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Chair, Adaptation Committee
Climate Change Committee

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Dear Baroness Brown,

I am writing to you as the Climate Change Committee prepares to publish the 'Well Adapted UK' report on May 20th. This critical report will set out packages of adaptation measures and the associated investment needs. Doing so will strongly influence the direction of UK adaptation policy and action in the years ahead and should address key challenges and opportunities for increasing investment in climate adaptation.

Understanding how to fund and finance these needs, and the roles of the public and private sectors, will be a crucial next step. The Grantham Research Institute at LSE is leading the UKRI-funded ATTENUATE project to develop a UK Adaptation Investment Framework, which directly aims to support policymakers to address such questions. The project runs until September 2027, working in collaboration with UK Government, the West Midlands Combined Authority and the London Borough of Hackney.

I am pleased to share key emerging findings from work to date to inform the 'Well Adapted UK' report:

- **The final Adaptation Investment Framework will be published in early 2027. Building on global best practice, it will provide a strategic approach for enabling public and private investments in adaptation. The Adaptation Investment Framework will enable a shift from high-level planning (such as in the fourth UK National Adaptation Plan) to pipelines of bankable projects and programmes.** The Adaptation Investment Framework is being co-created with Government departments, agencies, Mayoral Combined Authorities and local government, institutional investors, retail and commercial bank interests and philanthropic organisations, and is informed by global best practice, expert interviews and a detailed evidence review.
- **The Adaptation Investment Framework provides a coherent approach that can be replicated across different levels of Government and the wider public sector.** It can guide adaptation investment across the public sector, and ensure public finance is used strategically to crowd in private sector investment.
- **Consistent use of the Adaptation Investment Framework could provide a blueprint for scaling adaptation investment in the UK.** The framework considers a wide range of enabling

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conditions (policy, regulation, incentives, skills, evidence) that can be developed to address barriers and unlock investment.

We believe that the Adaptation Investment Framework could be central to the Government's strategy for adaptation and resilience. Referencing the Adaptation Investment Framework in the 'Well Adapted UK' report would send a strong signal about the need to focus on implementation and developing a coherent, high quality adaptation investment approach that contributes to closing the UK's adaptation gap. Such an approach would provide tangible, actionable approaches to address barriers to adaptation finance and signal the potential for the UK to play a leading role in pioneering new and innovative approaches to addressing adaptation investment needs.

We would be happy to discuss the Adaptation Investment Framework in greater detail and remain very supportive of the CCC's critical work to develop the 'Well Adapted UK' report.

Yours sincerely,

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