



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT POLICY STATEMENT

*We are committed to undertaking our duty of care to responsibly dispose of all our waste.*

The Higgins Group PLC Board of Directors are fully committed to delivering quality community developments which address the needs of both today's and future generations, whilst at the same time minimising the impact of our developments on the environment, as further detailed in our Environmental Policy.

Our use of advanced technologies and practices helps us to reduce the environmental impact of construction and safeguard future generations. We recognise the potential impact of our work and take all reasonable steps to manage our operations to promote good environmental practice and mitigate risk of any negative impact because of our operations.

Our procedures and policies are thorough and robust, complying with the requirements of current legislation and we adopt best practice wherever possible. We regularly review our business practices and performance to identify ways we can reduce our energy, water and transport usage.

Wherever possible we recruit employees local to our sites, and suppliers and contractors from the local area to reduce transport and CO<sup>2</sup> emissions. We implement high standards in relation to recycling, diversion from landfill and minimising waste production. We work with our suppliers to identify materials and methods, which are sustainable. Our aim is to continually innovate to create sustainable solutions in the construction sector.

We aim to achieve this through the promotion and utilisation of building systems, products and processes that protect future resources whilst addressing social, community and economic issues. This Policy therefore makes the following commitments:

1. To recognise the wider impact of our construction works through integrated Community Development and Environmental initiatives in line with our ISO 14001 Higgins Group Environmental Management System
2. To be aware of, and comply with, all relevant legislation, industry guidance and voluntary agreements with regard to sustainable development and environmental protection
3. To collaborate with Clients, Consultants, Suppliers, Subcontractors and all other relevant stakeholders to develop and promote sustainable construction and environmental best practice
4. To develop and implement environmental management plans for each project, including (but not limited to) remediation and biodiversity strategies, and measures to ensure the control of nuisances during construction such as dust, noise, traffic and visual impact
5. To reduce the amount of waste generated from site operations and implement reuse and recycling measures where appropriate
6. To provide appropriate training for all employees to allow Higgins to deliver the commitments as detailed in this Policy
7. To encourage standardisation in the design and specification of our projects in order to generate cost efficiencies, reduce defects and improve buildability
8. To meet industry standards such as: Secured by Design, BREEAM, Net Carbon Zero, BIM, Passivhaus and the London Plan
9. To ensure our construction processes, methodologies and material selections minimise CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
10. To reduce the water consumption associated within our construction processes, and support initiatives that reduce end-user water consumption
11. To encourage the specification and use of A-rated building materials as defined in the BRE Green Guide to Specification



12. To encourage the use of alternative methods of construction (e.g. MMC and offsite manufacturing) in order to improve the overall sustainability performance of our projects
13. To help identify (wherever possible) the Whole Life Costing performance of our developments in order to assist our Clients in the ongoing development of their specifications, with the aim of reducing their running and maintenance costs
14. To maintain records, benchmark our performance, and regularly communicate our performance with respect to this Policy

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Signed: 

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This policy is reviewed on an annual basis, or as otherwise necessary, ensuring we are continually improving and updating our Higgins Group Environmental Management System.