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To: EnergyEvidence Infrastructure-Commission
Cc: Clawson, Ronnie; Houghton, Barbara
Subject: Consultation Response

Dear Sirs,

We believe that it would be beneficial for the National Infrastructure Commission to carry out a consultation on how best to make the existing housing infrastructure energy efficient and de-carbonise our heating infrastructure in the most cost effective way.

The Government's own economic data shows that investment in energy efficiency would deliver comparable economic returns to other major infrastructure projects, but would also strengthen energy security, mitigate the increase in future demand on the electricity infra-structure and help meet national carbon budgets.

Riverside is a major provider of affordable housing in England and Scotland with over 52,000 homes in management.

Through our housing, care and support services, we enable people facing a wide variety of challenging circumstances to lead more resilient and independent lives.

Affordable warmth is one of the main challenges facing our customers and living in cold conditions is known to adversely affect physical and mental health.

Whilst Riverside has invested in improving the energy performance of our homes, the scale of required investment to bring all properties to an acceptable level is not possible without clear government policy to make energy efficiency a national infra-structure priority.

Yours faithfully,

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