



**COUNTRYSIDE**

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## **HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT**

It is Countryside's policy to conduct its activities with due regard for the health, safety and welfare of its employees, contractors, clients, visitors and members of the public. Countryside recognises its obligations in relation to health, safety and welfare wherever its activities are carried out. This includes offices, construction sites, factories and sites where sales are taking place as well as whilst travelling on Countryside business.

Countryside manages its health & safety using an Occupational Health & Safety Management System to the BS OHSAS 18001 standard. The scope of this is through all its operational activities including the acquisition of land, design, build and to eventual occupation in accordance with relevant legislation, regulation and other requirements with policies, procedures and processes in place to support this.

Countryside is committed to continual improvement of the Health & Safety Management System through actively encouraging feedback from all levels of employment. It is also committed to the prevention of accidents, ill-health, dangerous occurrences and injury in the workplace to all persons that may be affected directly or indirectly by its activities, including, as a minimum, legal compliance of all relevant health & safety legislation.

The purpose of the Policy is to promote a pro-active approach in the prevention of accidents, ill-health, dangerous occurrences and injury in the workplace. This will be achieved, so far as is reasonably practicable, by the identification of hazards, the elimination of foreseeable risk and the management of residual risk, thus providing safe systems of work and compliance with all relevant Statutory Acts, Regulations and Codes of Practice.

The co-operation of those employed or contracted by Countryside in ensuring the Policy is effective and the responsibility of each individual to take reasonable care for the health and safety of himself/herself and those who may be affected by his/her acts or omissions at work are legal obligations. Countryside insists that these obligations are met and any breach of any aspect of this Policy will be regarded as a serious breach of these obligations. Countryside recognises that the provision of adequate financial resources, training and supervision is essential to ensure that all managers and employees are properly able to discharge their responsibilities under this Policy.

Ian Sutcliffe, the Group Chief Executive, is the Director responsible for health, safety and welfare matters on behalf of the Board of Directors. He will ensure that the Policy is implemented through the Health, Safety, Environment & Quality Committee ("Committee"). The Chief Executive of each Division of the business is a member of the Committee and has overall responsibility for ensuring the health and safety policy and procedures are implemented throughout their Division.

The Group Health & Safety Department reports to the Divisions at monthly intervals and the Committee at three monthly intervals. The Group Health & Safety Department will also provide guidance and advice on all aspects of health, safety and welfare and arrange with management for the training of employees, as necessary. Monitoring the effectiveness of the Policy is the responsibility of the Group Health & Safety Department who will ensure that the Policy is reviewed, at least annually, recommending any necessary changes to the Committee for approval by the Board of Countryside Properties PLC.

Countryside will consult with employees or their representatives, where appointed, with respect to health, safety and welfare in accordance with Statutory Requirements to ensure that all necessary measures are taken to make the Policy effective.

The Policy, detailing information on the organisation as well as arrangements and other supporting documents required for its implementation is available for inspection on all sites and premises controlled by Countryside.

I C Sutcliffe  
Group Chief Executive

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(This Health and Safety Policy Statement made under Section 2(3) of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 is brought to the notice of employees of Countryside and its contractors either by personal issue and/or prominent display at all workplaces.)