

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 or email 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]**.