**LETI - Building Regulations Part L and F Consultation**

**A letter to your MP**

Copy and paste the wording below and email it to your MP:

*Dear Mr/Ms ......*

*I am seriously concerned about the government's proposals for the Future Homes Standard, which sets out energy efficiency and carbon emission standards for new homes. The proposals will allow new homes to be built to lower energy efficiency standards than homes built today. This is a depressing step backwards rather than the huge leap forwards we need to take in the face of the climate emergency.*

*My primary concerns are:*

*1. The Future Homes Standard does not target zero carbon emissions, but a reduction in carbon emissions compared with the current Part L (the national building standard on energy efficiency and carbon emissions).  This approach is unnecessarily complex and fails to respond to the UK's legal commitment to achieve carbon zero by 2050.*

*2. The Future Homes Standard does not prioritise energy efficiency.  Instead it relies on bolt-on technologies to reduce emissions.  This approach fails to address fuel poverty or occupant health and will likely mean that new homes are more expensive to run. In addition, they will have to be retrofitted not long after they're built - at huge cost - to meet carbon zero standards.*

*3. The Future Homes Standard wants to take away local authorities' powers to demand greater energy efficiency or carbon emissions than the building regulations.  This will not only prevent cities from reaching their own zero carbon targets but will send the more ambitious cities backwards compared to what they're achieving today.*

*4. The Future Homes Standard makes no requirement for post-occupancy monitoring.  Currently most houses do not meet the energy efficiency standards they are designed to. Without monitoring, we will be unable to measure or ensure compliance with the building regulations.*

*5. The Future Homes Standard does not consider embodied carbon. This is the carbon emissions related to building the house. Reducing embodied carbon is the necessary next step to reduce carbon emissions quickly.*

*I'd like to see these concerns raised by politicians, so that they are seriously addressed as part of the consultation. If you would like further information, LETI, a voluntary organisation comprising engineers, architects and other industry professionals have carried out extensive research on this subject. They have also prepared a response to the Future Homes Standard consultation:* [*https://www.leti.london/*](https://www.leti.london/)

*Kind regards,*