

Biodiversity Policy

Introduction and Objectives

Taylor Wimpey recognises that its business activities can have a direct or indirect impact on biodiversity.

Policy Statement

We will take a pro-active and balanced approach to managing our business activities in order to minimise any negative impacts on biodiversity and to enhance biodiversity wherever practicable.

This policy forms part of our overall policy on Corporate Responsibility and is closely associated with our Environmental Policy.

We make the following commitments:

- As a landowner we are committed to managing habitats and species to enhance and conserve biodiversity value;
- As a developer we will work closely with planning authorities and local communities to address biodiversity issues;
- As a contractor we will endeavour to minimise any impacts on biodiversity on the sites on which we operate and on any neighbouring sites which could be affected by our activities;
- As a purchaser of raw materials or manufactured products we are committed to managing the supply chain to minimise upstream impacts on biodiversity;
- We will also endeavour to minimise energy consumption and hence limit greenhouse gas emissions and the rate of depletion of natural resources.

In support of this we will:

- Incorporate biodiversity assessment into our environmental management processes;
- Use Biodiversity Action Plans where appropriate.

Implementation


Where appropriate we will work with specialists in wildlife, ecology and habitat management.

Monitoring

Biodiversity issues will be monitored as part of our environmental management processes.

Applicability

This policy applies globally and its principles apply in all areas of the group's business.

The Board of Taylor Wimpey plc will monitor the effectiveness of this Policy and will review the Policy on a regular basis and annually as a minimum			
Approved by		Chief Executive	Taylor Wimpey plc July 2007