

Your Name
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Your postcode

Date

Dear **MP/ MSP/ MLA/ TD name**

My home currently has an oil heating system which I am happy with.

I understand that Government is looking at options for reducing carbon emissions from heating. I am keen to cut the emissions from my property but concerned about the high costs associated with installing a low carbon heating system, such as a heat pump, which is much more expensive than a replacement boiler. The associated changes needed to my property would also be very costly and the grants available will only partially cover this expense.

My understanding is an average heat pump system costs almost £11,000 to install. On top of this, Government estimates the cost of the improvements required to some oil heated homes before a heat pump would be viable will average between £12,000 and almost £19,000, depending on the current EPC energy efficiency band of the property.

I am concerned that unless more affordable options are supported by government, householders like me that live off the gas grid will struggle to reduce our carbon emissions.

For example, I would welcome the opportunity to run my existing boiler on a renewable liquid fuel alternative to heating oil. I understand this option – called HVO - is being trialled in homes now by the liquid fuel heating industry and cuts carbon emissions by nearly 90%. However, this solution is not currently eligible for any government schemes, now or in the future. An HVO solution would save me the high cost and disruption of installing a completely new heating system and dramatically cut my emissions.

I urge you to support the delivery of this fuel alongside other low-cost options and would be grateful if you could you make my views known to the most appropriate person in Government.

Yours sincerely,

Your name