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A call for solar on all new UK homes

A new campaign has been launched by Velux to urge Government to make the use of solar thermal technology mandatory in all new builds. The company is calling on Government to adopt a blanket policy which would see this technology installed in all new homes to improve the energy efficiency of the UK's new housing stock.

Kevin Brennan, Head of Sustainability at Velux, says: "Housebuilders are under increasing pressure to improve the energy efficiency of their homes. However, the UK is currently lagging behind Europe. A blanket policy, such as the one in Spain, which demands that all new homes which can benefit from solar thermal have this technology installed, is a necessary step for the UK. If our Government is really serious about reducing the current carbon emissions released from our homes, Kevin Brennan of Velux then it needs to introduce similar legislation now.

"Admittedly, the costs to manufacture and install technologies such as solar hot water systems are still unnecessarily high. However, if the use of this technology became mandatory the unit and installation costs would fall significantly allowing Housebuilders to significantly improve the energy efficiency of their new homes, at minimal cost."