



Committee on Climate Change references relating to EPC band C

1. Fifth Carbon Budget (November 2015)

'Energy efficiency and behaviour change. Reducing the level of energy demand through improved efficiency and small changes to consumer behaviour **can greatly reduce the cost of meeting the 2050 target**' [Page 56](#)

2. Reducing UK Emissions: 2018 Progress Report to Parliament (June 2018)

'Publish concrete policies to deliver the Government's ambition on retrofit (EPC band C by 2035) - including firm policies for able-to-pay (ATP) homeowners and a delivery mechanism for the social housing minimum standards.' [Page 21](#)

'Government needs to set out ... concrete policies for delivering against its commitment on retrofit EPC band C by 2035. Whilst a focus on EPC bands is pragmatic, the framework should evolve over time to ensure sufficient focus on carbon savings (rather than just bill savings) and real-world performance. A delivery mechanism and trajectory must be agreed now for the social housing minimum standards.' [Page 110](#)

3. UK housing: Fit for the future? Committee on Climate Change (February 2019)

'Retrofitting existing homes: The 29 million existing homes across the UK must be made low-carbon, low-energy and resilient to a changing climate. **This ... should be supported by HM Treasury.** Homes should use low-carbon sources of heating such as heat pumps and heat networks. **The uptake of energy efficiency measures such as loft and wall insulation must be increased.'** [Page 9](#)

4. Reducing UK emissions: 2019 Progress Report to Parliament (July 2019)

'All of the key buildings policy gaps identified in our 2018 progress report remain unaddressed or only partially met. **It remains unclear how the Government will deliver its target for all houses to be made EPC band C by 2035.'** Policy is needed and must ensure that regulations are set now, which require all homes to meet our recommended standards (including on climate adaptation). [Page 58](#)

'Publish concrete policies to deliver the Government's ambition on retrofit (EPC band C by 2035) - including firm policies for able-to-pay (ATP) homeowners ...' [Page 64](#)

5. Net Zero: The UK's contribution to stopping global warming (May 2019)

'The CGS and subsequently, policy development has begun for many of the components **needed to reach net-zero GHG emissions:**

- 'The CGS stated ambitions for all existing homes to reach EPC band C by 2035 - important in order to reduce energy bills, reduce fuel poverty and increase suitability for low-carbon heating ...' [Page 191](#)

'Buildings. The Core scenario reflects an improvement in energy efficiency and an increasing uptake of low-carbon heating. Current Government aspirations and commitments (e.g. to make as many homes as possible EPC band C by 2035, and to stop the installation of gas heating in new homes from 2025), whilst in need of strengthening and extending, target the decarbonisation of homes across the actions in the Core scenario.' [Pages 141-2](#)