

Climate & Environmental Policy



Scope

Gleeson Homes is committed to protecting the environment and to reducing carbon emissions for homes built and sold.

Purpose

To set out Gleeson Homes' policy in reducing its carbon emissions per unit constructed, and its approach to minimise and / or mitigate any adverse impacts of housebuilding on the environment.

Aims and objectives

- To measure and publicise our carbon emissions, with relevant targets and action plans on how we aim to reduce these per unit constructed.
- To reduce construction waste through careful design and specification of materials; considering standard sizes of materials to reduce waste during construction and using appropriate waste management providers (see the Group's Waste Management Policy).
- To increase focus on the sustainability characteristics of the materials used in the housebuilding process (see the Group's Sustainable Procurement Policy).
- To procure energy through a supplier that promotes zero-carbon supply and / or carbon off-setting (REGO certified sources).
- To promote the use of energy saving measures such as installing and utilising timed energy saving light bulbs across all locations including sites and ensuring that all IT equipment (where possible) have sleep settings enabled.
- To reduce the use of red diesel on sites which contributes to our carbon emissions, including getting the supply of mains electricity to site compounds at the earliest opportunity to reduce our reliance on diesel powered generators.
- To use fuel-efficient telehandler units across all Group sites, principally JCB telehandlers that incorporate the latest T5 Engine with start / stop technology.
- To reduce the demand for, conservation and recycling of water by monitoring our usage and finding ways to reduce our requirements and improve recycling of grey water.
- To utilise technology where possible to reduce unnecessary business travel whilst improving the efficiency of our business fleet.
- To design homes in compliance with the latest building regulations, ensuring energy and water efficiency is considered throughout the design process.

- To prioritise the sourcing of brownfield land in our land buying process, where it is viable to do so, in preference to greenfield land.
- To work with local authorities to achieve biodiversity gain on our developments / communities where possible and in accordance with the latest planning regulations and requirements.
- To communicate this Policy throughout the business to ensure compliance.

Policy owner

Group Commercial Director

History

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