

Boris's Heat Pump Plan – Badly advised by BEIS

As you will have seen from the Media and social media Boris was badly advised by his advisors, BEIS. Yesterday there were articles in newspapers and Posts on LinkedIn that have put the heat pump 'revolution' into context. Please read on.

It is a case of simple arithmetic: 1.7million gas boilers a year to be replaced by 2000, or thereabouts, heat pump engineers with one heat pump each a week to install times 50 weeks a year = 100,000 heat pumps. That figure is 250% higher than the current number yearly heat pump installations.

100,000 heat pumps a year is 1.6million short of target, leaving aside heat pump installations in new builds and Ground source heat pumps, which take more than a week to install with more than one heat pump engineer.

Unfortunately, in haste for COP26 there has not been enough thought put into the process of moving from gas boilers to alternative heating.

Even the heat pump industry said yesterday that the Plan is flawed. An article in the Daily Mail today slated the idea of heat pumps https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-10109299/ROGER-BISBY-Heat-pumps-one-biggest-cons-Ive-seen-building-trade.html

Yesterday I received a phone call from someone I had never heard of before, who told me he wondered whether we are at the start of the compensation era for heat pumps being 'oversold'.

It is a terrible shame that Boris was not properly advised by BEIS before he made the heat pump announcement, as they know we have the solution to the move from gas. They in fact told me, months ago, that they expected 100,000 houses a year to have infrared heating installed.

I acknowledge that both the solar and infrared industries need to wake up to the huge potential of making the move from gas, as available as possible to everybody. Big players with money, including Worcester Bosch, Vaillant and others, not yet in the heating industry, need to enter the solar market. In particular to set up manufacturing plants in the UK so that solar with infrared from Austria can start at least to replace the 1.7million gas boilers every year.

I also noted yesterday that Clarion Housing are spending a fortune on upgrading houses with triple glazing, massive insulation etc. just to keep tenants warm. That is absolutely unnecessary with infrared heating. Huge amounts of money can be saved using infrared heating. Infrared heating does not escape through windows, doors and walls. It stays within the rooms.

The solution is very simple. Nothing needs to be so complicated. The costs of solar with infrared are so much less than heat pumps. We have a Finance Plan to roll out solar with infrared to the masses. Just £100 per month over 96 months, while paying nothing for heating during and after that period. Government just needs to put some proper thought into my suggestions and then get on with implementing them for the benefit of everybody in the UK.

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