

## IPCC Report: Built environment can deliver viable solutions – but only with the political will to scale

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The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) today published the final part of its Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) on global climate change

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This report summarises and integrates the findings of three [IPCC Working Group contributions](#) and three Special Reports on [Warming of 1.5 °C](#), [Climate Change and Land](#), and the [Ocean and Cryosphere](#).

Simon McWhirter, Deputy Chief Executive said: “This report is the final call for governments across the world, reinforcing again that the pace and scale of what has been done so far, and current plans, are totally insufficient to tackle the climate crisis. Quite simply, we are walking when we should be sprinting.

The report clearly identifies the solution lies in climate-resilient development in which the built environment has a critical role to play. Our industry can deliver countless viable opportunities to not only slash emissions but to build a more climate resilient, nature positive and equitable economy. But we need the political ambition, financial incentives and harnessing of talent and technology to make this happen at scale.

The UK Government must use this report as an opportunity to finally put our net zero future at the heart of everything it does. By delivering nationwide projects to upgrade home energy efficiency and reforming the planning system to deliver buildings and spaces fit for our net zero future, the Government can mainstream proven, scalable solutions to the climate and cost of living crises. The forthcoming Net Zero Strategy, response to Mission Zero, and third National Adaptation Programme (NAP3) must tangibly and practically map out how the UK will deliver on the IPCC's urgent calls to action."