

**Crest Nicholson's** driving ambition is to be the market leader in the design and delivery of sustainable housing and mixed use communities. We recognise that the production and manufacture of timber based products has significant environmental and social impacts, and we are committed to specifying and purchasing such products sourced from sustainably managed forests, and credible certification schemes.

**Crest Nicholson will not source forest products from:**

- Forests or forest product suppliers that do not comply with all relevant national and international legislation relating to the trade in forest products.
- High Conservation Value Forests where these are recognised nationally or regionally, unless these forests are progressing towards credible forest certification.
- Protected areas where harvesting operations are not complementary to responsible forest management.
- Natural forests which are currently being converted to other land uses, or converted natural forests, unless legitimately and credibly certificated.
- Forests which are in areas of armed conflict or civil unrest where there is a direct relationship between income arising from the forest products trade and the funding of such conflicts.

**To ensure that these goals are met, Crest Nicholson is committed to:**

- Purchase timber from known legal sources.
- Give preference to suppliers with FSC certification, Chain of Custody evidence, and to work with our supply chain to improve the transparency and accuracy of their audit trail.
- Work with the WWF UK Forest and Trade Network to continually improve our auditing procedures and procurement standards.
- Specify timber that is defined in terms of its technical and aesthetic requirements, (performance specification) so as not to overly rely on any one species.
- Set progressive targets to increase the volume of timber purchased from certified sources, and to measure our progress against these targets and maintain transparent public reporting.
- Actively promote to our customers and subcontractors that Crest Nicholson's timber products are ethically and sustainably sourced.
- Conduct internal and external audit of supply chains to trace all uncertified timber products back to the forest source, and report annually.



Stephen Stone, Chief Executive  
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*The board of Crest Nicholson PLC will monitor the effectiveness of this Policy and will review the Policy on a regular basis, annually as a minimum.*