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Dear XXXX

Re: Letter of Endorsement for the East Midlands Combined Counties Local Retrofit Strategy.

As Portfolio Member for Bolsover District Council, I am writing to endorse our support for the East Midlands Combined County (EMCC) Local Retrofit Strategy (LRS). I have reviewed the LRS and potential impact and I am impressed by its vision and missions.

The development of this Strategy has been strongly supported by all EMCC local authorities, local stakeholders, and the Local Energy Partnership.

The EMCC Local Retrofit Strategy sets out a coordinated approach and a place-based roadmap to accelerate home retrofit, reduce fuel poverty and increase environmental sustainability across the EMCC region.

Developed through the Local Area Retrofit Accelerator (LARA) Pilot, the Strategy brings together a broad coalition of local stakeholders, united by a shared commitment to delivering retrofit and unlocking wider local economic and social benefits through collective action.

This Strategy aligns with and supports our existing policies and commitments such as Maximising our influence and opportunities within the East Midlands Combined County Authority to create affordable, good quality housing options and to retrofit existing homes to be more environmentally sustainable.

We will benefit not only environmentally with improved efficiency of properties, but it will help alleviate some of the fuel poverty issues we face in Bolsover where almost 17.1% are classed being in fuel poverty. We are committed to supporting this project through our continued management support, alongside colleagues from Nottinghamshire County Council, Midlands Net Zero Hub, the MCS Foundation and EMCCA

Bolsover District Council has already worked on developing and promoting Retrofit skills through our MNZH funded pilot projects, and we are working alongside EMCCA colleagues to develop a regional Green Skills Hub in our District. We have also been leading a regional Retrofit Employers Forum for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire

We believe the EMCC Local Retrofit Strategy, combined with the delivery partners' expertise of local retrofit, presents a unique opportunity to collaborate and develop relevant projects that will drive the growth of retrofit projects across Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

Bolsover District Council intends to support overall delivery of the strategy by building on the regional Retrofit Skills projects that we have led on and by our continued management support of the project.

We're excited about the opportunities this Strategy creates and look forward to working with together to turn ambitions into real, lasting impact for our communities

Your sincerely,

Cllr Robert Hiney-Saunders
Portfolio Holder for the Environment