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Dear George,

Thank you so much for your email dated 28 September to the Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, on behalf of your constituents, regarding the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) home carbon challenge. I am replying as this matter falls within my portfolio.

We are determined to improve the energy efficiency for existing homes, especially for the least well off, as part of our commitment to ensure fuel poor households have an energy efficiency rating of Band C by 2030.

The extension to the Energy Company Obligation, which began in April, is expected to improve the energy efficiency of well over 200,000 homes per year, tackling the root cause of fuel poverty.

The Building Regulations set minimum energy performance standards for new homes and non-domestic buildings. The energy standard for new homes has been increased by over 30% since 2010 reducing energy bills by £200 per annum on average and saving carbon. The Government has commissioned an independent review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety, being led by Dame Judith Hackitt. The Review will report in Spring 2018. Following the outcome of the independent review, and subject to its conclusions, the Government intends to consult on improving requirements for new homes where the evidence suggests that there are cost effective and affordable opportunities, and it is safe and practical to do so.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. I hope you and your constituents find this information useful.

Yours sincerely

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