

The LENDERS project linking home energy performance to mortgages

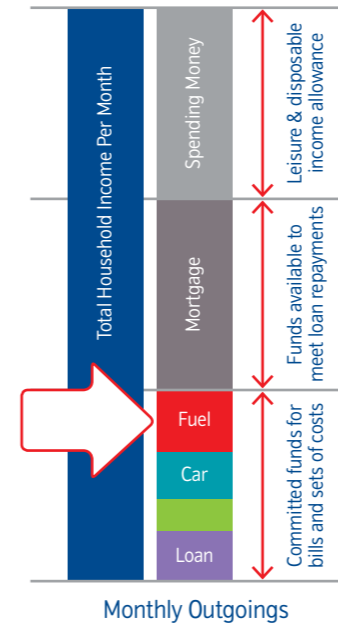
1 The LENDERS project is undertaking large scale data research and analysis to establish if there is a reliable link between the energy efficiency information available about homes and the actual fuel costs that those homes incur.



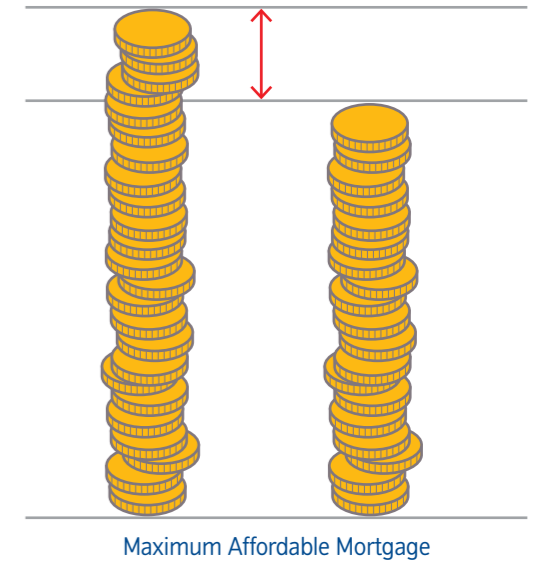
2 The goal is to allow a more reliable and accurate prediction of the fuel costs part of a home owners monthly outgoings.



3 Predicting this more accurately would allow mortgage lenders to better estimate how much a home owner would be able to afford to repay each month on their mortgage.



4 That means mortgage lenders can justify higher lending to low energy properties.



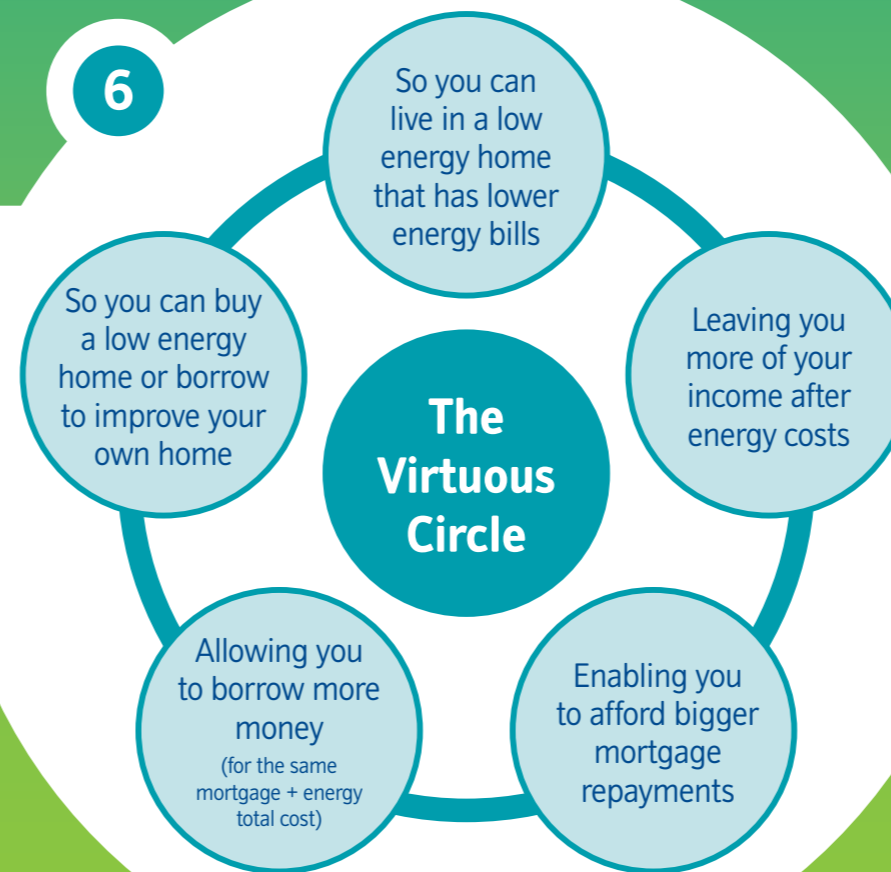
7 Which might lead to house buyers actively looking for low energy homes, driving the market value of low energy homes upwards.



8 Which will probably drive those selling homes, building homes or just improving them, to use the additional capacity to borrow through fuel savings to improve their energy performance.



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5 In turn, this creates a virtuous circle of borrowing that both supports energy home improvement and lends new borrowers more money if they buy low energy homes. Nett monthly costs for home owners won't increase, but energy efficiency can improve.



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