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RETROFIT & CREDITS

Unlocking additional funding for housing retrofit





What is the programme about?





RETROFITCREDITS is a new service that unlocks investment in social housing retrofit by verifying the emission reductions and social value of retrofit projects.

Housing accounts for nearly 20% of total carbon emissions. The UK has the oldest and draughtiest housing stock in Europe – upgrading it will be a major factor in whether we reach net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

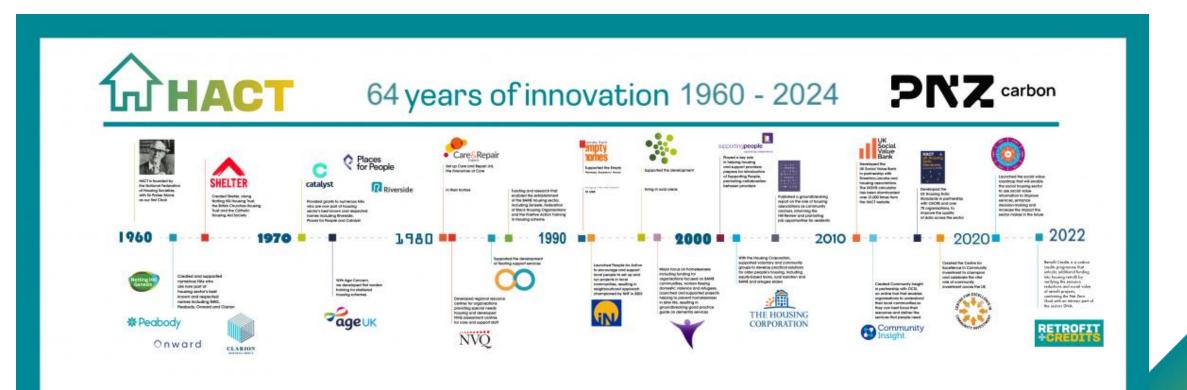
There are approximately 20 million homes in the UK that will still be in use in 2050 and will need a form of retrofit to make them compliant with net zero targets. The cost of this retrofit is said to be more than £300 billion, and over £100 billion of that is just the social housing sector.

In 2021, UK businesses and organisations (or those with emissions in the UK) funded the reduction of 14.9 million tonnes of emissions by investing in projects outside their carbon footprint. That's more than the total emissions of the social housing sector. Yet none of that investment is currently directed to retrofit projects in the sector.

RETROFITCREDITS connects this investment in decarbonisation projects, with the housing sector's increasing retrofit ambitions, by originating carbon credits backed by the emission reductions and social value.



Who is leading the programme?





What makes it different?



Social Value: RETROFITCREDITS incorporates social value measures into the credit value demonstrating that retrofit not only reduces greenhouse gas emissions in the long term but also creates social value for residents and communities.



UK Impact: RETROFITCREDITS presents a unique opportunity for businesses with UK operations to have a positive impact on the lives of residents in the communities they operate.

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Innovative: RETROFITCREDITS is the only carbon crediting project for housing retrofit globally to be listed under the Verified Carbon Standard, the world's leading certification programme for emission reduction projects.



UK Social Value Bank and retrofit credits



88 wellbeing and exchequer valuations based on impact on the individual.

Retrofit works, improvements in homes and reduction in pollution, impacts positively on wellbeing, health, and creates an exchequer (public purse saving), as well as environmental benefits

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How it works



DECARBONISATION

Local authorities enrol housing stock where retrofit works could improve the thermal efficiency of the home and/or reduce the carbon intensity of the heating source

CALCULATE REDUCTIONS AND SOCIAL VALUE

PNZ Carbon calculates the potential emission reductions and projected funding from RETROFITCREDITS

HACT calculates the social value generated by the retrofit works using the UK Social Value Bank

The social housing provider uses the projected funding to inform their investment case for retrofit activities



CREDITS & SALE

Once retrofit works are complete, PNZ Carbon verifies the emission reductions and originates Verified Carbon Units (RETROFITCREDITS)

PNZ Carbon and HACT manage the sale of the RETROFITCREDITS

The local authority receives payment for the emission reductions and social value created

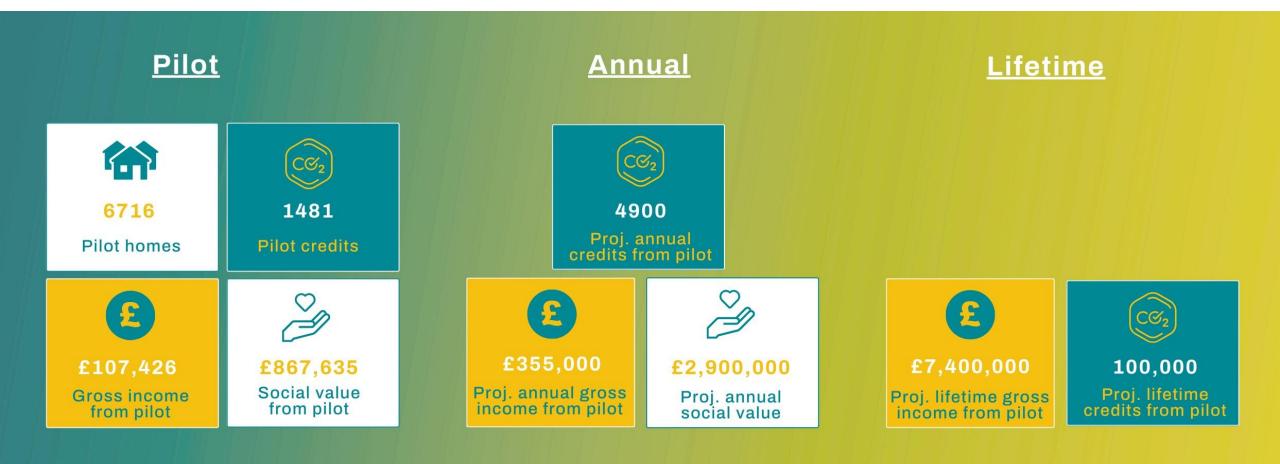
19× Each tonne of CO2e reduced is eligible for up to 19 years of crediting to 2042



Pilot Numbers

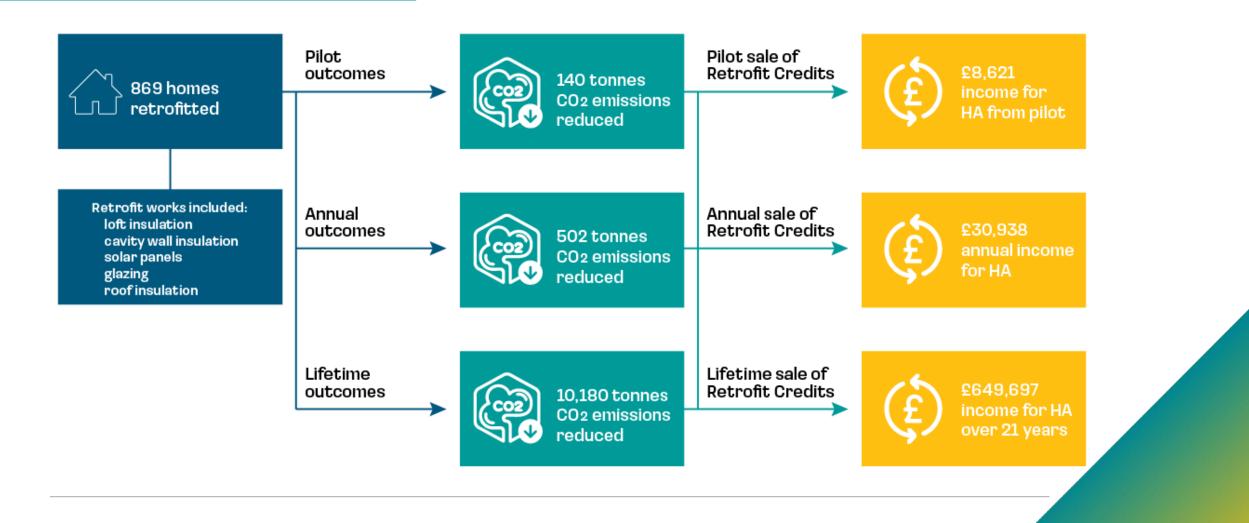








Project example





Next cycle numbers annualised



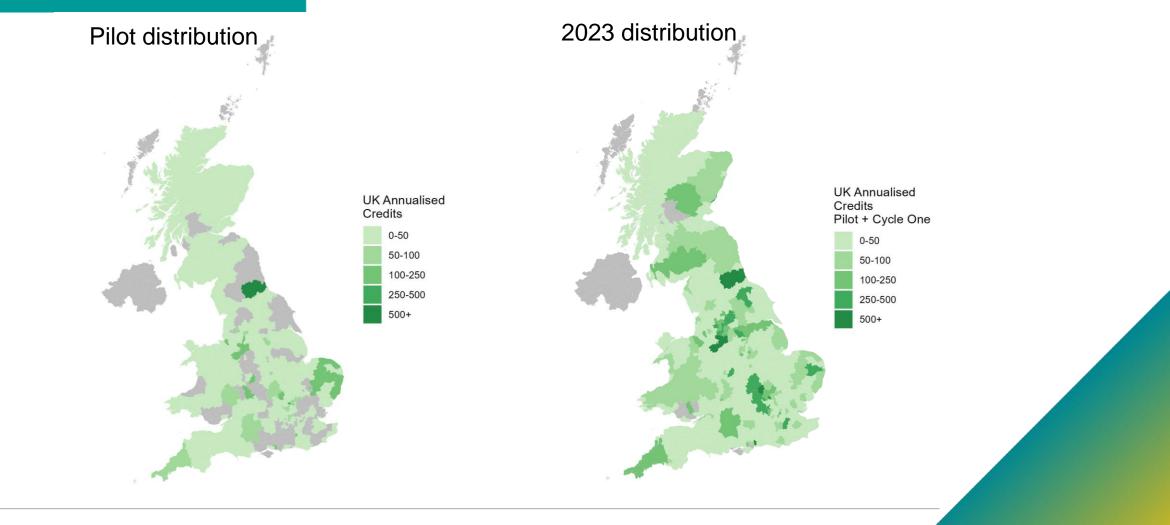
16,667 homes



£8,750,000 in social value



Location of Retrofit Credits in the UK

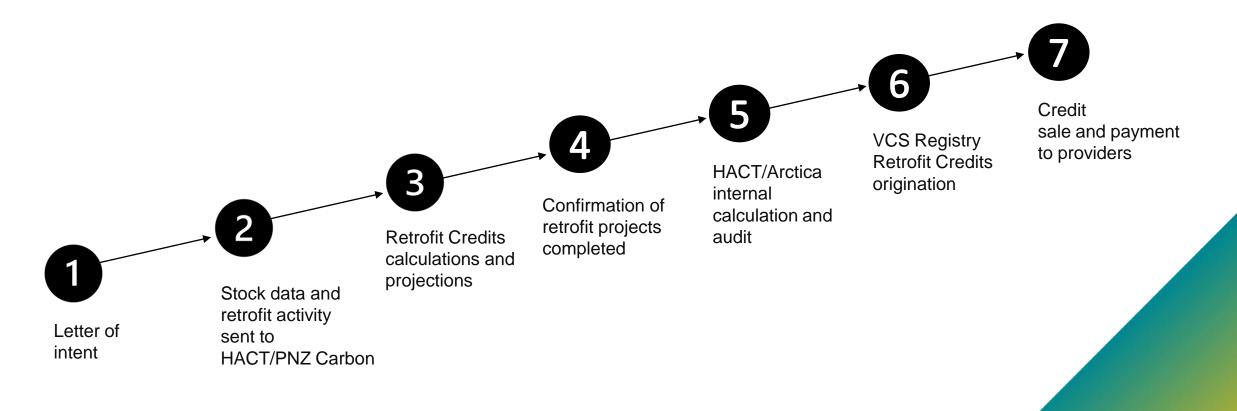


384 postcodes

3,661 postcodes



RETROFITCREDITS Key milestones for crediting







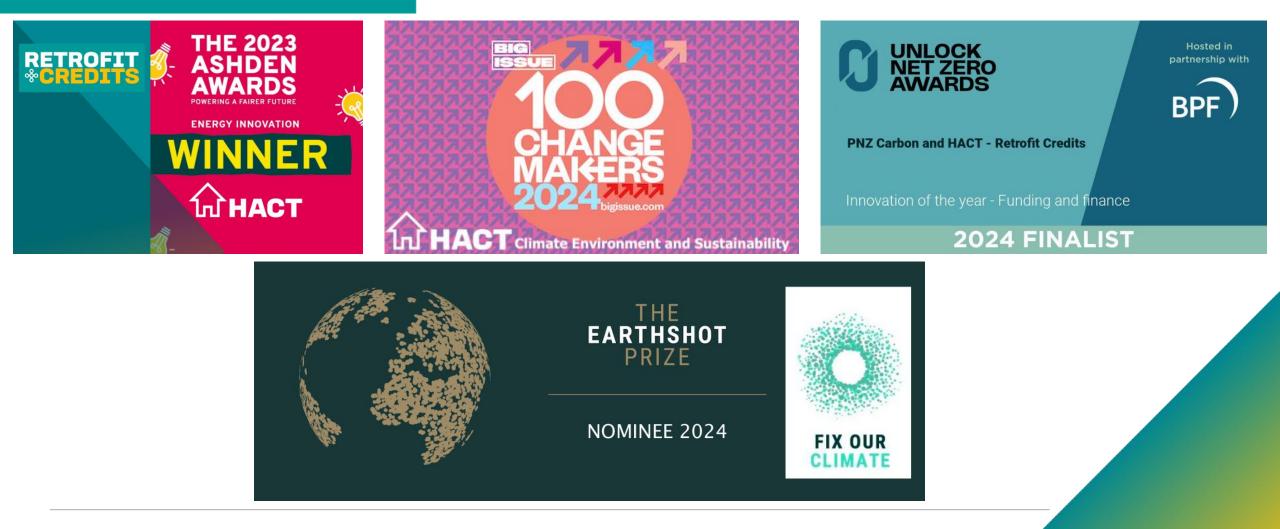
All securing significant portions of Retrofit Credits from the pilot and beyond

Other organisations, including **Chirpy Heat, The PSC, Igloo, Power Circle and Kinovo**, have also shown their support of Retrofit Credits

We have taken measures to mitigate against both greenwashing and reputational risk for providers. This is done in two ways, the first one is that we don't sell the Retrofit Credits on the open market, and secondly, we have also developed an ethical framework, to ensure that the potential buyers keep the integrity of the service.



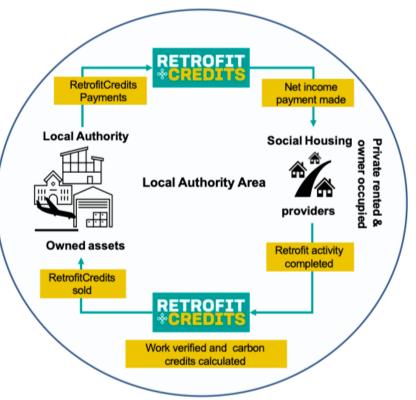
Recognition



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• Placed based circular model

Further development of the service



• Expansion of the methodology to cater for schools, hospitals, civic buildings and other non-residential

• Securitisation where buyers, typically corporates look to offset their carbon emissions, would buy Retrofit Credits for a defined period often for up to 10 years or even more. The funds from the sale of the credits would be paid to the housing provider or owner as an upfront lumpsum



Other considerations



SHDF & other sources of grant funding

- Grant funding sources rarely cover the full cost
 of retrofit
- Carbon saving can be calculated for the property and then the amount of carbon credits generated can be used for further decarbonisation
- DESNZ are supportive of the scheme



Carbon Crediting

- Unlike other forms of carbon crediting, CO2 saving only calculated on completed works (robust)
- Providers sell the carbon saved to generate income
- This does not mean they are not decarbonising it means they also offset their own reduction until a later date but will have an even greater impact then.
- In 2042, all carbon credits will no longer be monetised and will revert back to the provider where they can be used for their own offset purposes well ahead of 2050

Thank you



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