

“New Secretary of State can act decisively to re-prioritise net zero”

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[UKGBC](#) responds to the appointment of Claire Coutinho as Secretary of State for the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNeZ).

Simon McWhirter, UKGBC Deputy Chief Executive said: “We welcome the new Secretary of State to one of the most critical roles in government for tackling the UK’s energy security crisis and climate emergency.

“Our members are committed to working with the Secretary of State to deliver the decisive and far-reaching action promised by the creation of DESNeZ, particularly accelerating progress on energy efficiency and upgrading Britain’s homes. As deeply troubling assessments from the Climate Change Committee and others have recently shown, the Government needs to re-prioritise net zero to get us back on track to meet our climate commitments and salvage the myriad opportunities of a greener, cleaner future.

“Our net zero future needs brave and consistent leadership more than ever, with DESNeZ providing the necessary comfort and confidence for business to invest and championing the transition across Government, so we stand ready to help the incoming Secretary of State to transform the UK’s built environment at speed and scale.”