

## The energy crisis in **[insert constituency name]**

### THE NEED FOR AN URGENT INSULATION PROGRAMME

In response to the energy crisis, **[insert your group's name]** joined [United for Warm Homes](#) – a campaign powered by Friends of the Earth, calling for a national **street-by-street programme of free basic insulation measures**. Across the country, more than [170 groups](#) have already signed up to the campaign.

Across England and Wales, there are **almost 9,000 energy crisis hotspot neighbourhoods**. By prioritising these neighbourhoods for insulation, we can quickly leave those most in need with homes that are warmer and cheaper to heat. Basic measures – including loft insulation, cavity wall insulation, draught proofing and thermostatic radiator valves – should be the bare minimum we accept for all UK homes.

#### In **[insert constituency name]**:

- An estimated **[XX]** homes are energy inefficient (below EPC C). That's **[XX]**% of homes.
- Around **[XX]** homes are in need of loft insulation, and **[XX]** require cavity wall insulation.
- There are **[XX]** “energy crisis hotspots” – neighbourhoods where below-average incomes meet high fuel bills.
- The average bill in these hotspots is £ **[XX]**.
- **[XX]** homes in hotspot neighbourhoods are rated inefficient.

Research by the New Economics Foundation for Friends of the Earth calculated the [cost per household receiving these measures as around £1,300 to £2,500](#) depending on house type, with a **saving every year of around £490 to £720 per household**. Not all homes would require improvements, so average costs would be approximately £1,000 per home in any given area. In total, an England and Wales programme would cost between £15 and £25 billion. In addition, billions are also needed for deeper insulation measures for those unable to pay (eg double-glazed windows) and to fund the transition away from gas heating to electric. Friends of the Earth is calling for this programme to be kick-started using the Energy Profits Levy / Windfall Levy.

#### WHAT CAN MPs DO?

Political action in the coming years is key to upgrading our heat-leaking homes and permanently reducing energy bills. That's why we're asking political decision makers to commit to warm homes by signing the United for Warm Homes pledge.

If you're a current MP or confirmed Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for the next

general election and would like to [sign the pledge](#), please visit [unitedforwarmhomes.uk/pledge](https://unitedforwarmhomes.uk/pledge) or email [warm.homes@foe.co.uk](mailto:warm.homes@foe.co.uk).

If you have signed the pledge and are supportive of this campaign please show your support by sharing the campaign on [social media](#).

Finally, If you're interested in discussing the impacts and solutions to the energy crisis in **[insert constituency name]** and across the UK, please contact **[insert your group's contact details]**.