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## **Timber Purchasing Policy**

A significant proportion of the timber imported into the United Kingdom has been illegally logged, an activity that causes deforestation, environmental degradation and loss of biodiversity. Illegal logging is also associated with corruption and organised crime and has an impact on the standard of living of many of the world's poor who depend on forests for their livelihood.

At Kier Group we recognise that we have a responsibility to ensure that all timber and timber products, such as windows, doors, roof trusses, flooring, furniture and plywood used on our sites, are derived from legally harvested trees. We also try to ensure that the timber is obtained from well managed forests.

Preference will therefore be given to suppliers and subcontractors who can provide timber and timber products that have been independently certified by a credible forest certification scheme.

While every effort will be made to use certified timber and timber products it is acknowledged this will not always be practicable. If this is the case, Kier Group will seek confirmation that the specified species is not endangered and is from a legal source. To establish that uncertified timber is from a legal source, the supplier or subcontractor will be asked to provide details of the forest of origin and evidence that the timber was felled legally.

If, as a result of this policy, Kier Group is unable to procure timber/timber products specified by the client/designer/architect, we will advise them of the issues and request that the appropriate change be made to the specification. This may include proposing an alternative species, fit for purpose, which has the appropriate certification.

Also, wherever practicable, we will look to use reclaimed timber or products made from recycled timber, such as chipboard.

We will ensure that all our staff, designers, subcontractors and suppliers are made aware of this policy.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Sheffield".

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