

Building Blocks to transform the Built Environment



£1.36 billion

NHS savings by retrofitting cold homes



£82 billion

boost to UK Gross Value Added by circular economy transition



Up to 725,000 jobs

created through low-carbon sector

A manifesto to transform the built environment through unlocking the climate opportunities provided by circular and regenerative policies.

The UK built environment is linked to **42%** of emissions, **62%** of waste and **50%** of material use.

Early adoption policies for the next government

1 Make the Future Homes/ Building Standard fit for purpose:

- Align with the industry backed metrics and reporting processes of the Net Zero Carbon Buildings Standard
- Legislate the reporting and limiting of embodied carbon. Refer to cross-industry Policy Paper.

2 Incentivise retrofit and circularity:

- Align financial incentives to prioritise retrofit
- Establish material banks and material passporing nationally

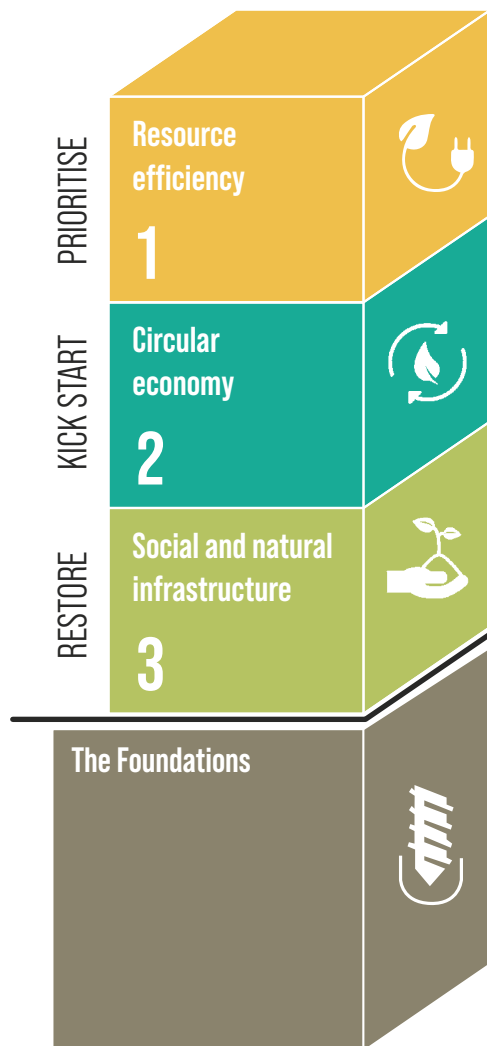
3 Ensure a just and green transition:

- Create a nationwide green jobs strategy to utilise the construction sector's national reach in green job creation

The Foundations to support the building blocks to succeed long-term

- **Provide Climate Literacy** at a national scale
- **Align the economy** with well-being and planetary limits
- **Safeguard future generations** ability to act
- **Foster climate leadership** through reforms and working with local authorities

These policies form part of the **Building Blocks manifesto** for the next Government. We encourage parliamentarians to pledge their support for these critical built environment policies ahead of the general election.



Endorsements for early adoption policies



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UK Practices (AD)

> 8,080

Global Practices (BED)

28

Countries (BED)

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