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Timber Sourcing Policy

Introduction

At Watson Homes, we use substantial amounts of timber in the production of our homes. We purchase timber materials from numerous suppliers across the Greater Manchester region, and the rest of the UK, who in turn source these materials from around the world. We are committed to purchasing all timber and timber products from well-managed forestry sources, while recognising that some areas of the world have greater timber harvesting environmental risks than others.

Watson Homes acknowledges the importance of auditable independent certification throughout the supply chain. Though there are currently several recognised forestry certification bodies, we have chosen the following that all suppliers must conform to:

- Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) standard and its Chain of Custody certification; or
- Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC).

This Policy sets out what we expect from our timber supply chain partners. It relates to all timber products they provide to us and the operating activities of their business and their own supply chains.

Policy

- All timber and timber products purchased directly by the Company, either centrally or locally sourced, or by sub-contractors, should be acquired from sustainable sources
- All timber and timber products (where applicable) should carry either FSC or PEFC certification
- All suppliers are required to meet the demands of EU Timber Regulation (EUTR)
- When selecting suppliers, preference will be given to those that comply with independent Chain of Custody standards
- If independently certified timber or timber products cannot be sourced, suppliers will be required to provide evidence they are using timber from a known source that is well managed – and evidence to support this will be required.

Compliance

Watson Homes expect all suppliers to agree to this Policy.

All suppliers will be required to provide evidence of third-party certification.

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