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The Editor
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Dear Sir

In her letter responding to the government's plans for an 'offshore wind farm revolution' (Tuesday 11th December), Helen McDade was somewhat off target in calling for the government to 'revolutionise household insulation and micro energy on all *new* building in the UK'.

New homes are five times more energy efficient than those built just a few years ago and the industry is constantly pushing the boundaries to see what is possible in terms of further improvement. Ms McDade will no doubt be encouraged by Wednesday's announcement of the Scottish Government's Low Carbon Building Standards Strategy for Scotland, which sets out a phased route to deliver further carbon dioxide savings with a target for net zero carbon homes from 2016. The Scottish home building industry was represented on the advisory panel which developed the strategy and Homes for Scotland is actively promoting initiatives to improve the energy performance of new houses.

Ms McDade should focus her attentions on the need for energy savings in the second hand market which comprises 98% of the current total housing stock in Scotland. That is the real challenge.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. all' followed by a stylized flourish.

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