

THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD...

1. HM Treasury and the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government should make a long-term spending commitment in the next Budget, which reflects its intention to support the building of a million homes by the end of 2020, half a million more by the end of 2022 and 300,000 net additional homes a year on average after that.
2. The Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government should ensure that changes to building regulations and policies reflect scientific research so that they do not unnecessarily impede innovation in the construction industry.
3. HM Treasury and the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government should reform Right to Buy to allow 100% retention of sales receipts by local government, ring-fenced for reinvestment in new builds.
4. The Department for Education and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy should work with the construction industry to raise awareness of the opportunities and advantages of working in construction to students.
5. The Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy should implement the recommendations of the CCC to increase the use of timber in construction.
6. The Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government should work with the construction industry to adopt a new framework to enable the assessment of whole-life carbon in buildings

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD...

1. Local government should incorporate a requirement to employ a minimum number of apprentices and provide a minimum level of training into local planning policy frameworks.
2. Local government should incorporate a preference for using the lowest embodied carbon materials into every council's planning policy framework.