

Responsible Procurement Policy

Thakeham deliver sustainable homes and strong communities. We provide private residential developments, high-quality, tenure-blind and affordable homes. Our developments include open spaces for infrastructure and other facilities.

Responsible procurement is integral to how we operate, so that we can make informed procurement decisions. We and our supply chain affect people, the environment and economies through our procurement activities and this impact can be at local, regional and international levels. This policy details our commitment to procurement activities that consider sustainability throughout the lifecycle of the goods, works or service.

We will seek to use contractors and suppliers who share the objectives of this policy, so that our customers and business partners can be confident that we will deliver its objectives. Where we are operating as a contractor, we will promote the implementation of this policy with the client and execute its objectives as comprehensively as our contract allows.

Objectives

The main objective of this policy is to specify and procure goods, works and services in a way that considers their impact across their lifecycle. This includes:

- Procuring goods from legal and sustainable sources, with a preference for those that comply with recognised responsible sourcing schemes (such as BES 6001).
- Using timber and wood-based products, that are certified to Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) or Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC). Procuring paper for printing, photocopying and external publications that is either PEFC or FSC certified. Paper products should minimise the use of virgin fibre.
- Minimising the carbon emissions associated with the goods and works we procure. This
 includes:
 - Giving a preference to appliances, equipment or plant that produce lower operational carbon emissions.
 - o Minimising carbon emissions from transportation, giving preference to goods, works and services that can accurately report data on transport emissions.
 - o Procuring renewable energy for offices, sales suites and temporary build supplies, giving preference to energy providing additionality/REGO certification.
 - Setting minimum requirements for energy and water efficiency from our operations and supporting decarbonisation activities within our supply chain.
- Maximising the Social Value from the goods, works and services we procure and ensuring procurement complies with our Social Value policy.
- Completing supply chain due diligence checks prior to contractor and consultant appointment.
- Setting sustainability and social value expectations within our contractor and consultant scopes of work.
- Using goods and work methods which follow the waste hierarchy. As well as those that eliminate unnecessary, single-use and nonrecyclable plastic.
- Using sustainable alternatives to goods, equipment or work methods that may harm people or the environment or generate by-products that are harmful to people or the environment.
- Using equipment and work methods that reduce water use.
- Following a risk-based approach to responsible procurement to ensure alternatives to high-risk goods, equipment or contractor practices are utilised.



Implementation & Review

Responsible procurement considerations are integrated into the contractor approval and tendering process. The Chief Production Officer will promote the implementation of this policy and periodically review compliance with the policy and its efficacy. The Chief Operating Officer is ultimately responsibility for the policy being implemented. We will collaborate with the supply chain to encourage them to develop their own sustainable procurement policies where valuable.

Thakeham's Integrated Management System (IMS) will provide effective arrangements to ensure the policy is implemented and its key objectives monitored, reviewed and reported on. The policy will be reviewed annually and updated where necessary.

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