



# ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY



It is the policy of Westchurch Homes to undertake its business activities in a manner sensitive to the environment, to conserve natural resources, reduce waste and to minimise pollution to land, water and air.

Westchurch Homes will at all times take reasonable steps to maintain compliance with relevant environmental legislation and all other associated legislation, which remains effective and relevant.

The Management of Westchurch Homes regards the promotion of an environmental strategy as a key element in operating a successful business. In order that this policy can be effective, the maintenance of high standards in environmental issues will also be a mutual objective for employees at all levels.

We are fully committed to improving environmental performance across all of our business activities, and will encourage our business partners and members of the wider community to join us in this effort.

Westchurch Homes recognises our key impacts to be in the areas of:

- energy use
- raw material use
- waste generation
- emissions to air/water
- water use
- transport
- procurement

Westchurch Homes will lead by example in its own activities through the commitment to minimise the impacts of its activities on the environment. Westchurch Homes is committed to ensuring compliance with relevant environmental legislation to ensure legal compliance.

Whilst promoting the economic and social well-being of the environment and working towards sustainable development, Westchurch Homes will ensure that environmental priorities are integrated into the decisions we take on all our services and will seek to:

- *Adopt the highest environmental standards in all areas of operation, meeting and exceeding all relevant legislative requirements*
- *Assess our organisational activities and identify areas where we can minimise impacts.*
- *Minimise waste through careful and efficient use of all materials and energy*
- *Purchase sustainable products wherever feasible (e.g. recycled, FSC or low environmental impact products and energy from renewable sources)*
- *Train employees in good environmental practice and encourage employee involvement in environmental action*
- *Reduce risks from environmental, health or safety hazards for employees and others in the vicinity of our operations*



- *Adopt an environmentally sound transport strategy*
- *Aim to include environmental and ethical considerations in investment decisions where appropriate*
- *Continually assess the environmental impact of all our operations*
- *Make the most efficient use of energy*
- *Minimise and where possible, eliminate, all forms of pollution*
- *Avoid waste and encourage the appropriate conservation, re-use and recycling of resources*
- *Conserve the character and quality of the built environment*
- *Avoid environmental damage by assessing and monitoring environmental impacts of our operations / activities*
- *Promote a sense of responsibility and understanding for the environment and participation in environmental issues, by raising staff awareness, by education, information provision and open consultation with the all staff*
- *Protect the health and well-being of all residents of, and visitors to, the local environment*
- *Review targets and objectives, monitor our performance each year*
- *Review and where possible, improve our performance each year with positive action an any areas of non-compliance.*

Signed:

Position:           Managing Director

Date:

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