

More than 100 businesses call on the Government for planning reform to deliver net zero and restore nature

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More than 100 UK businesses have joined UKGBC in writing to the Government to call for urgent reform to the planning system to tackle the UK's deepening housing and climate crises

Signatories to the letter, including some of the most influential businesses in the built environment sector, call on the Prime Minister to amend the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill to directly align the planning system with the UK's climate commitments and adaptation goals under the Climate Change Act, and nature restoration targets under the Environment Act.

The letter demonstrates the breadth and depth of support for these reforms, which will break down existing barriers to sustainable development by enabling consistent direction, encouraging investment, and slashing delays.

The coalition warns the Government that the planning system is not providing a consistent approach to handling climate change and environmental considerations, creating delays, costs, and legal challenges.

Meanwhile, aligning planning reform with climate goals has received consistent support from the public, UK businesses, the Climate Change Committee, and was recognised in the Mission Zero Review, by Chris Skidmore MP, as playing a key role in building a future green economy.

Louise Hutchins, UKGBC Head of Policy and Public Affairs said: "England's inconsistent planning system is not delivering the change we need to tackle the climate and nature breakdown. Our business and local authority members are faced with endless barriers, delays and legal challenges to the kind of low carbon

nature-friendly development we all want to see.

Today we're urging the Government to back simple changes to planning law through the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill that can help fix this. By introducing a clear legal imperative for planning decisions at all levels to align with our Climate Change and Environment Acts, we can unlock huge investment and momentum towards the beautiful neighbourhoods and low carbon infrastructure the country urgently needs."

The full letter can be read [here](#), and coverage in the Financial Times can be viewed [here](#).

Businesses which have signed the letter:

2050 Materials

Acclaro Advisory

AECOM

AGP Sustainable Real Assets

Allies and Morrison

Amro Partners

Apex Acoustics Ltd

Atelier Ten

Atkins

Avison Young

BE Design

Bennetts Associates

Biogen Systems Limited

Bioregional

Black Architecture

BNP Paribas Real Estate UK and Strutt & Parker

Bruntwood

Building with Nature

Buro Happold

Carbon Futures

Carter Jonas

Cervest

Civic Engineers

City Sanctuary Developments

Climatise

Colliers

Conisbee

David Morley Architects

EFC Green Concrete Technology UK Limited

Firstplanit

Furbnow

Gascoyne Estates

Gbolade Design Studio

Gort Scott

Greengage Environmental Ltd.

Greenspace Live Ltd

Grid2.0

Grigoriou Interiors

Grosvenor Property UK

Heyne Tillett Steel

Hillbreak

Hoare Lea

HTA Design LLP

Hydrock

ICLEI Europe

igloo

Interface

JETS Vacuum AS

JLL UK

Kenoteq

KJ Tait

Lamington group

Landsec

Lansdowne Warwick Sustainability Consultancy

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LS Estates

Maber Architects

Material Evolution

Material Evolution

Max Fordham LLP

MCS Foundation

measurable.energy

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ROCKWOOL UK

RSHP

Saul D Humphrey LLP

Shaftesbury Capital PLC

Sika

Spenbeck

Square Mile Farms

Stijl one ltd

TFT

Trident Building Consultancy

Troup Bywaters + Anders

Twinn Sustainability Innovation

UKGBC

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Unyte Group & Unyte Hemp Ltd

Verte

Vertigo SDC

Vivid Futures

Ward Williams Associates

Waterman Group

Woodbourne Group PLC

Xeroc Ltd

Zeal Hotels

ZEHo Projects Ltd

