

## Fire Policy Statement

Countryside is committed to maintaining a high standard of fire safety to minimise the loss of life and personal injury through the effect of fire, smoke and associated hazards, for the buildings that we deliver through design or construction.

The purpose of this policy is to protect people, the business and the environment through application of construction processes in line with the Construction Design and Management Regulations 2015 (CDM Regs) and the Building Safety Act 2022 (the 'Act').

Countryside has decided for all multi-occupied buildings, regardless of height, that they will adopt the gateway process required for tall buildings in accordance with the Act.

Countryside will discharge its duties, as the Responsible Person, for all properties owned and occupied, by employing a competent managing agent, to meet our duties under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (as amended). Countryside's organisation, arrangements, approach and strategy are delivered through the Company's Fire Quality Assurance Committee ('FQAC').

This policy is implemented via the application of strategy documented in the Company's fire procedures and its associated procedural guidance.

All Countryside employees and contractors will be required to follow the procedures as detailed to ensure Countryside discharges its legal, ethical and environmental responsibilities. They are expected to:

- Support proactive management of fire safety by the assessment of risks in order to contribute to the effective control of risk;
- Recognise the continuous development of policies, procedures and protocols to ensure effective management of the people and processes under their control;
- Ensure training is developed and delivered that reflect all employee responsibilities;
- Ensure partnership and co-operation with other agencies and bodies to practice and promote the provision of fire safety as required; and
- Ensure regional operational governance at clear hold points at the gateways throughout the planning, design, procurement, construction and handover phases of each project where multi occupancy buildings are developed.

Countryside will reviews its performance by the use of internal and external audit processes and will take action to ensure any findings are implemented.

J Martin  
Chairman

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(This Fire Policy Statement, made under the Regulatory Reform Order 2005, Fire Safety Act 2021 and Building Safety Act 2022, is brought to the notice of employees of Countryside and its contractors either by personal issue and/or prominent display at all workplaces.)