

Great Places Housing Group

Environmental Policy

Great Places owns and manages more than 16,000 homes across the north west and beyond. We are committed to creating homes, not houses, and building cohesive, sustainable communities that have a positive impact on residents and the environment.

Responsibility

Great Places recognises its responsibility to tackle global warming and is not only addressing the challenge but aims to lead the sector through innovation, adaptation, and education. We are committed to:

- Promoting sustainable development in all our business activities
- Implementing an environmental management system
- Compiling with environmental legislation and regulations along with any other requirements to which Great Places subscribes

Objectives

To meet our commitment a set of objectives has been created. We will:

- Implement sustainable principles throughout new developments
- Complete major refurbishments according to good environmental practice
- Seek to protect and enhance ecological features during major refurbishment and conversion works
- Monitor and manage our consumption and use of energy
- Set challenging targets to reduce our consumption of energy and water
- Seek to reduce our annual waste produced and minimise waste to landfill from office operations and housing

- Work with our suppliers to improve purchasing and supply of sustainable goods and promote an effective environmental policy
- Investigate opportunities to improve the environmental performance of our existing housing stock
- Monitor and improve the environmental efficiency of travel associated with Great Places. Use technology, for example video conferencing, to reduce business travel
- Develop staff and tenants' awareness of their environmental impacts and to provide them with the means for its mitigation
- Implement and maintain an environmental management system that complies with ISO 14001
- Commit to continual improvement in environmental performance and prevention of pollution

Resources

The relevant resources and staff development will be made available to ensure the objectives are achieved. Environmental performance indicators will be monitored by the Environmental Officer and reviewed at Green Places management meetings.

This environmental policy will be reviewed annually and is publicly available. Its existence is promoted to all staff and tenants. For further information please contact Sarah McClelland, environmental officer, 0161 447 5184.

Signed



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Chairman

Approved by Great Places board
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