

# Timber Procurement Policy

Telford Homes is dedicated to building high quality homes and sustainable communities, creating highly rewarding opportunities for partners, stakeholders, residents and employees. This policy is to be read in conjunction with its 2030 Building a Living Roadmap that sets out our corporate milestones. 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 ensures 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. This policy is to be read in conjunction with our Group Sustainable Procurement Policy.

## Timber Procurement Policy

As part of our commitment to continuous improvement in 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, which is tracked through our BRE Smartwaste portal,
- 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

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Responsible for Safety, Health & Environment

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