

Barratt Developments PLC - Ecology and Biodiversity Policy

Introduction

Safeguarding the environment is one of our business principles. Underpinning that principle is our commitment to:

- Minimising the environmental input of our operations and supply chain while increasing the energy and resource efficiency of our homes; and
- Seeking to enhance habitats, biodiversity and local environments across all our developments.

To that end, every development provides short, medium and long term opportunities to create, enhance maintain, or restore ecological environments in which living organisms (such as animals, bees, birds and plants) can flourish. They also create related opportunities for biodiversity (e.g. specific opportunities i.e. local climates and ground conditions can provide for different breeds of animal, bees, bird, and plant species).

Policy

Our goal is to seek where possible to enhance the ecology and biodiversity of our developments in line with the requirements of the NPPF by protecting existing ecological environments and/or restoring or creating new biodiverse habitats for species. In particular, our aims are to:

- Comply with relevant ecology legislation and best practice to protect and enhance the environment we operate in.
- Identify and manage ecological aspects of our developments from the time of land purchase through development and handover to the communities we create.
- Ensure that all development where we seek planning permission, develop and implement biodiversity action plan.
- Ensure all our operating Divisions follow our Group standards to management of ecology contained in dedicated Ecological Practice Notes and Landscape design guide 'Growing with Nature'.
- Engage with specialist ecology and biodiversity organisations to help further shape our future approach to ecological management and explore how overall biodiversity benefits can be factored into our land acquisition and development viability modelling.
- Enhance awareness amongst our employees, customers and other stakeholders (eg landowners and local authorities) as to how the ecological benefits that our development designs and/or the use of sustainable building materials can create and enhance wildlife habitat, and help to create communities where people aspire to live.

This policy is communicated to our employees and suppliers and is available on our website. It reflects the Group's commitment to promoting ecology and biodiversity within developments and has been approved by our Board's Executive Committee, and will be reviewed annually. Progress against the goals of the policy will be reported on our Sustainability web pages.

David Thomas
Chief Executive

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