## **Timber Procurement Policy**

Telford Homes is dedicated to developing the homes and creating the places that London needs. Being a valued partner to landowners, housing associations, local authorities and communities, build to rent investors and our supply chain is a key part of our strong brand reputation, as is looking after everyone who works for us.

## Introduction

This Timber Procurement Policy has been introduced to ensure that as far as practicable the timber we use on our developments is purchased from well-managed, renewable and legal forestry operations. In order for this to be meaningful and effective we intend this policy to be used on all our developments and by all our suppliers of timber and timber based products.

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As part of our commitment to continuous improvement in the area of sustainable procurement of timber products, we seek to procure our timber and related timber products from well-managed sustainable forests.

To achieve this we will ensure the following:

- That all timber used on our developments is from well-managed and independently certified sources where possible,
- When timber is to be supplied by a third party, timber will only be purchased from well-managed and independently certified sources where possible,
- Approve all sub-contractors and suppliers used for timber products following a detailed assessment of their Environmental Policy,
- As Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) is our preferred method of seeking the Chain of custody of our timber products, we will use best endeavours to purchase timber products with this accreditation. If this cannot be applied, we will verify that timber is from a well-managed source (see below),
- Make our designers, contractors and all suppliers aware of this policy and use training if required to gain their support in its use,
- Make this policy an integral part of our Environmental Management System,
- The policy will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure it is keeping pace with developments in the complete field of timber use and procurement.

Other UK government recognised certification schemes;

- PEFC Programme for the Endorsement of Forestry Certification scheme
- FSC Forestry Stewardship Council
- GIB Grown in Britain

We will actively encourage our Supply Chain to become more aware of their responsibility to the environment.

Signed

John Fitzgerald, Group Managing Director Responsible for Safety, Health & Environment 1st January 2021

