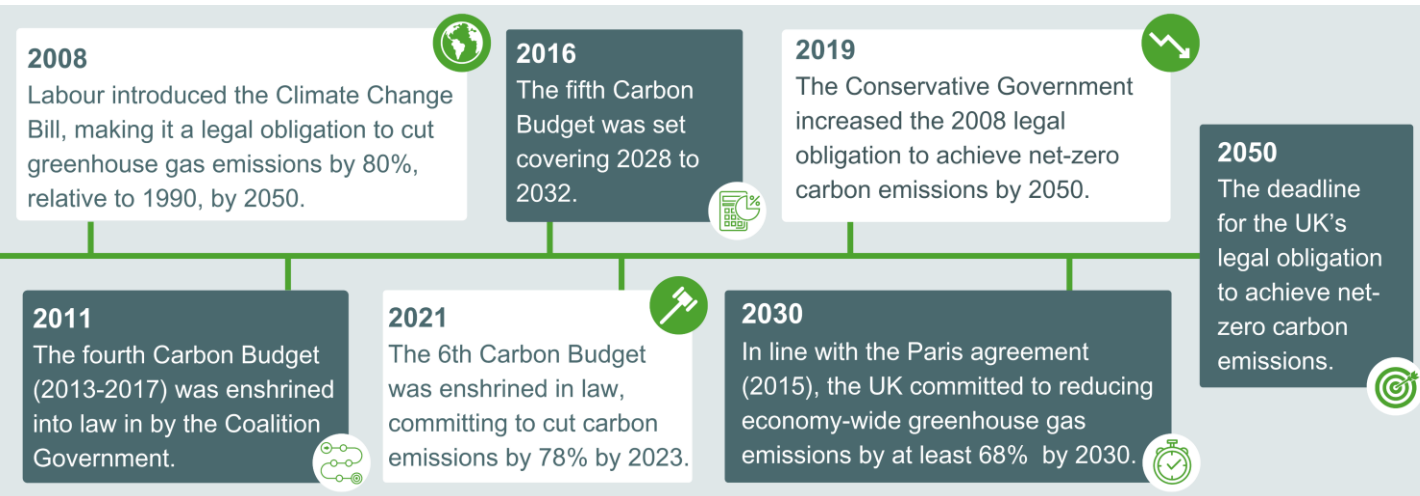


Accelerating the widescale deployment of Heat Pumps in the UK: The Heat Pump Association's Recommendations for the New Government

Reducing the UK's carbon emissions has cross-party agreement as shown in the timeline below:



- The importance of holding true to these commitments is clear given that **May 2024 was the warmest month in recorded history worldwide**, with the last 12 months being the hottest on record.
- **37% of UK carbon emissions come from heat**, and decarbonising such is integral to meeting the UK's legally binding carbon reduction targets.
- **Heat Pumps** are a proven, efficient, low-carbon heating solution with the potential to reduce carbon emissions from heating by 75% relative to fossil fuel heating solutions. Yet **2023 saw annual sales of 60,244 heat pumps in the UK.**
- An estimated **ten-fold increase in heat pump installations is needed** to support the UK in meeting its legally binding 2030 interim carbon emission reduction commitments.
- Clear and consistent policy decisions are crucial to facilitating the acceleration needed.

Listed below are the sectors 'Key Asks' for the New Government.

Making them a priority will provide investors, the supply chain and consumers with the confidence, clarity and certainty needed to deliver the required growth.

Regulation And Policy



Further regulatory change and promised policy development is needed to unlock many of the barriers to the widescale deployment of heat pumps UK-wide.

We call on the new Government to:

- Publish responses to the **Future Homes and Building Standards and Home Energy Model Consultations** and commit to implementation in 2025.
- Clarify, through regulation, when the **phase-out of new and replacement fossil fuels boilers** for properties on and off the gas grid will come into force.
- Publish a response to the **Clean Heat Market Mechanism** consultation confirming the timescales for its introduction and focus efforts on laying the statutory instrument to underpin the scheme and provide the sector clarity.
- Publish a response to the Changes **to Permitted Development Rights** consultation and focus efforts on laying the Statutory Instrument to enact proposed changes as quickly as possible.

Financial Incentives And Support



More must be done to reduce the upfront and running costs of heat pumps to make the lowest carbon heat the lowest cost heat, ensuring the transition to net zero is accessible for all.

We call on the new Government to:

- Consult on how best to **rebalance electricity and gas prices** with the aim of making electricity cheaper.
- Honour the commitment of **£6bn worth of funding to support energy efficiency and low carbon heating** over the next 3 years.
- Explore the possibility of providing **interest-free loans** to support the upfront cost of low-carbon heating systems in England and Wales.
- Provide clarity on the continuation of an Energy Company Obligation following the end of **ECO4**.
- Review and consult on current and future support for **Commercial Heat Pump installations**.

Workforce Development And Training



An adequate, skilled and competent workforce is vital for a smooth transition to low-carbon heating.

We call on the new Government to:

- Announce a review and extension of the **Heat Training Grant**.
- Further consult on the best mechanism to require fossil fuel boiler installers to **undertake low temperature system design training**.
- Publish the updated **Mandatory Technical Competencies** which underpin Competent Person Schemes.

Technical Policy Developments



To ensure all those working in the heat pump supply chain are supported, technical standards and policies must remain in date with the current sector landscape.

We call on the new Government to publish consultations on:

- The UK's approach to the **F-Gas Phasedown**.
- **Ecodesign and Energy Labelling**.

Consumer Awareness



Ensuring consumers are engaged with the transition to low-carbon heating will enable a smooth and supported transition.

We call on the new Government to:

- Create a **definitive consumer facing portal or body** to provide impartial consumer advice.
- Consult on how best to **reform Energy Performance Certificates** to ensure the value of low-carbon heating systems are fairly reflected to consumers.

About the Heat Pump Association:

The HPA is the UK's dedicated voice for the Heat Pump Sector, driving widespread deployment of heat pump technology throughout the UK. Our membership includes the country's leading manufacturers of heat pumps, components, and associated equipment as well as energy companies, certification bodies, installation businesses, awarding organisations and training providers. We currently represent over 90 member organisations working in the heat pump sector, with our members representing around 85% of the volume of heat pumps sold in the UK market.

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