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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.

In undertaking some of these activities, the Group recognises that it has an impact on the environment. The Group's objective is to ensure that development realises the desired financial returns whilst in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner.

To achieve this, the Group's vision, values and objectives are to:

Corporate

- Actively pursue a policy of promoting and implementing sustainable development.
- Promote the Group's environmental, social and ethical objectives and policy to all personnel, associates, contractors, suppliers and the public.
- Fully meet compliance obligations
- Keep the relevant divisions and departments informed of changes in legislation, technologies and construction research, which may affect them.
- Protect the environment and prevent pollution.
- Seek progressive improvement in environmental performance by measuring certain activities against both qualitative and quantitative objectives and targets.
- Undertake regular environmental auditing of its activities and report on performance to key stakeholder groups.
- Maintain and improve the Group Environmental Management System in order to improve environmental performance.
- Maintain certification to ISO 14001:2015.

Land

- Ensure that land acquisition procedures relating to environmental issues are identified and assessed.

Planning and Design

- Ensure environmental considerations are incorporated into the planning, specification and design process.
- Develop landscape and building design so that it integrates with and enhances the surrounding natural and built environment.

Construction

- Adhere to the principles of considerate construction practice and good neighbourliness on all sites.
- Continue to manage the construction process to help to minimise the environmental impact of its operations and reduce potential for pollution of soil, water and air.

Manufacturing

- Ensure environmental considerations are incorporated into the purchasing, production, packaging and logistical processes.
- Use only sustainable timber from a certified source in line with the Group Timber Policy.

Resource Use

- Minimise the waste generated and encourage the appropriate re-use or recycling of materials as far as is practicable.
- Encourage the procurement of materials that are produced in a manner which causes less impact on the environment.
- Investigate opportunities, and where appropriate implement measures, to ensure that natural resources are used efficiently.

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.

This Corporate Environmental 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.countryside-properties.com/>