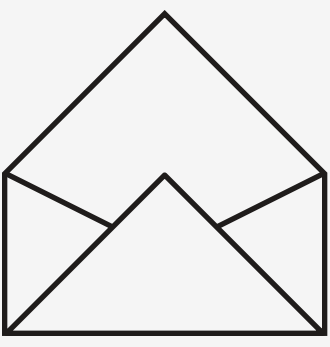




# HOUSHELD DECLARE!



An open letter to  
**Alok Sharma**  
President of COP26



**Dear Alok Sharma**  
**President of COP 26**

**Re: Households Declare!**

**Our home is on fire.**

We know you know this. Global temperatures are rising, homes and habitats are being destroyed, and people are dying. The UK government has legally committed to the Paris Agreement to sharply reduce its emissions by 2050 and play its part in keeping global warming well below 2 degrees.

**Emissions are still rising.**

We know you know this. There are 29 million homes in the UK and they are responsible for around 20% of total UK emissions. This is a huge contribution to the destruction of our communal home, the earth. The UK government will not meet its legally binding emissions targets without near complete decarbonisation of the housing stock.

**You haven't done enough.**

We know you know this. The Committee on Climate Change has been clear that this Government is failing to achieve its own targets for net zero. Efforts to address emissions from homes so far, namely the The Green Deal (2013) and the Green Homes Grant (2020), have failed. Both of these initiatives barely scratched the surface considering the scale of the problem.

**We demand your action.**

Act now! There is no clear long term strategy from the government to address emissions generated from the homes we live in. Our homes urgently need retrofitting. Show us you mean it when you promise to build back better and establish a green recovery by setting out a national retrofit strategy. This means reducing our national demand for energy first, whilst decarbonising our heat and energy generation.

**Do it now and make it fair.**

Act now! We need a just and fair transition to limiting our emissions, which doesn't exclude households unable to pay, or push even more people into fuel poverty. Demand is growing to see net zero carbon emissions delivered now. 2050 is too late. Over 74% of people in the UK admit to being concerned about the climate. This is not a niche issue. This issue affects every single person and every type of household in this country.



**Show us we can trust you.**

Act now! As our elected representatives we demand that you act immediately and with transparency. We urgently need clear leadership to set out the roadmap to a zero carbon future where our homes are concerned. Do what is necessary for all of us and do it now; we know it can be done!

My household declares that these actions are a matter of emergency.

**Signed by**

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(All signatories will be added here)