

Environmental Policy Statement

At Thirteen, we're about providing homes, support and opportunities to grow. As a housing association and developer with 35,000 homes across the Tees Valley, North East and into Yorkshire, we're proud to provide a range of homes for rent and sale. But we're more than that. We don't just offer a place to live, we offer a helping hand to anyone that needs it, providing a safe and healthy environment for our customers to live, thrive and grow.

We understand some of our work affects the environment and that's why we're so committed to not just meeting legal and other important environmental responsibilities, we're also dedicated to preventing pollution and protecting the environment as much as we can. We've pledged to make all our colleagues and customers aware of environmental issues and the ways they can help, as well as shaping our contractors' approach to protecting our natural world for the future where we can.

We'll take all the steps we possibly can to make sure we take the right environmental factors into account through all our activities, including when we design and build new homes, as we manage and invest in existing properties and as we demolish buildings to provide new places to live for our customers and communities.

By putting a range of controls in place, we'll have a framework to help us continuously improve towards our goal of a sustainable environment.

This will mean developing and putting in place the right processes, as well as setting and reviewing environmental goals through our senior team, to meet Thirteen's take control priorities:

Take Control Priorities



Environmental Impacts considered in all business decisions



Climate change adaptation – protecting customers, assets & investments



Net zero emissions direct business emissions by 2035



Sustainable supply chain and partnership framework



Sustainable homes; new and existing homes fit for the future, net zero by 2050 (Homes 2030)



Increase biodiversity – protect and enhance natural environment



Sustainable travel – Green fleet, alternatives to carbon fuel.



Skills growth, to meet need of green economy



Responsible materials – whole life, specification & reduce reuse recycle.



Colleague, customer & stakeholder empowerment & engagement

Signed:

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