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## **DESNZ & DSIT: Environmental Policy**

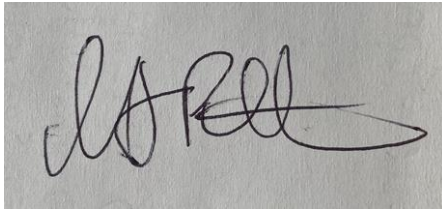
DESNZ and DSIT are UK government departments respectively leading on energy security & net zero and science, innovation & technology. We are committed to protecting the environment and preventing pollution. We undertake all our activities in a responsible manner, using best practice, to reduce the environmental impacts of our operations and to enhance and improve environmental performance and the Environmental Management System. DESNZ and DSIT are committed to fulfilling all environmental compliance obligations as a minimum and will strive to continually improve the environmental performance of our buildings, operations and supply chains.

DESNZ & DSIT will:

- Proactively reduce our carbon footprint by implementing energy saving practices and technologies, to be more energy efficient;
- Mitigate the impacts of business travel through relevant policies and procedures;
- Preserve and enhance biodiversity on our sites where we have opportunities and scope to do so;
- Proactively use innovation and technology to ensure efficient use of water;
- Embed the Waste Hierarchy into all waste procedures while also managing waste according to our duty of care;
- Understand and assess climate change adaptation risks for our key sites, to ensure business continuity and resilience;
- Consider sustainability in all procurement decisions, focusing on decarbonisation, sustainable resource use and climate change adaptation;
- Minimise the consumption of natural resources and reducing environmental impacts through our supply chains;
- Manage fuels and hazardous substances appropriately to minimise environmental risks;
- Regularly review performance of environmental objectives and targets;
- Regularly report on progress to the senior responsible officer;
- Communicate this policy to our staff, to everyone working for or on behalf of DESNZ and DSIT and interested parties to ensure they understand the environmental impacts of their job and how to minimise these.

DESNZ and DSIT shall monitor and review effectiveness of this policy through ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management System and in conjunction with the ISO 50001:2018 Energy Management System.

Endorsed and signed by:



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