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Dear Sheralyn

Throughout our campaign, we've been arguing that putting solar panels on the rooftops of warehouses, new homes and car parks could help us tackle the climate emergency, while sparing land for farming and nature. [1]

Our vision for generating clean, affordable energy from our rooftops has been getting a lot of support – but not from everyone.

On social media, some people have been getting very cross at us for suggesting that **we have a duty to make the best possible use of our finite land**. In their view, getting as much solar energy as we can from our rooftops is 'moronic' and 'absolute nonsense'.

So, what is the true potential for rooftop solar in this country? And are there policies that could help us generate a lot more of the solar electricity we need from our rooftops? Read our explainer to find out the facts.

Check out the explainer

What our critics might not know is, that the government's own estimates suggest that **there are 250,000 hectares of south facing commercial roof space across the country**. [2] That's an area bigger than London and Manchester combined!

When you bring the potential space over car parks into the equation, it is clear that the amount of electricity we could generate from rooftops is sky high – and that's before we even consider our homes.

But how can we turn the opportunities for rooftop solar into reality? We've set out some of the key steps we think the government needs to take, such as making rooftop solar panels a standard requirement for suitable new homes.

Find out more

To ensure our campaign is based on water-tight independent research, we commissioned analysis by expert academics into the true potential for rooftop solar, and published their findings in a major report [3].

If you want to be part of this collective call for a rooftop revolution, you can help us raise awareness by forwarding this email to your friends and family, or sharing our petition far and wide [4].

Thank you for all your support,

CPRE Campaigns Team
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[1] [Solar energy and the countryside - CPRE](#)

[2] [Solar PV on commercial buildings: A guide for owners and developers – BRE National Solar Centre](#)

[3] [Rooftops can provide over half our solar energy targets, report shows - CPRE](#)

[4] [Call on the government to unleash the potential of rooftop solar - CPRE](#)

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