



(Incorporating Harlow Timber Systems Ltd)

Environmental Policy

Harlow Bros is a family managed independent business established for over 70 years. The company's head office is at Long Whatton near Loughborough with branches at Derby, Coalville and Burton on Trent. The Company's main activities are the importing and merchandising of timber and allied products. The Company also fabricates Roof Trusses through its subsidiary Harlow Timber Systems.

The Company is committed to the protection of the environment and to the promotion of wood as a renewable and environmentally friendly material. The Company is equally committed to the reduction of its environmental impact in the running of the business. This policy is reviewed annually however, the impact of our operations on the environment is continually appraised and our environmental programme is geared to promoting consistent improvement.

The directors carry overall responsibility for this Environmental Policy and its management throughout the organisation.

The Company is committed to:

- Complying with all applicable and relevant environmental legislation
- A responsible purchasing policy (ref. Timber Buying Policy)
- Supporting National and International efforts to achieve the fastest practicable progress towards environmentally and socially sound forest management worldwide in line with the Statement of Forest Principles adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
- Ensuring that as far as possible, all timber purchases are from well managed forests and wherever possible this be endorsed by verifiable evidence or certification. To this end the Company is making positive moves towards stocking products from sustainable and well managed forests and in particular FSC certified products. The Long Whatton head office depot has both FSC and PEFC chain of custody certification.
- The efficient use of energy and raw materials
- Careful management and minimisation of waste.
- The recycling of as much waste product as is practicable.
- Promoting and providing correct and proper timber preservative treatment to prolong the service life of any timber product and complying with the Environmental Protection act 1990 with regard to any qualifying treatment plant
- Emphasising and engendering the importance of environmental issues throughout the whole workforce

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Director
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