

**The Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP**

Secretary of State  
Department of Energy  
and Climate Change

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Dear Consultees,

### **The Green Deal and Energy Company Obligation consultation**

I am pleased to announce that the consultation on the Green Deal and Energy Company Obligation (ECO) opened on 23 November and will close on 18 January 2012.

The Green Deal and ECO have been developed collaboratively over the last eighteen months with a wide range of organisations, and this consultation document is the result. I would like to thank the broad range of stakeholders who helped shape our proposals, including members of a number of Green Deal Forums and working groups. There will also be an intense programme of DECC participation in stakeholder events during the consultation to make the most of this opportunity to engage. Regular updates will be available on our website as the consultation progresses.

This consultation specifically seeks your views on the details of the Green Deal and ECO policies that are to be implemented in secondary legislation and under the energy licensing framework. The consultation document explains the context of the policy development, sets out our main proposals and highlights key issues for this consultation. It is accompanied by supporting documents to aid consultees' understanding, in particular, the draft legislation.

I would like to hear from a wide range of stakeholders, including organisations with an interest in operating within the proposed framework, and members of the general public who might be considering investing in energy efficiency.

Please respond to the consultation online at:

[https://econsultation.decc.gov.uk/decc-policy/green\\_deal\\_eco/](https://econsultation.decc.gov.uk/decc-policy/green_deal_eco/).

If you are unable to use this medium, a copy of the consultation response form is available electronically at [www.decc.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.decc.gov.uk/consultations). If you decide to respond this way, the form can be submitted by email to [greendelandecoconsultation@decc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:greendelandecoconsultation@decc.gsi.gov.uk) and by post to the address given in the consultation document.

I look forward to receiving your comments.

Yours faithfully,

**CHRIS HUHNE**