
Countryside Partnerships

Climate Change Policy

Who we are

We are a leading developer of mixed-tenure homes. We create places where people love to live with sustainable communities built to last. We work in partnership with local and central government, housing associations and the private rented sector. Our values of caring, growing together, taking pride, and always delivering are very important to us.

What we do

We recognise that climate change is society's greatest challenge and one of the most significant risks to the future of the construction industry. We are taking action to manage both the physical and transitional risks for our business and key stakeholders, while also working with our partners to identify and drive the opportunities of a low carbon economy.

Our objectives

- To be net zero by 2030 and to reduce the carbon emissions from our value chain;
- To work with our partners and supply chain to solve common challenges and find beneficial net zero opportunities; and
- To support a Just Transition to a low-carbon economy, so we all share fairly in the benefits and burdens of net zero.

Our objectives are supported by Science-Based Carbon Targets, which have been verified by the Science-Based Targets Institute:

- To reduce our absolute Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 42% by 2030
- To reduce our Scope 3 emissions by 52% per m2 by 2030

They are also supported by other climate-related targets in our Approach to Sustainability:

- Achieve 40% less embodied carbon in our factory-built timber frame homes by 2025
- Achieve 31% less CO2 emissions from our homes (in use) by 2022 and 75% less emissions by 2025
- Achieve 80% less CO2 emissions from directly hired plant and generators on site by 2023

How we do it

- We identify climate change risks and opportunities in the planning and construction of our developments to ensure appropriate adaptation and mitigation measures are put in place.
- We are adopting modern methods of construction to help us deliver on our net zero targets.
- We look for opportunities to improve energy, water, and resource efficiency in our operations. We are already purchasing renewable energy, creating waste management plans, and installing water saving fixtures.
- We are working to reduce transportation emissions associated with our operations by converting to biofuels and expanding our fleet of electric vehicles.
- We support our customers to live a low-carbon lifestyle by building efficient, well-built homes that have access to renewable energy and sustainable transport options.
- We work with the government and industry colleagues to address climate change in the built environment and respond to changing legislation and Building Regulations.
- We continually measure, monitor, and report our performance against the targets, and report these publicly to stakeholders.

Our expectations

Our supply chain must:

- Comply with all legislation associated with climate change and emissions reduction;
- Work to set science-based carbon targets;
- Help us identify practical routes for climate change adaptation and mitigation on our developments;
- Work to develop low-carbon materials, packaging and transportation to support our net zero target;
- Act responsibly on site to reduce emissions by being efficient, minimising waste and using biofuels;
- Use accredited logistical services such as FORS or CLOCS and adopt sustainable transport practices such as car shares to our sites;

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- Work to provide products and materials that have Environmental Product Declarations and are BES 6001 certified;
- Help us to better understand our Scope 3 footprint by disclosing data around the embodied carbon of materials and services where possible;
- Attend toolbox talks and other training sessions that we hold; and
- Provide data when we request it.

Keeping this policy up to date

The Executive Committee and the Sustainability Committee have overall responsibility for matters relating to climate change.

This policy is available on our website and displayed in our workplaces. It is reviewed annually.

Our Climate Change Policy is supported by our Approach to Sustainability and Net Zero Pathway.



Group Co-Chief Executives

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