

ENGAGEMENT REPORT	
Minister	Patrick Harvie (PH) Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel, and Tenants' Rights
Type of engagement	Visit to Velux Living Spaces
Date	12 April 2023
Who	[Redacted] VP External Relations & Sustainability, Velux [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]
Key Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Redacted] began by welcoming PH to the Velux Living Spaces exhibition space, Velux's contribution to Copenhagen's year as UNESCO World Capital of Architecture. The exhibition has been created to showcase Velux's thinking on how to produce sustainable buildings in-line with expected NetZero building standards. [Redacted] • PH expressed an interest to understand Velux's latest thinking, not only around the latest in sustainable building practices, but in how they planned to make these new types of buildings accessible and affordable to lower-income households. • [Redacted] then gave a presentation outlining Velux's route map towards NetZero, which bakes in the UN SDGs into its framework. This plan involves Velux's fleet of HGVs and other vehicles being fully electric and carbon neutral before 2030, and more ambitiously, Velux's Sustainable Building Strategy was outlined, which sets out how Velux will incorporate NetZero practices into its products and production methods. • [Redacted] • [Redacted] then stated that another important consideration for Velux in thinking towards future building standards was the need to produce homes which healthy, affordable, and pleasant spaces to live in: for mental as well as physical wellbeing. • The visit then progressed to a tour of the site, led by [Redacted], who showed PH two fully constructed Velux homes built out of Cross-laminated timber, and timber frame. The homes featured natural ventilation, wood-wood or wood-aluminium windows, and were built to meet 2030 efficiency standards. The materials used to build them, [Redacted] explained, are readily available on the market now, and would fit a number of different settings. • PH enquired about the possibility of using these designs in social housing. [Redacted] and [Redacted] at this point presented Velux's plans for terraced and communal housing blocks built with the same materials and designs, that also met 2030 standards. The buildings are modular, with a deliberate minimisation of the installation of infrastructure (heating, electrics where possible) behind walls, to allow for future re-fitting where necessary, as new tech becomes available.
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Redacted]
Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Redacted] – out of scope

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