

# Chapter 3: Emissions reduction scenarios and indicators

In our December report we set out a range of emissions reduction scenarios based on alternative assumptions about Government commitment and policy effort. We showed that there were feasible scenarios for meeting our proposed carbon budgets. In particular, the Government's policies and commitments at the time were sufficient, if successfully implemented, to meet the Interim budget without purchase of offset credits; new commitments would be required to meet the Intended budget through domestic emissions reductions.

In this chapter we set out revised scenarios which reflect:

- New analysis of emissions reduction potential. For example, we have carried out new analysis of the pace at which energy efficiency measures can be feasibly rolled out, and of the scope for emissions reductions through renewable heat.
- New commitments by the Government since the December report was published. Two areas where notable commitments have been made are to try to promote widespread insulation of solid walls and to introduce new policies to tackle emissions reduction potential in agriculture.

The chapter also includes a new framework we will use to monitor progress in meeting carbon budgets. This includes emissions trajectories, not only emissions but also implementation of measures to reduce emissions and the policies required to achieve this.

We argue in the chapter that tracking emissions alone would not be an adequate basis for fulfilling our statutory duty to monitor progress in meeting carbon budgets. This is because there are a number of factors which drive emissions year on year, not all of which would result in sustainable emissions reductions. It is also because many of the measures needed to reduce emissions have long project lead times. Failure to track progress according to different stages of the project cycle could result in a situation where it becomes clear far too late that measures are not being implemented as required.

We therefore complement our emissions reduction scenarios with a set of indicators of progress towards achieving a commensurate level of emissions reduction, including policy milestones and high level incentives that the policy framework should provide.

The main messages in the chapter are:

- Our revised emissions reduction scenarios continue to meet the Interim budget without the need for purchase of offset credits. Meeting the Intended budget would require new commitments from Government or purchase of offset credits.
- The framework of indicators and forward indicators that we set out should not be seen as a concrete plan for meeting budgets which cannot be deviated from. Rather, we envisage a situation where there may be underperformance on some measures and outperformance on others which would on average leave emissions on track to achieve budgets. Our indicators would be useful, however, in highlighting situations where a sufficiently large number of measures are off track that we can no longer be confident that budgets will be achieved. If such situations were to arise, the Committee would then propose remedial measures.
- Policies set out in the UK Low Carbon Transition
  Plan provide a good foundation for cutting
  emissions and achieving budgets. It is the
  Committee's view, however, that there are
  significant risks for meeting the second and third
  budgets under the existing framework, and that
  policy strengthening is required across the power,
  buildings and industry, and transport sectors.

The chapter is structured in four sections:

- 1. Revised emissions reduction scenarios
- 2. The framework for monitoring budgets: indicators and forward indicators
- 3. Summary of measures to deliver budgets
- 4. Summary of required policy strengthening to deliver budgets.

It does not include indicators for agriculture or other non- $CO_2$  gases. It is the Committee's intention to set out a detailed assessment of agriculture emissions in the next progress report to Parliament due in June 2010.

### 1. Revised emissions reduction scenarios

### Emissions reduction scenarios in the December report

In our December report we set out three emissions reduction scenarios which we constructed using a reference emissions projection from which we netted off emissions reductions due to implementation of measures:

- The Current Ambition scenario included identified measures that would cost less per tonne than our projected carbon price, and/or which are covered by policies already in place. It also included significant progress towards low-carbon electricity generation and some progress on improving fuel efficiency in new cars. Some policy strengthening would be required to deliver the Current Ambition scenario.
- The **Extended Ambition** scenario incorporated more ambitious but still reasonable assumptions on penetration of energy efficiency improvements and a number of measures which would cost more per tonne than our projected carbon price, but which are important stepping stones on the path to 2050. It was broadly in line with policies to which the Government is committed in principle, but where precise definition and implementation of policy is required. It included, for instance, a significant penetration of renewable heat, more ambitious energy efficiency improvement in cars and some lifestyle changes in home and transport.

Delivery of the Extended Ambition would require both strengthening of existing policies and introduction of new policies.

• The **Stretch Ambition** scenario added further feasible abatement opportunities for which no policy commitment was in place, including emissions reduction potential in agriculture, more radical new technology deployment and more significant lifestyle adjustments.

We showed that the Extended and Stretch Ambition scenarios would achieve the nontraded sector Interim budget without the need to purchase offset credits, and the Stretch Ambition scenario would be almost sufficient to achieve the Intended budget. In the traded sector, the Extended and Stretch Ambition scenarios would largely achieve the Interim budget, with the purchase of European Union Allowances (EUAs) from other member states required to meet the Intended budget.

#### Updated emissions reduction scenarios

We have subsequently revised our scenarios to reflect new reference emissions projections (see Chapter 2), new analysis and new commitments by the Government (Table 3.1). In doing this, we have focused on Extended and Stretch Ambition scenarios, given that the Current Ambition scenario is not sufficiently ambitious to meet budgets, and that Government commitments for measures in the Extended Ambition scenario are closer to becoming policy.

Our new Extended Ambition scenario reflects two main categories of change relative to our December 2008 report:

- The Government has made new commitments (e.g. solid wall insulation)
- Our estimates of emissions reduction potential for existing commitments have changed based on new analysis (e.g. renewable heat).

#### Updates based on new Government commitments

• We argued in our December report that there is a significant opportunity for cost effective emissions reduction through solid wall insulation. We noted, however, that this may be politically difficult to achieve at scale given the disruption which installing solid wall insulation may cause to households. However, in its Heat and Energy Saving consultation, the Government has, suggested that out of 7 million homes receiving a 'whole house package' by 2020, 2 million will be 'hard to treat' homes. We therefore assume that 2 million houses have solid wall insulation by 2020 with a corresponding emissions reduction of 2.7 MtCO<sub>2</sub>.

- We previously suggested that there is significant scope for agricultural emissions reduction, but included these in our Stretch rather than Extended Ambition scenario given uncertainties over the precise order of magnitude of potential and the absence of a policy framework. More recently, the Government included agricultural emissions reductions in its scenarios set out in the Low Carbon Transition Plan, and committed to introduce a policy framework to unlock emissions reduction potential. We therefore include emissions reduction of 3.3 MtCO<sub>2</sub> in our Extended Ambition scenario, which is consistent with the Government's estimate in its central scenario.
- Similarly, in our December report, we included emissions reduction from waste management only in our Stretch Ambition scenario. Consistent with the central scenario set out more recently in the Government's Low Carbon Transition Plan, we now include 0.6 MtCO<sub>2</sub> in our Extended Ambition scenario.

#### Updates based on new analysis

- We have revised emissions reduction trajectories to reflect more detailed analysis over the feasible pace at which measures can be implemented. In the residential buildings sector, for example, where we had previously assumed a straight line emissions trajectory through the first three budget periods, we now assume faster implementation of loft and cavity wall insulation.
- Based on new analysis of renewable heat, we have adjusted our estimate of feasible emissions reduction from renewable heat from 12 MtCO<sub>2</sub> to 18 MtCO<sub>2</sub> in 2020. This is broadly in line with the Government's Renewable Energy Strategy.

In addition, the Committee has changed its judgement on the issue of speed limit enforcement: it is reasonable to enforce the existing 70 mph speed limit and this is also feasible given average speed controls and in-car speed limiting devices. We have therefore included emissions reduction of 1.4 MtCO<sub>2</sub> in our Extended Ambition scenario to reflect enforcement of the 70 mph speed limit.

In total, these changes result in an Extended Ambition scenario which offers an additional 10 MtCO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction potential in 2020 than the same scenario in our December 2008 report.

Our Stretch Ambition scenario is updated in the following ways:

- We noted in our December 2008 report potential for a 2 MtCO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction from early replacement of old inefficient boilers. We did not include this in either our Extended or Stretch Ambition scenario, however, given that there was no clear policy lever to provide incentives for early replacement. We argue in Chapter 5 that early replacement could be included in a whole house approach to energy and carbon efficiency improvement in the residential sector. We therefore include emissions reduction of 1.7 MtCO<sub>2</sub> in 2020 from early replacement of boilers in our revised Stretch Ambition scenario.
- Based on new analysis of road pricing, we estimate that emissions reductions of 5.6 MtCO<sub>2</sub> in 2020 are available. Good economic rationale exists for introducing road pricing; however we include this in our Stretch rather than Extended Ambition scenario reflecting the political judgements to be made.

With these changes, our Stretch Ambition scenario offers an additional 14 MtCO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction in 2020 relative to the Extended Ambition scenario.

Table 3.1 Revisions to Extended and Stretch Ambition scenarios							
	Extend	led Amb	bition	Stretch Ambition			
	Abater potent 2020 (I	ial in	Reason for change	Abater potent 2020 (I	ial in	Reason for change	
	Dec 2008 Report	This Report		Dec 2008 Report	This Report		
Domestic buildings							
Cavity wall, solid wall and loft insulation	4	6	reflects latest government targets	7	8	reflects latest government targets	
Other Insulation Measures	2	1	new estimates of take-up	2	1	new estimates of take-up	
Heating Effciency	<1	<1	new estimates of take-up	<1	2	new estimates of take-up	
Lights and appliances	5	5	new estimates of take-up	5	6	new estimates of take-up	
Lifestyle measures	4	4	unchanged	4	4	unchanged	
Zero carbon homes	4	1	revised government estimate	4	1	revised government estimate	
Total	19	17		22	22		
Non-domestic buildings a	and indu	stry					
Total	16	16	unchanged	16	16	unchanged	
Renewable heat							
Total	12	18	revised estimates of savings based on work by NERA, in line with RES	15	18	revised estimates of savings based on work by NERA, in line with RES	
Road transport							
Biofuels	5	5	revised vehicle-km forecasts	5	5	revised vehicle-km forecasts	
Car technology	10	10	revised vehicle-km forecasts, less aggressive uptake of EV and PHEVs	10	10	revised vehicle-km forecasts, less aggressive uptake of EV and PHEVs	
Van technology	1	2	revised vehicle-km forecasts, now includes EV and PHEV technology	3	2	revised vehicle-km forecasts	
HGV technology	1	1	revised vehicle-km forecasts	1	1	revised vehicle-km forecasts	

Table 3.1 continued							
	Extend	ded Amb	bition	Stretch Ambition			
	Abater potent 2020 (i		Reason for change	Abatement potential in 2020 (MtCO <sub>2</sub> )		Reason for change	
	Dec 2008 Report	This Report		Dec 2008 Report	This Report		
Rail – efficiency measures	1	1	unchanged	1	1	unchanged	
Demand – Smarter Choices	3	3	unchanged	3	3	unchanged	
Demand – Eco driving – cars	<1	<1	unchanged	1	1	unchanged	
Demand – Eco driving – vans and HGVs	1	1	unchanged	1	1	unchanged	
Speed limiting (at 70 mph in Extended, 60 mph in Stretch)		1	not included last year	5	3	new information on split of travel across different road types	
Road pricing					6	not included last year	
Total	22	23		30	32		
Agriculture							
Total		3	not included last year, now reflects government commitment		3	not included last year, now reflects government commitment	
Waste							
Total		1	not included last year, now reflects government commitment		1	not included last year, now reflects government commitment	
Total	69	79		83	92		

Note: Due to rounding, small changes may not be apparent and figures may not sum to totals.

### Comparison of updated scenarios with carbon budgets

Non-traded sector emissions under the Extended Ambition scenario are 11 MtCO<sub>2</sub> lower in 2020 compared to the same scenario in the December 2008 report.

Our updated Extended Ambition scenario continues therefore to offer sufficient emissions reduction potential to meet the non-traded sector Interim budget without the need for purchase of offset credits (Figure 3.1), but not the Intended budget.

However, our updated Stretch Ambition scenario does meet the Intended budget in the non-traded sector through domestic effort alone for all years except 2022.

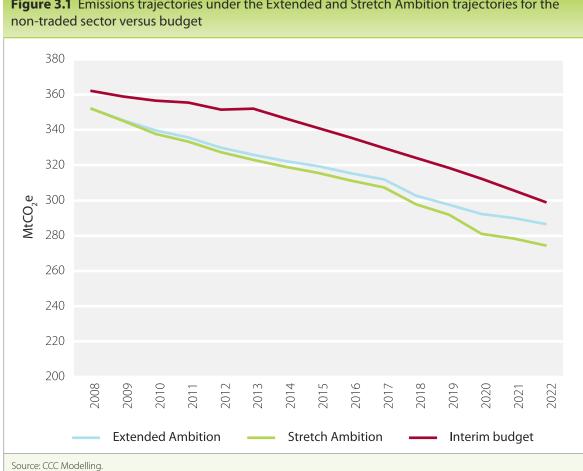
Moving from the Interim to the Intended budget would require either additional commitment from Government or purchase of offset credits.

The Committee will advise on the appropriate level of offset credit purchase as part of our wider advice on moving to the Intended budget once a deal to reduce global emissions has been agreed.

In the traded sector our Extended and Stretch Ambition scenarios offer similar levels of emissions reduction potential as in our December 2008 report. At the same time, our assumptions about coal build in the power sector have been updated with the result that traded sector emissions are now lower. Overall, our Extended and Stretch Ambition scenarios continue to allow the traded sector Interim budget to be met domestically; the Intended budget would not be met though domestic effort alone.

### Comparison of revised scenarios with official projections

Economy wide emissions under our Extended Ambition scenario are 24 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e lower in 2020 compared with the government's central projection. Non-traded sector emissions are 9 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e, reflecting different assumptions that we have made about the level of emissions reduction that would be delivered through effective policy (Box 3.1)<sup>1</sup>. We therefore recommend that the Government's level of policy ambition should be increased to reflect our bottom up analysis of emissions reduction potential (e.g. in industry and transport). In order to deliver this ambition, strong incentives will be required to support uptake of measures; we discuss required policy strengthening in Section 4 below and in Chapters 4-6.



### Figure 3.1 Emissions trajectories under the Extended and Stretch Ambition trajectories for the

**Box 3.1 Comparison of CCC** and Government scenarios for emissions reduction

In 2020, measures in our Extended Ambition scenario save 14 MtCO<sub>2</sub> more, and in our Stretch Ambition scenario 27 MtCO<sub>2</sub> more, than the Government's central scenario.

In the Extended Ambition scenario this principally reflects:

Buildings and industry (Table B3.1.a)

- A similar level of ambition for domestic buildings
- Higher savings from the commercial and industrial sectors, where we envisage wider roll

out of EPCs and DECs, development of a policy framework to deliver increased savings from SMEs and use of existing policy (EU ETS, CCAs and CRC) to deliver all cost-effective potential

Surface transport (see table)

- Greater ambition for delivery of savings from new cars on track to average new car emissions in the UK of 95 gCO<sub>2</sub>/km
- Wider roll out of Smarter Choices to towns and cities in the UK
- Enforcement of the 70 mph speed limit

Our ambitions for power sector decarbonisation are similar.

#### Box 3.1 continued

Table B3.1.a: Comparison of CCC and government emissions trajectories										
	Abatement potential in 2020 (MtCO <sub>2</sub> e)									
	ССС			Government						
	Extend scenari	ed Ambiti o	on	Stretch scenario	Ambition o			d in UK Lo Transitio		Additional savings identified*
Measure	Non- traded	Traded	Total	Non- traded	Traded	Total	Non- traded	Traded	Total	Total
Buildings & industry										
Measures excluding ren	ewable	heat								
Domestic			17			22			18	
Public			2			2			1	
Commercial			7			7			6	
Industry			6			6			3	
CHP			1			1				
TOTAL	15	18	33	18	20	38	10	17	28	
Renewable heat										
TOTAL	13	5	18	13	5	18	10	5	15	
Surface transport										
Biofuels			5			5			7	
Car technology			10			10			8	
Van technology			2			2			2	
HGV technology			1			1			<1	
Rail efficiency measures			1			1			<1	
Bus technology									<1	
Smarter Choices			3			3				1
Eco driving - cars, vans and HGVs			1			2				<1
SAFED for bus drivers									<1	
Speed limiting			1			3				1
Road pricing						б				
TOTAL	24	-1	23	33	-1	32	18		18	3
Agriculture & Waste										
TOTAL	4		4	4		4	4		4	
GRAND TOTAL	56	22	79	67	24	92	42	22	64	3

\*Additional savings identified by Government but not included in the Transition Plan

## 2. The framework for monitoring budgets: indicators and forward indicators

We have demonstrated that successful delivery of our emissions reduction scenarios would achieve the UK's carbon budgets. One approach to monitoring progress would simply be to compare actual emissions with budgets and to say that we are on track if emissions are within budgeted levels, and off track otherwise. We do not, however, accept this approach for two reasons:

- There are many factors which drive emissions, some of which would not result in sustainable emissions reductions. It may be the case, for example, that emissions in a particular year are low due to a mild winter, but that emissions in subsequent years are higher as winters are colder. A current example relates to the economic recession, which will result in falling emissions and may give the impression that we are on track to meet carbon budgets even though there is limited progress on implementation of measures that will be required to meet the second and third budgets; we set out detailed analysis of this issue in Chapter 2.
- Some of the measures which will result in emissions reductions have long lead times (e.g. investment in low carbon power generation); focusing simply on emissions could reveal too late that measures required to meet budgets have not been implemented.

The Committee will therefore fulfil its statutory obligation to monitor progress meeting budgets by considering both emissions and indicators of progress in implementing measures that drive emissions reductions.

In developing our indicators, we have considered various existing indicator frameworks, both generally and in the specific context of climate change (Box 3.2). This has informed our framework, which includes emissions, drivers of emissions, forward indicators for these drivers where appropriate, policy milestones, and contextual factors (Figure 3.2):

#### **Headline indicators**

- **Emissions.** Our headline indicators include a sectoral breakdown of economy wide emissions to power, buildings and industry, transport.
- Emissions intensity and demand. They also include high level indicators of the supply and demand side factors which drive emissions. On the supply side, for example, we have developed trajectories for carbon intensity of power generation and carbon efficiency of vehicles underpinning our emissions reduction scenarios. On the demand side, we have trajectories for electricity and heat demand reduction, and for vehicle miles/passenger miles.

#### Supporting indicators

- Implementation indicators. Each headline indicator is underpinned by a set of indicators which track progress in implementing the measures required to achieve sustainable emissions reduction. We have therefore developed trajectories across the range of measures driving our emissions reduction scenarios. In the power sector, for example, we have trajectories for adding lowcarbon power generation capacity. In buildings we have trajectories for roll out of loft, cavity wall and solid wall insulation. In cars, we have trajectories for penetration of electric cars.
- Forward indicators. Where appropriate, we have trajectories for forward indicators that we will use to assess whether we are on track to deliver measures as required. In the power sector, for example, delivering the new low-carbon capacity required will require planning applications/ decisions to be made, projects to move to the construction phase, etc., a number of years before emissions reductions ensue.
- **Policy milestones.** In order that measures are successfully implemented, the appropriate enabling framework will have to be in place. We therefore include in our framework indicators reflecting key policy milestones and high level aspects of policy design.

### Box 3.2 Existing indicator frameworks

Performance information is the information used to measure an organisation's progress towards its objectives. Financial ratios have long been used to measure performance in the private sector. Public sector performance indicators tend to differ – the aims of Government are wider than private organisations, reflected in a wider range of performance measures.

### Some established performance frameworks

#### HM Treasury's 'Choosing the Right Fabric'

HM Treasury publish guidance to departments setting out general principles for producing high quality performance information<sup>1</sup>.

This recognises that defining performance measures, setting targets and collecting performance information requires a balance between using the ideal information and using what is possible, available, affordable, and most appropriate to the particular circumstances.

It also recognises that while, ultimately, organisations aim to improve outcomes, measurement can be difficult. Moreover, it is useful to understand how inputs and outputs and associated processes are contributing to outcomes. Hence performance measures need to look at inputs and outputs as well. It's also important to look at performance in context, establishing factors external to Government that affect an outcome.

#### Logical Frameworks

Logical Frameworks ('logframes') are widely used by development organisations to help strengthen activity design, implementation and evaluation. Guidance is provided by DfID as part of their Tools for Development<sup>2</sup>. Indicators play a crucial role in logframe planning and analysis:

- They specify realistic targets
- They provide the basis for monitoring, review and evaluation
- The process of setting indicators contributes to transparency.

### Existing climate change mitigation indicators

A range of climate change mitigation indicators exist.

#### **Government PSAs**

Public Service Agreements (PSAs) set out the key outcomes that Government wants to achieve in the next spending period. PSA 27 sets out Government's aim to 'Lead the global effort to avoid dangerous climate change'<sup>3</sup> and is underpinned by six outcome-focused indicators. Two – UK greenhouse gas and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and Greenhouse gas and CO<sub>2</sub> intensity of the UK economy – are the most relevant to the Committee's task to monitor progress towards decarbonisation, although published with a lag.

<sup>1</sup> HM Treasury, Cabinet Office, National Audit Office, Audit Commission, Office For National Statistics (2001) Choosing the Right FABRIC – A Framework For Performance information. http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/d/229.pdf

<sup>2</sup> DflD (2003) Tools for Development – A handbook for those engaged in development activity http://www2.dfid.gov.uk/pubs/files/toolsfordevelopment.pdf

<sup>3</sup> HM Government (2007) PSA Delivery Agreement 27: Lead the global effort to avoid dangerous climate change. http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/d/pbr\_csr07\_psa27.pdf

#### Box 3.2 continued

#### **Departmental Strategic Objectives**

Government PSAs are underpinned by Departmental Strategic Objectives  $(DSOs)^4$ . These have their own indicators which include some of the drivers of emissions, for example proportion of electricity from renewable sources, average new car  $CO_2$  emissions and annual energy saving from domestic appliance design.

#### Other Government monitoring data

Other government indicator sets monitor changes in factors relevant to climate change but do not define in detail what success should look like. These include the Government's Sustainable Development Indicators<sup>5</sup> and the UK Energy Sector Indicators published by DECC<sup>6</sup>.

### Indicators used by the European Commission

The European Commission publish a range of indicators – both for the EU as whole and the individual member states – largely derived from GHG or  $CO_2$  emission statistics<sup>7</sup>. Whilst they capture a wider range of emissions and provide more sector detail than the emissions indicators underpinning the UK's PSA 27, these indicators suffer from the same publication lags.

As part of the EU Energy End-Use Efficiency and Energy Services directive, member states will also be required wherever practicable to measure, verify and report their total energy savings using a harmonised framework which includes a range of energy efficiency indicators<sup>8</sup>.

### Roadmaps for climate change mitigation

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In April 2009, the CBI set published a set of roadmaps to a low-carbon future for each sector of the economy<sup>9</sup>. Covering both policy and market response, they identified key steps necessary over the next 10 years to drive a 'green' economic recovery, decarbonise the UK economy and secure business buy-in and investment.

#### **HM Government**

The UK Low Carbon Transition Plan included a roadmap for building a low-carbon UK. It set out the Government's plan for reducing emissions and meeting carbon budgets, summarised in a set of timelines for each sector showing the major changes over the next 10 years.

The steps identified in these roadmaps provide milestones and indicators of progress.

4 Defra (2009) Departmental Report 2009. http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/about/how/deprep/docs/2009-deptreport.pdf, DECC (2009) Annual Report and Resource Accounts 2008-09. http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/publications/annual\_reports/2009/2009.aspx, DfT (2009) Annual Report and Resource Accounts 2008-09.

http://www.dft.gov.uk/about/publications/apr/ar2009/arra.pdf

<sup>5</sup> See http://www.defra.gov.uk/sustainable/government/progress/index.htm

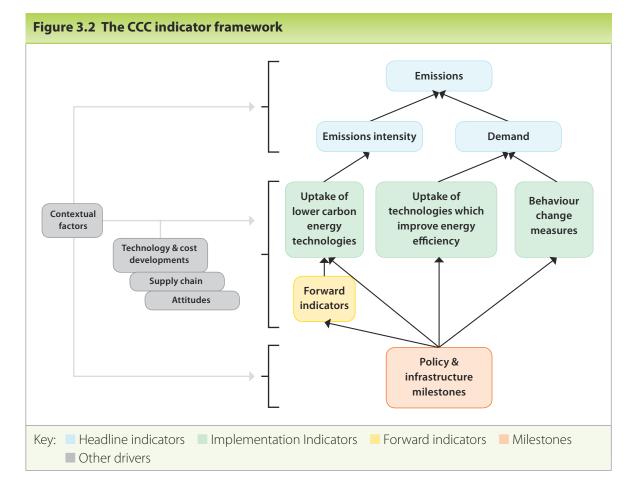
<sup>6</sup> See http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/statistics/publications/indicators/indicators.aspx

<sup>7</sup> See for example http://ec.europa.eu/energy/publications/doc/statistics/part\_4\_energy\_pocket\_book\_2009.pdf

<sup>8</sup> See http://eur-lex.europa.eu/smartapi/cgi/sga\_doc?smartapi!celexplus!prod!CELEXnumdoc&lg=EN&numdoc=32006L0032

<sup>9</sup> CBI (2009) Going the distance: the low-carbon economy roadmap.

http://climatechange.cbi.org.uk/uploaded/Roadmap\_SummaryDistance.pdf



#### Other drivers

There are a number of emissions drivers for which we do not set out indicators in advance but which we will track as part of our monitoring framework. These include drivers for which we would hope to see improvements (e.g. technology costs, supply chain capability etc.) and those which are purely contextual (e.g. GDP, fossil fuel prices, population etc.).

In choosing indicators, we have required that these fulfil a range of criteria. In particular, high quality representative data must be available in timely manner if it is to be useful for monitoring. Where data is not available or does not meet these criteria, we will work with Government to try to address this.

In using indicators, the Committee wishes to make clear that our framework provides an indicative roadmap for emissions reduction rather than a concrete plan which cannot be deviated from. It may be the case, for example, that some indicators are not met, but that there is a good reason for this (e.g. because battery costs for electric cars do not fall as quickly as we envisage), and that there is more achieved on take up of more carbon efficient cars based on conventional technology. The Committee will therefore apply the framework in a pragmatic manner that allows for emission reductions to be lower in some cases and higher in other cases than currently envisaged.

It would not be acceptable, however, to be off track across a range of measures without compensating with outperformance on other measures. If this were to ensue, the Committee would explore scope for remedial actions. The indicator framework is therefore a tool for supporting analysis and assessing progress in meeting carbon budgets and for underpinning an evolving strategy to achieve carbon budgets.

### 3. Summary of measures to deliver budgets

In this section we provide a summary of our indicators based on our Extended Ambition scenario, for the power sector, buildings and industry and transport; more detailed analysis of these sectors is set out in Chapters 4-6.

#### Power sector indicators

Power sector indicators include trajectories for emissions, carbon intensity of power generation, investment in low-carbon power generation, and actions required in order that investment proceeds (Table 3.2):

 Our emissions trajectory results in a 53% reduction in emissions by 2020 through retirement of existing coal plant and investment in renewable (primarily wind), nuclear and CCS coal generation.

- Carbon intensity along this trajectory falls from the current average of 540 g/kWh to around 300 g/kWh in 2020.
- Low-carbon generation capacity comprising 27.1 GW total wind, two additional nuclear plants and up to four CCS coal plants, is required to drive this trajectory.
- Forward indicators for delivery of this investment include planning applications/decisions and entry of plant into construction. For example, in order that onshore wind plant comes onto the system in 2020, this must have entered planning two years earlier (three years earlier for offshore) and construction one year earlier (two years earlier for offshore); for nuclear plant, planning project development should start with a seven year lead relative to when capacity is required on the system; etc..

Table 3.2 Power sector inc	licators			
Power		Budget 1	Budget 2	Budget 3
Headline indicators				
Emissions intensity (g/kWh)		509	390	236
Total emissions (% change from 2007)		-15%	-39%	-64%
Generation (TWh)	Wind	21	50	98
	Nuclear	58	30	48
	CCS	0	5	11
Supporting indicators				
Transmission				
Agreement on incentives for an investment for Stage 1 reinforcements	nticipatory	2010		
Implementation of enduring regime for accessing grid		2010		
Transitional OFTO regime in pl	lace	2009		
Enduring OFTO regime in plac	e	2010		

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Table 3.2 continued				
Power		Budget 1	Budget 2	Budget 3
Grid reinforcement planning appr	oval	2011: Scotland Stage 1, Wales Stage 1 (Central), South East	2013: Wales Stage 1 (North), English East Coast Stage 1, South West 2014: Scotland Stage 2	
Grid reinforcement construction begins			2014: Wales Stage 1 (North), English East Coast Stage 1, South West 2015: Scotland Stage 2	
Grid reinforcements operational			2015: Scotland Stage 1, Wales Stage 1 (Central), South East	2018: Scotland Stage 2
			2017: Wales Stage 1 (North), English East Coast Stage 1, South West	
Tendering for first offshore connecture under enduring OFTO regime	ctions	2010		
Construction of first offshore conr under enduring OFTO regime beg		2011		
First offshore connections under e OFTO regime operational	nduring	2012		
Planning				
IPC set up and ready to receive applications		2010		
Market				
Review of current market arrangements and interventions to support low-cost, low-carbon generation investment		to begin in first budget period		
Wind				
Generation (TWh)	Onshore	13	26	44
	Offshore	8	24	54
Total capacity (GW)	Onshore	5.7	10.8	18.0
	Offshore	2.5	7.4	16.6

Table 3.2   continued					
Power		Budget 1	Budget 2	Budget 3	
Capacity entering construction (GW)	Onshore	0.9	1.3	1.5	
	Offshore	0.9	1.6	2.6	
Capacity entering planning	Onshore	New planning applications will be required from the e of the second budget period at the latest to maintain into construction			
	Offshore	New planning applic site leasing	New planning applications will be expected in l site leasing		
Average planning period (mon	ths)	<12	<12	<12	
Nuclear					
Regulatory Justification process	5	2010			
Generic Design Assessment		2011			
National Policy Statement for n (including Strategic Siting Asses		2010			
Regulations for a Funded Decommissioning Programme in place		2010			
Entering planning		first planning application in 2010	subsequent applications at 18 month intervals		
Planning approval; site development and preliminary works begin		first approval and site development and preliminary works begin in 2011	subsequent application approvals, site development and preliminary works at 18 month intervals		
Construction begins			first plant in 2013, subsequent plants at 18 month intervals		
Plant begins operation				first plant in 2018, with subsequent plants at 18 month intervals*	
CCS					
Front-End Engineering and Des studies for competition contene completed		2010			
Announce competition winner		2010			

Table 3.2 continued						
Power	Budget 1	Budget 2	Budget 3			
Second demonstration competition	launch 2010, announce winners 2011					
Quantification of saline aquifer $CO_2$ storage potential		no later than 2015				
Review of technology and decision on framework for future support		no later than 2016				
Strategic plan for infrastructure development		no later than 2016				
Planning and authorisation approval, land acquisition, and storage site testing completed, construction commences	first demo in 2011	subsequent demos 2012/13				
Demonstrations operational		first demo in 2014, subsequent demos 2015/16**				
First new full CCS plants supported via the 2016 mechanism			2022			
Other drivers						
Total demand (TWh), coal and gas prices, nuclear outages Average wind load factors, availability of offshore installation vessels, access to turbines Nuclear supply chain, availability of skilled staff International progress on CCS demonstration and deployment						

Planning approval rates and frequency of public inquiries to decisions of Infrastructure Planning Commission

\* Up to 3 nuclear plants by 2022. \*\* Up to 4 CCS demonstration plants by 2020.

Note: Numbers indicate amount in last year of budget period i.e. 2012, 2017, 2022 Key:

Headline indicators Implementation indicators Forward indicators IMilestones Other drivers

#### Buildings and industry indicators

Indicators for buildings and industry include emissions trajectories for residential buildings, non-residential buildings and industry, measures to improve energy efficiency, and increased penetration of renewable heat (Table 3.3):

- Our emissions trajectory for residential buildings has total emissions falling by 29% over the period to 2020, with a 20% reduction in direct emissions and a 53% reduction in indirect (i.e. electricityrelated) emissions
- Residential energy demand along this trajectory falls by 16% by 2020.

- Energy efficiency improvement includes insulation of 90% lofts and cavity walls by 2015, with solid wall insulation in around 2 million houses by 2020, and boiler replacement in up to 11 million houses.
- Penetration of renewable heat reaches 12% of total heat supply by 2020 resulting in emissions reduction of 18 MtCO<sub>2</sub>.
- In the period to 2020, emissions fall by 28% for non-residential buildings and by 16% for industry, underpinned by reductions in energy demand of 7% and 16% respectively.
- All cost-effective emissions reduction potential for public sector buildings covered by the CRC is realised by 2018.

Table 3.3 Buildings and industry in	dicators			
Buildings and Industry		Budget 1	Budget 2	Budget 3
All buildings and industry				
Headline indicators				
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (% change on 2007)*	direct	-9%	-11%	-15%
	indirect**	-11%	-28%	-58%
Final energy consumption (% change on 2007)	non-electricity	-10%	-18%	-23%
	electricity (centrally produced)***	-8% (-4%)	-7% (-9%)	-5% (-13%)
Residential buildings				
Headline indicators				
CO₂ emissions (indicative minimum % change on 2007)*	direct	-6%	-18%	-20%
	indirect**	-11%	-23%	-53%
Final energy consumption (indicative minimum % change on 2007)	non-electricity	-6%	-18%	-19%
	electricity (centrally produced)***	-5% (-5%)	-4% (-4%)	-3% (-3%)
Supporting indicators				
Uptake of Solid Wall insulation (million h additional installations compared to 200		0.5	1.2	2.3
Uptake of Loft insulation (up to and inclu (million homes, total additional installat 2007 levels)	0	2.1	5.3	5.3
Uptake of Loft insulation (100mm +) (mi additional installations compared to 200		1.9	4.8	4.8
Uptake of Cavity wall insulation (million additional installations compared to 200		3.5	7.5	7.5
Uptake of Energy efficient boilers (millior additional installations compared to 200		4.9	9	12
Uptake of Energy efficient appliances - Cold A++ rated (% of stock)		3%	18%	45%
Uptake of Energy efficient appliances - Wet A+ Rated (% of stock)		22%	53%	82%
Every house offered whole-house energy	<i>audit</i>		by 2017	

Table 3.3 continued			
Buildings and Industry	Budget 1	Budget 2	Budget 3
Heat and Energy Saving Strategy finalised	2009		
New financing mechanism pilots operate and are evaluated	2011		
Post CERT delivery framework legislation in place	2011		
Other drivers			

Average SAP rating, Implementation of behavioural measures, Population (by age), Number of households (by type - building and occupants), Household disposable income, Electricity and gas prices, Appliance ownership

Non-residential buildings						
Headline indicators						
CO₂ emissions (indicative minimum % change on 2007)*	direct	6%	2%	-3%		
	indirect**	-9%	-22%	-51%		
Final energy consumption (indicative minimum % change on 2007)	non-electricity	-4%	-8%	-13%		
	electricity (centrally produced)***	-1% (-1%)	-1% (-1%)	-1% (-1%)		
Supporting indicators						
Develop policy on SMEs		by October 2010				
Government decision on the following for EPCs and DECs:	recommendations	by October 2010				
· All non-residential buildings to have a	n EPC		by 2017			
• All non-residential buildings to have a rating of F or higher	minimum EPC			by 2020		
· Roll out of DECs to non-public building	gs		by 2017			
All public buildings covered by CRC to realise all cost effective emissions change potential			by 2018	by 2018		
Other drivers						

Emissions and fuel consumption by subsector, GVA / GVA vs. GDP for each sub-sector, Electricity and gas prices

Table 3.3 continued				
Buildings and Industry		Budget 1	Budget 2	Budget 3
Industry				
Headline indicators				
CO₂ emissions (indicative minimum % change on 2007)*	direct	-15%	-2%	8%
	indirect**	-12%	-35%	-66%
Final energy consumption (indicative minimum % change on 2007)	non-electricity	-20%	-21%	-19%
	electricity (centrally produced)***	-16% (-6%)	-11% (-18%)	-5% (-30%)
Other drivers				
Emissions and fuel consumption by sub	osector, GVA / GVA vs.	GDP for each sub-se	ector, Electricity a	nd gas prices
Renewable heat				
Headline indicators				
Renewable heat penetration		1%	5%	12% in 2020
Supporting indicators				
Renewable Heat Incentive in operation		from April 2011		
Other drivers				

Uptake and costs of renewable heat technologies (Biomass boilers, Solar thermal, GSHP and ASHP, District heating)

\* These indicators should be considered jointly. Reductions in total emissions from buildings and industry reflect savings from renewable heat. We do not however set out in advance the split of these savings across sectors. Therefore emissions changes for individal sectors do not assume any savings from renewable heat and reflect a minimum level of change.

\*\* Based on a reference projection net of electricity demand changes whose carbon intensity is assumed to be that of new build gas. Within our modelling of the power sector, emissions from electricity generation are lower than is represented here due to different assumptions about carbon intensity. The indirect emissions shown here are therefore conservative.

\*\*\* Figures show percentage changes in total electricity consumption including autogenerated electricity, and in centrally produced electricity only.

Note: Numbers indicate amount in last year of budget period i.e. 2012, 2017, 2022 Key: Headline indicators Implementation Indicators Other drivers

#### **Transport indicators**

Transport indicators include trajectories for emissions, carbon intensity of cars, travel demand by mode and fuel consumption (Table 3.4):

- In our transport emissions reduction trajectories car emissions fall by 30% compared to 2007 levels by 2020 as lower gCO<sub>2</sub>/km offsets rising demand, van emissions rise by 30% (compared to a rise of 18% in our reference projection), and HGV emissions fall by 19% by 2020.
- Carbon efficiency of new cars improves from the current level averaging 158 g/km to 95 g/km in 2020.
- Electric car penetration reaches 240,000 by 2105 and 1.7 million by 2020 and biofuels penetration reaches 10% by 2020.
- Demand for car travel reaches by 418 billion vehicle-km in 2020 as Smarter Choices measures are implemented (compared to 432 billion vehicle-km in our reference projection).

Table 3.4         Transport indicators				
Road Transport		Budget 1	Budget 2	Budget 3
Headline indicators				
Direct emissions (% change on 2007)	Total	-11%	-19%	-29%
	Car	-17%	-24%	-37%
	Van	11%	16%	14%
	HGV	-13%	-16%	-19%
gCO <sub>z</sub> /km (carbon intensity of a vehicle kilometre)	Car	152	132	104
	Van	247	226	196
	HGV	743	687	639
Vehicle-km billions	Car	421	419	420
Supporting indicators				
Vehicle technology				
New vehicle gCO <sub>2</sub> /km	Car	142	110	95 (by 2020)
New electric cars registered each year (value at end of Budget period)		11,000	230,000	550,000
Stock of electric cars in vehicle fleet		22,000	640,000 (240,000 delivered through pilot projects in 2015)	2.6 million (1.7 million by 2020)
Biofuels				
Penetration of biofuels (by volume)		4.5%	7.9%	10.0%
Decision on whether future biofuels target can be met sustainably		2011/12		

Table 3.4 continued			
Road Transport	Budget 1	Budget 2	Budget 3
Demand side measures			
Proportion of drivers exceeding 70mph		0%*	0%
Car drivers who have undergone eco driving training	1,050,000	2,800,000	4,550,000
Smarter Choices – demonstration in a city and development plan for roll out if successful, demonstration in rural areas and demonstration targeting longer journeys	2010		
Smarter Choices – phased roll out to towns	2010		Complete
Development of integrated planning and transport strategy	2011		
Other drivers			

#### **Other drivers**

Fuel pump prices, Fuel duty, Proportion of new car sales that are 'best in class', Proportion of small/medium/ large cars, Van and HGV km (vehicle/tonne)\*\*, Petrol/diesel consumption, Surface transport modal split, Average speed of drivers exceeding 70mph

Agreement of modalities for reaching an EU target of 95  $gCO_2/km$  target and strong enough penalties to deliver the target, New Car CO<sub>2</sub> in EU, New Van and HGV  $gCO_2/km^{***}$ , Number of EV car models on market, Developments in battery and hydrogen fuel cell technology, Battery costs

Successful conclusion of EU work on Indirect Land Use Change/development of accounting system for ILUC and sustainability

Number of households and Car ownership by household, Cost of car travel vs. cost of public transport, Funding allocated to and percentage of population covered by Smarter Choices initiatives<sup>†</sup>, Proportion of new retail floorspace in town centre/edge of centre locations, Ratio of parking spaces to new dwellings on annual basis

\* These are the values implied by the estimated savings from speed limiting. CCC recognise that in practice it is impossible to achieve zero speeding. However, as close to zero as practicable is required to achieve the greatest carbon savings.

\*\* We will include van and HGV km travelled in our headline indicators following new work on freight for our 2010 report.

\*\*\* We aim to include new van and HGV gCO<sub>2</sub>/km in our indicator set as the available monitoring data improves <sup>†</sup> Our initial recommendation is for phased roll-out of Smarter Choices to further establish emissions reduction potential. If initial roll-out proves successful, our subsequent recommendation would be for national roll-out. We would then need to monitor population covered and also total expenditure to verify sufficient coverage and intensity. Once national roll-out is underway and suitable data sources are identified, population covered and total expenditure will be included in our set of supporting indicators.

Note: Numbers indicate amount in last year of budget period i.e 2012, 2017, 2022. Key: Headline indicators Implementation Indicators Other drivers

### 4. Summary of required policy strengthening to deliver budgets

The policy framework will be crucial in driving actions to meet indicators and reduce emissions. The policies summarised in the Low Carbon Transition Plan provide a good foundation for required actions.

The Committee notes, however, the broadly flat emissions trend in recent years and the need therefore for a fundamental shift if deep cuts required to meet carbon budgets are to be achieved going forward. Under current policies, it is the Committee's view that significant risks exist for meeting the second and third carbon budgets, and that policy strengthening is necessary across power, buildings and industry and transport sectors.

We now summarise key policy milestones and areas for policy strengthening identified by the Committee, with more detailed discussion presented in Chapters 4-6.

### Power sector policy strengthening and milestones

Wind generation. In order to support very ambitious targets for investment in wind capacity, key decisions are required on power transmission access and investment. In particular, a new enduring regime for access that allows connection of new wind generation is required by 2010. Decisions to proceed on least-regrets investments in power transmission to support increased levels of wind generation are required by 2010.

**Nuclear generation**. The enabling framework for nuclear new build is currently under development. Key outstanding policy milestones include: issuing a national policy statement by 2010; Generic Design Assessment of reactor design completed by 2011; approval of first planning applications by 2011 to allow commencement of construction by 2012/13. **CCS generation.** It is important to move forward with CCS demonstration in a timely manner. The first CCS demonstration competition should be concluded according to the schedule announced by the Government in June 2009. The second round of competitions, which in the view of the Committee should cover up to three projects, should commence in 2010 and conclude by 2011. The Government should announce now that a financing mechanism to support roll-out will be put in place following the demonstrations (e.g. no later than 2016). In addition, the Government should provide a very clear signal now that the role for any conventional coal plant remaining beyond the early 2020s would be very limited.

**Power market reform.** The Committee had previously raised the question whether investors could reasonably be expected to invest in lowcarbon technologies under current market arrangements given multiple risks (e.g. over fossil fuel prices, carbon prices, electricity prices, technology costs and performance characteristics, etc.).

Based on a detailed consideration of new analysis, the Committee's view is that there are plausible scenarios where risk-averse investors will revert to investment in gas fired power generation rather than low carbon technologies. This is problematic given the centrality of power sector decarbonisation to decarbonisation in other sectors on the path to meeting the 2050 target.

The Committee therefore proposes that alternative options to strengthen incentives for investment in low-carbon technologies (e.g. carbon price underpin, low-carbon obligation, emissions performance standard, etc.) should be seriously considered. A near term review of these options is required in order that any new arrangements can be introduced on a schedule consistent with the timing of investment decisions to be made early in the second budget period.

### Strengthening of policy for buildings and industry

Policy for residential buildings. The supplierled existing framework for energy efficiency improvement in residential buildings does not provide sufficient incentives for the deep emissions cuts required in this area. A new approach is required. The Government has acknowledged this in its draft Heat and Energy Savings Strategy. The Committee agrees with the high level approach proposed in the Government consultation. The Committee recommends that any policy should be developed in 2010-2011 for implementation from 2012, and should be based on:

- A whole house approach which covers the range of cost-effective measures for energy efficiency improvement and minimises transaction costs for households
- A street by street neighbourhood approach led by national Government, with a delivery role for local government in partnership with energy companies
- An appropriate balance between 'pay as you save' (i.e. loans for energy efficiency improvement which are repaid through cost savings due to lower energy consumption) and subsidised funding recognising that some measures do not save money (e.g. solid wall insulation) and that some groups (e.g. the fuel poor) may not be able to take on loans.

**Renewable heat.** Our Extended Ambition scenario includes significantly increased renewable heat penetration on the basis that the Government will introduce new policies in this area to meet EU renewable energy targets. The Government has recognised that new policies are required to address barriers to uptake including cost penalties for renewable heat technologies and consumer attitudes reflecting the fact that there is very limited experience of renewable heat in the UK. The Committee welcomes the proposed introduction of a Renewable Heat Incentive on which the Government will consult later in 2009.

#### Energy efficiency improvement in the non-

**capped sectors.** The Committee has identified significant emissions reduction potential from energy efficiency improvement in non-residential buildings. Not, currently covered by policies for reduction of non-residential emissions (e.g. Climate Change Agreements, the Carbon Reduction Commitment, EU ETS). The Committee agrees with the Carbon Trust that new requirements should be introduced:

- All non-residential buildings to have an EPC in place by the end of the second budget period
- Minimum ratings set for all non-residential buildings (minimum EPC rating of F by 2020)
- Roll-out of DECs to all non-residential buildings.

In relation to SMEs, a first step would be to develop a better understanding of emissions reduction opportunities by getting better information about the current state of the building stock. In this respect, information from Display Energy Certificates (DECs) and Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) would help inform new policies. There are a range of policy options for SMEs that warrant further consideration including:

- Providing more financial support. Current financial and institutional support provided by the Carbon Trust could be scaled up to cover a larger proportion of the SME population.
- Extending the proposed new approach for the residential sector to cover SMEs. Some progress has already been made in this respect with the large energy companies in the UK entering voluntary agreements with Government to provide energy services to SMEs. There is a question, however, as to whether the voluntary basis of the scheme provides sufficient bite for energy suppliers to actively participate and whether the neighbourhood approach which could motivate households would provide the same incentives for SMEs.

• Mandating implementation of measures. As in the residential sector, regulatory measures may be required to achieve full take up of cost effective emissions reduction potential (e.g. mandating a minimum EPC rating on sale or letting of property, or linking business rates to the EPC rating).

The Government has established a new project that will consider possible new policies to support SME emissions reduction; this will be the first step towards unlocking significant SME emissions reduction potential.

#### Transport policy strengthening

Policy for new cars. Incentives will be required in order to achieve the ambitious EU targets for carbon efficiency of new cars. These are likely to require both fiscal levers and better information. For electric cars specifically, financial support will be required both to cover cost premiums of early stage designs before battery costs fall, and charging infrastructure cost. The Government's commitment to provide £250 million to support electric car deployment is a very useful start in this respect, although further funding is likely to be required. Government-sponsored pilot projects should aim to achieve 240,000 electric cars on the road by 2015 on the way to 1.7 million by 2020 in order that a critical mass is reached and the electric car option developed to achieve significant market share in the 2020s; design of projects should start now in order to support early implementation.

**Roll out of Smarter Choices.** Evidence from Sustainable Travel Towns suggests that car travel demand reductions are at the top end of the range that had been suggested in the literature. Based on this evidence, it is the Committee's view that the Government's new Sustainable Travel City should be complemented by phased roll out of Sustainable Travel Towns, and a plan for roll out of Sustainable Travel Cities depending on the experience in the pilot project. There should also be demonstrations focussing on rural areas and on longer journeys.

#### Integrated land use and transport planning.

Up to 3 million new houses will be built in the UK in the period to 2020. Analysis suggests that if these were built without regard for transport implications then overall emissions could increase, even if the new houses are zero carbon. For existing developments, there is wide variation in average emissions for cities in the UK and beyond, suggesting that there is scope for emissions reduction through changing land use planning and transport policy. The Committee therefore recommends that the Government should develop an integrated land use and transport strategy designed to fully account for transport emissions.