partnership with the built environment industry, with decisive action across these four areas.

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

Much of the country now faces frequent flooding, overheating and water shortages, leaving people homeless and buildings uninsurable. Investing in upgrading our buildings, trees & green spaces will make our neighbourhoods more resilient & 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



The UK Green Building Council represents some of the UK's biggest names in the built environment. It is a charity supported by more than 700 members including, banks, large estate owners, housebuilders, and manufacturers to innovative startups, universities, local councils and government departments - all working to transform the built environment in the face of the climate, nature and cost-of-living crises.