

Environmental Policy

Natural Resources Wales is a Welsh Government Sponsored Body, which has a wide range of roles and responsibilities including; adviser, regulator, designator, responder, statutory consultee, evidence gatherer, manager, operator, partner, educator and enabler throughout Wales.

The scope of our Environmental Management System (EMS) includes; "All activities and services associated with the sustainable management of the environment and the natural resources of Wales."

We will encourage best environmental practices throughout our organisation and review our activities and operations to identify both positive and negative environmental impacts. Specifically, we will:

- Operate an EMS that conforms to the ISO14001environmental standard and helps to protect the environment.
- Continually monitor and improve the EMS through our internal audit and top management review programmes to enhance the organisation's environmental performance.
- Comply with all relevant compliance and other obligations to minimise our environmental impact.
- Deliver open and transparent reporting and the sharing of environmental performance and management systems.
- Provide a framework for setting environmental objectives and to monitor and review progress against our targets to reduce energy, water and resource consumption.
- Minimise the amount of waste we generate, minimise the use of harmful materials and prevent pollution from our activities.
- Promote a high level of environmental awareness and best practice amongst our employees and stakeholders, integrating environmental management into training and our communication.
- Procure goods and services from sustainable sources and encourage our suppliers and contractors to improve their environmental performance.
- Continue to conform to the UK Woodlands Assurance Standard to demonstrate that our forest ecosystems are sustainably managed.
- Mitigate the impact of climate change by minimising the greenhouse gas emissions from all our operations and activities.

We will publish this policy on the Natural Resources Wales website and display it at Natural Resources Wales offices and sites and it will be made available to all interested parties.

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