



Use carbon tax to re-build UK housing infrastructure

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In response to the announcement today by the Prime Minister, David Cameron, that the Government will look at re-cycling road tax to stimulate road infrastructure investment, the Energy Bill Revolution is calling for carbon tax to be used to re-build the UK's housing infrastructure.

The Energy Bill Revolution is a national campaign supported by over 60 major charities, companies and unions calling on the Government to use carbon tax to make UK homes super energy efficient to help drive down energy bills, cut carbon and end fuel poverty.

The UK will raise £64 billion in carbon tax from the European Emissions Trading Scheme and the Carbon Floor Price over the next 15 years. Recent research for the Energy Bill Revolution has found that if this was re-cycled to make homes super energy-efficient it could create up to 200,000 jobs, four times more than will be created under the Government's energy efficiency programme. It could also be used to bring 9 out of 10 homes out of fuel poverty and is the most effective way to bring down household energy bills.

Ed Matthew, Director of Transform UK, the group co-ordinating the Energy Bill Revolution, said: *"Re-cycling carbon tax to re-fit British homes can cut energy bills, create more jobs and generate greater economic returns than any road building programme. To re-boot the economy and end the misery of fuel poverty we need to use carbon tax to re-build British homes."*

For more information go to: www.energybillrevolution.org

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Notes to Editors:

1. Transform UK is an alliance campaign programme hosted by E3G, the sustainable development organisation. Transform UK is coordinating the campaign on behalf of the Energy Bill Revolution alliance.
2. The charities, consumer groups, unions and businesses already signed up to the Energy Bill Revolution petition include:

Asda, IKEA, Kingfisher, Kingspan, Nationwide Energy Services, Environmental Industries Commission, National Childbirth Trust, Save the Children, National Children's Bureau, Barnardo's, Children England, The Children's Society, British Youth Council, Child Poverty Action Group, Association for the Conservation of Energy, End Fuel Poverty Coalition, National Energy Action, Energy Action Scotland, Existing Homes Alliance, Save Britain Money, Federation of Private Residents Associations, Islington Council, National Private Tenants Organisation, Consumer Focus, The UK Green Building Council, The Co-operative Group, USwitch, The Climate Bonds Initiative, Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth EWN, Friends of the Earth Scotland, Green Alliance, WWF, Macmillan Cancer Support, Transform UK, Stop Climate Chaos, Forum for the Future, Client Earth, Sandbag, E3G, 10:10, New Economics Foundation, National Pensioners' Convention, TUC, GMB, Unite, NUS, Fire Brigades Union, BACM TEAM, Centre for Sustainable Healthcare, Depaul UK, The Centre for Sustainable Energy, Gentoo Group, Mark Group, Knauf Insulation, Worcester Bosch, WSP Group.