The Church of England's lead bishop for environmental affairs, Nicholas Holtam, has welcomed indications from the UK Government that it will review long-term targets for climate change in line with a report published last week by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Speaking following today's publication of a letter from the Minister for Energy and Clean Growth sent to the Committee on Climate Change, Bishop Nicholas - who is Bishop of Salisbury - said:

“The Government's decision to ask the Committee on Climate Change to review the UK's long-term emission reduction target is a welcome and sensible response to our changing and very pressing circumstances.

“It is more and more obvious that climate change needs our urgent attention. The recent IPCC Report helpfully summarised the implications of what we know and the need to pick up the pace and ambition of our response.”