

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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Environmental Policy Statement

Ashwood Homes Limited recognises the need to operate in an environmental friendly manner and ensure that the company understands and complies with the relevant legislation and other requirements that control its activities.

We also seek to show, by example, its commitment to environmental issues by ensuring that waste and emissions are at a minimum and that all are correctly controlled to prevent pollution.

We will manage our activities to minimise wherever practicable their effect on the environment. In this we are committed at all levels and within all functions of the organisation for continual improvement. We recognise that this will only be achieved through regular monitoring of our environment. Our environmental policy commits the organisation at all levels.

Ashwood Homes Limited is committed to working with its clients in ensuring the environmental policies already set by their clients for sites are adhered to. Site requirements are passed on to employees and sub-contractors who are required to carry out their works with the same consideration to environmental issues.

The company carries out an initial review of each new project including an appraisal of the environment where the work will be carried out, to ensure during the construction process, this does not provide a negative impact on the environment or place excessive demands on environment. Such review shall identify any risk of pollution arising from any of our activities, products and /or services, which shall then be either eliminated or effectively controlled.

All construction activities shall pay due regard to using the minimum amount of materials, resources and energy.

We shall work to reduce waste to the lowest practicable level ensuring responsible disposal of waste created and received.

We shall seek to ensure that products and/or services supplied or provided by third parties can be used, handled, stored and disposed of in a manner which safeguards the environment and Health and Safety of all.

This policy will be reviewed yearly to confirm that the above targets are being met, establish improvement measures if they are not, and ensure that any new legislation and industry practice is implemented as far as practicable.

It shall be the responsibility of the managing director to monitor the implementation and continuous review of this policy and to ensure that employees at all levels understand the policy of the company. The company will advocate employee involvement in all environmental matters, providing suitable training and support training and support to all employees with regard to this environment policy

Signed:



Date: 24th August 2015
Mr. Ashley King - Director

2. WASTE MANAGEMENT

The correct handling, storage and disposal of waste materials are vital if environmental harm and public complaint are to be avoided. Schemes which aim to minimise waste and increase recycling are not only beneficial to the environment but can also reduce costs. The duty of care requires waste producers to ensure that waste does not escape from their control and is passed only to an authorized person accompanied by a full written description.

Consider how noise and dust emissions can be minimised and do not burn waste on site, as this will cause both pollution and annoyance to neighbours.

a. Waste minimisation

Waste disposal is increasingly costly. Waste minimisation involves reducing the volume of waste produced, reusing the material again (without reprocessing) or recycling (which involves an element of reprocessing). All of these can bring benefits to the environment and significant savings in terms of management time, wasted materials, transport and disposal charges and landfill tax.

b. Waste treatment and storage

All wastes must be stored in designated areas which are isolated from surface drains. Under some circumstances, for example if storing or treating material from a contaminated site, a waste management licence may be required. Skips should be covered to prevent dust and litter being blown out and rainwater accumulation and should be regularly inspected and replaced when full. Where possible, separate skips should be provided so that wastes can be segregated for recycling or to prevent cross contamination. Used chemical containers may need special handling and the manufacturer's instructions should be followed. If plant maintenance is carried out on site, used oil should be stored in a bunded area for collection

c. Waste disposal

Under the Duty of Care, the waste producer has a duty to ensure that the waste contractor who removes the waste is registered with the Agency. A written description of the waste must be given to the contractor. Certain hazardous wastes are defined as being "special wastes" and a more rigorous consignment note system applies. If there is any doubt, contact the Agency for advice.

3. ENERGY EFFICIENT TRANSPORT

The company will audit fuel to optimise consumption and will ensure that all new commercial vehicles will be operated by diesel to maximise fuel return. All company vehicles will be serviced regularly to reduce particulate emissions.

4. OZONE DEPLETION

Ashwood Homes Limited, wherever possible will eliminate the use of CFC's in aerosols. Wherever suitable alternatives exist, they will be used.
Materials shall be:-

- Delivered in planned optimal loadings
- Be contained to minimise dust in transportation and during operations
- Assessed for COSHH Implications
- Manufactured free of chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's)

Site Operations

- Plant, equipment and transport are adequately maintained
- Plant and transport is switched off when not in use
- Burning of rubbish is not undertaken
- Where practical electrical rather than diesel equipment will be used

5. DISCHARGES TO WATER & LAND

Discharges to controlled waters or land will only be permitted where discharge consents have been defined and agreed with the relevant authority and/or this party

- Fuelled from bunded storage areas which have spill kits close at hand
- Maintained in designated areas wherever feasible
- Be fitted with drip trays wherever possible
- Be subject to wheel cleaning prior to accessing roadways off site

6. USE OF RAW MATERIALS

Material shall be selected on the basis of:-

- Standardisation and modular sizing for waste minimisation as practical dependent on the client's design.
- Managed sustainable sources of supply
- Use of recycled material where practicable
- Recycling capability at end of useful life
- Suppliers with environmental management systems

7. NUISANCE

Noise disturbance shall be minimised by:-

- Utilising mains power instead of generators where feasible
- Working within agreed hours

Disturbance to the local community and third parties will be minimised by:-

- Only utilising agreed access and egress points
- Parking in designated areas only
- Observing good neighbourly procedures and reporting any complaints to management
- Planning deliveries in off peak periods where practicable

Airborne dust

- Ensure dust is kept to a minimum at all times.
- Water suppression will be used at all times when cutting operations are happening
- A type FPP3 mask will be standard issue when cutting operation are taking place which generates silica dust.

8. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Ashwood Homes Limited will continually review paper types and technical suitability. Wherever possible the company will use office machinery that has 'power save' options. The company will ensure that all equipment is switched off when not in use.

We will continually seek to encourage environmental awareness within the business community.

9. SUPPLIERS

Ashwood Homes Limited will ensure that its suppliers and contractors wherever possible meets with the requirements of our environmental policy

10. EMERGENCIES

In the event of a spillage on site, the material should be contained (using an absorbent material such as sand or soil or commercially available booms) and the Environment Agency notified immediately on the Incident Hotline Number: 0800 807060