



# THINK OUTSIDE THE BLOCKS

## Climate Change Policy

### Introduction

Climate change can affect the homes we build and the communities we create. As well as how and where we choose to build our homes.

We recognise the need to tackle climate change risks head on, through the innovative design of our homes and developments and by reducing the overall impact of our operations. This is key to our evaluation processes.

### Policy

Watson Homes' approach to mitigating the potential impact created by climate change is to:

- Comply with relevant climate change legislation, changes to building regulations or other requirements requested by our partners or the local authorities responsible for the areas we are developing.
- Identify and manage the climate change risks relating to our business (including steps to lessen flood risk).
- Constantly review our construction methods to identify and use the most environmentally friendly ways of building. We do this by having a fabric-first approach.
- Review and invest in new technologies to deliver higher energy performance within our new homes.
- Seek to achieve higher EPC / SAP ratings than industry standards for similar properties, typically targeting a minimum B rating.
- Reduce energy and carbon emissions in our offices and our sites.
- Connect all our properties to a renewable electric and green gas supply ahead of handover (where it makes economic sense).
- Educate our partners and customers on the benefits of building more environmentally friendly homes, showing how they can be run in a way that's better for the environment and their pockets.

### Approval Log

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