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<b>Policy Name</b>	TIMBER POLICY	<b>Date &amp; Issue</b>	10/01/2020 Issue 4
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## TIMBER POLICY

Countryside was founded in 1958 and is a leading UK home builder specialising in place making and urban regeneration. Our business is centred around two complementary divisions, Partnerships and Housebuilding. Our Partnerships Division specialises in urban regeneration of private and public sector land, delivering open market, private rented and affordable homes by working with local authorities, housing associations, private rental sector landlords and on occasion private landowners. The Division also operates two modular panel factories producing products for exclusive use within the business The Housebuilding Division, operating under Countryside and Millgate brands, develops sites that provide open market and affordable housing, on land owned or controlled by the Group. The Group operates across London, the South East, the North West, the Midlands and South Yorkshire.

The Group recognises that the products and services it procures, whilst fundamental to the operation of its business, have wide environmental and social impacts. The Group is committed to ensuring that any impacts are minimised through its procurement strategies, procedures and, wherever possible and within budgetary limitations, it will select environmentally and socially preferable products and suppliers, for the construction of its new dwellings and non-dwellings and in the manufacture of modular and timber frame products.

This policy sets out our requirements for the purchase and use of timber either by ourselves or by our suppliers and sub-contractors when purchasing on our behalf.

- All timber and timber products should be acquired from sustainable sources.
- All timber and timber products should carry either Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) or Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) Certification.
- If this is not possible, evidence must be provided that the timber is from a legal certified source.
- Species listed on the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) list will not be procured or used.
- Timber and timber products will be procured in accordance with European Union Legislation.

To ensure that these goals are achieved, we will:

- Scrutinise all suppliers of timber and timber products during prequalification and tender to ensure they meet the above requirements.
- Seek information as to the source of all timber products and gather and retain evidence of compliance.
- Periodically audit certification and chain of custody documentation with our suppliers to ensure continued compliance with requirements.
- Continuously improve the level of compliance against these policies, with annual reviews, reports and actions agreed with its suppliers.

This Policy represents the commitment of Countryside Properties (UK) Limited to purchasing timber from legal sources, with a preference for products with a full Chain of Custody, e.g. accredited by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC).

### Organisation

A member of the Executive Committee is Chairman of the Health Safety Environment and Quality Committee. The remit and constitution of the Committee shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

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This Corporate Timber Policy is regularly reviewed and supported by a number of issue specific policies and procedures. These can be viewed on the Corporate Website at <https://www.countrysideproperties.com/>