
RSK Verification Statement

Taylor Wimpey continues with its commitment to continual improvement in the environmental performance of its business.

Considerable resource has been invested in remodelling the group protocols for assessing and controlling all environmental aspects of land development with a focus on identification of mitigation of any potentially adverse impacts. The system which links into the group's operating framework is going live in July 2011 with a preceding programme of familiarisation training taking place in June.

Sustainability has taken a step forward with two annual studies into the group's UK housing carbon footprint being completed in 2009 and 2010. The company is monitoring energy use from its own direct operations and is a full participant in the Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme (CRC). A review of all non-financial sustainability data collection and KPIs is underway, as part of a broader sustainability strategy refresh.

In order to provide a focus on waste reduction, Taylor Wimpey undertook a baseline study to evaluate all the group's waste streams. This work identified the critical areas of operations and the resultant strategy contains key priorities and actions to reduce waste generation and optimise re-use of surplus materials. The key aspect of the strategy is to engender a cultural change away from considering surplus materials as waste to seeing them as a resource. This innovative approach has been rolled out across the group by a series of workshops looking at how to minimise waste production on a typical site. As a result, the Group is on target for achieving its obligations under WRAP's (Waste and Resource Action Programme) half waste to landfill commitment

The Taylor Wimpey environmental training culture has continued throughout the economic downturn. Programmes on site environmental management and waste minimisation have been reviewed and updated and are continually being rolled out.

The Group's unique system for independent environmental incident reporting continues to operate successfully. Although, rapid and professional response to incidents remains the key function of the process, it is increasingly being used proactively by the regional businesses to provide specialist advice in advance of site works to identify how problems can be proactively avoided before they occur. A new series of awareness campaigns are to be run over the next year picking up on the key lessons learned.

In order to meet the aspirations of stakeholders, Taylor Wimpey recognises the importance of striving for continual improvement in environmental performance. This approach is fully aligned with localism and places the group in a strong position to meet the challenges of this agenda.

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