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Dear Greg,

Effects of extreme temperature on British homes and offices

I trust this letter is well received.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, millions of British people endured record temperatures in homes and offices which are not designed for them. With issues around climate change clearly not going away, this could become an all-too-frequent occurrence.

It is clear to me that more needs to be done to ensure that our building stock is able to cope with significantly higher temperatures.

I am writing to you today to press your Department to ensure that proper future-proofing, including environmentally-friendly ways to keep homes and businesses cool, is considered as part of any future planning legislation brought to the House.

Consideration should also be given to what measures can be taken to cool down existing buildings and I would be grateful if you could confirm what the Government's thinking is in this area too.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Kind regards,