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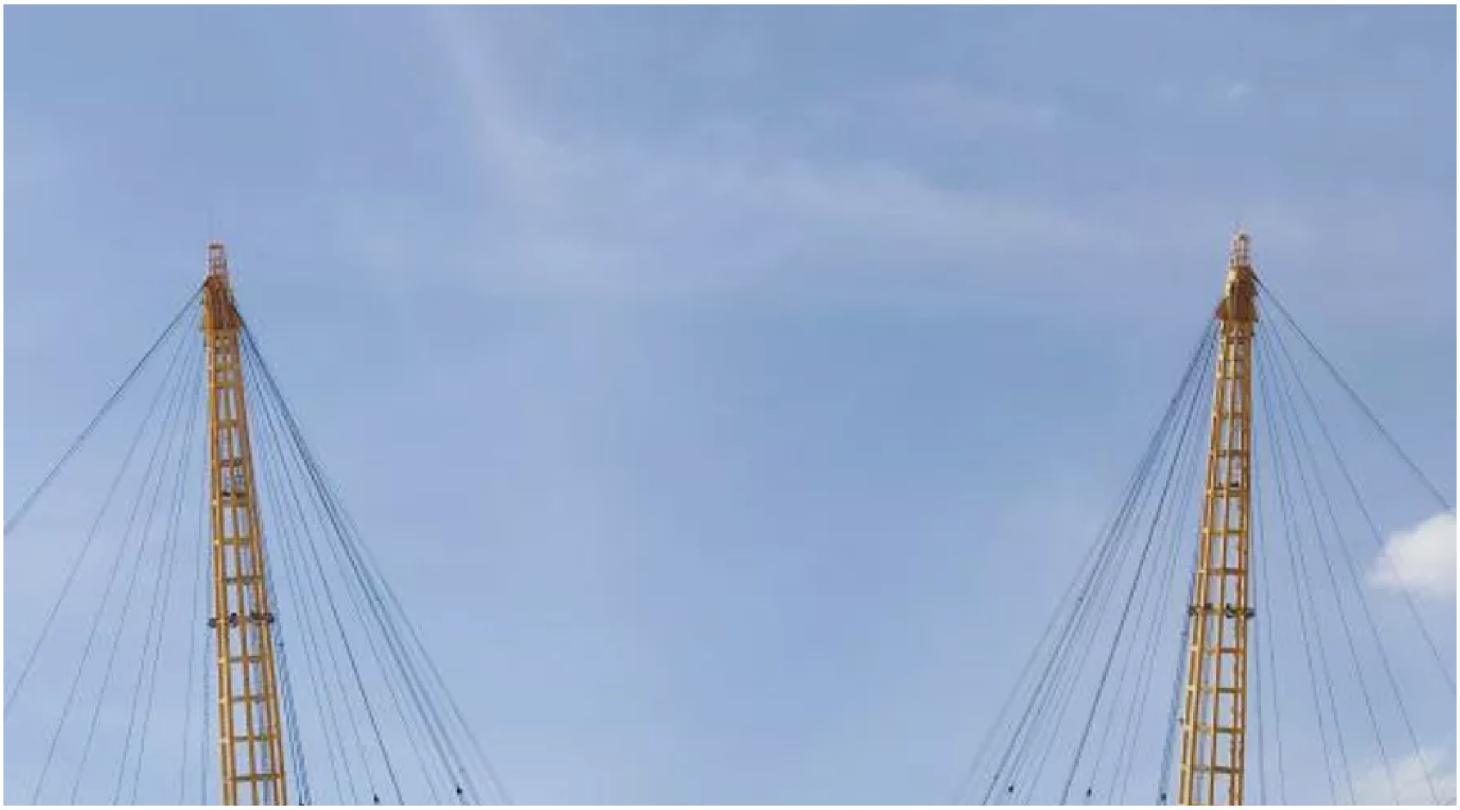

Money should be spent on viable solutions not idealistically driven ideas, says GMB Union

GMB, the energy union, says proposed pay outs to encourage the switch to green energy ‘won’t touch the sides’.

Proposals being discussed in Whitehall could lead to an annual subsidy being paid to households to offset the increase in gas bills.

Those not using gas would be able to pocket the subsidy, reports suggest.

Gary Carter, GMB National Officer, said:

“The reality is that the cost of installing heat pumps is prohibitively expensive, and the workforce required to install them across millions of homes just doesn’t exist.

“There is also no suggestion they are going to be fit for purpose for the overwhelming majority of homes and we need to ensure that we spend money on viable solutions to the energy problem, not on idealistically driven solutions that simply won’t work.

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