

Water Policy

Human and environmental factors are putting pressure on global water resources. These include:

- Flooding due to the increase in intensity and frequency of storms, peak river levels and sea level rise caused by climate change;
- Increased demand for water supply due to population growth and urbanisation;
- Water scarcity and drought resulting from climate change and growing demand; and
- Damage to ecosystems from water over-abstraction and water pollution.

Our business is dependent upon water for the health and wellbeing of our employees, contractors and customers, and water is essential for the construction and use of our homes and developments. We recognise our business has both positive and negative impacts on the water environment. We strive to use water responsibly and to play our part in managing flood risk, reducing water use, minimising ecosystem impacts of abstraction, and protecting water quality for the benefit of our customers, communities, business and the environment. We acknowledge the human right to water and sanitation and aim to support the UN Sustainable Development Goal 6 on clean water and sanitation.

We are committed to:

- Helping our customers reduce water consumption through measures such as low flow taps and showers, dual flush toilets, water meters in our homes; and to explore other ways to reduce home water consumption, and providing them with the information that they need.
- Reducing water use intensity in our direct operations including our building sites and offices by 10% by 2025 on a 2019 baseline.
- Working with suppliers to improve water efficiency and water quality in the supply chain.
- Using our environmental management systems and HSE processes to protect groundwater and surface water environments during construction.
- Reporting on our progress.


Where we buy land we are committed to:

- Assessing potential flood risk on proposed developments, (including from rivers, coast lines, groundwater, surface water and damaged drainage infrastructure) and ensuring that our developments are built to appropriate standards of flood resistance in line with the expected impacts of climate change
- Working with local stakeholders to plan for water use in the areas we operate that experience water scarcity or drought.
- Using water features to support placemaking, biodiversity and sustainable drainage, where this is appropriate.

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TW Spain mainly buys serviced plots and will review rather than control flood risk, drought and water features.

This policy applies to all our operations, including all building sites and offices, and the homes and developments that we build in both the UK and Spain.

The Board of Taylor Wimpey plc will monitor the effectiveness of this Policy and will review the Policy on a regular basis and at least every two years			
Approved by		CEO	Taylor Wimpey plc