

# Environmental policy

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## Statement of policy

Luke Hughes shares the present concern about the destruction of forests across the world and the use of timber from un-sustained sources. We will not use any timbers listed as endangered species within the CITES. Principal timbers used are oak, maple, beech, cherry and walnut.

We have a strict company policy to buy solid hardwoods from suppliers who derive their raw material from forests managed to the standards of FSC, PEFC, SFI or equivalent standards, where replanting and controlled felling are part of the overall plan. Material usage is designed to minimise waste.

95% of our products are made in timber (veneers and solids) from North American or European sources; these have been proven for more than 100 years to be intrinsically sustainable regardless of certification.

Particle boards and veneers come from forests in Western and Central Europe (France, Germany, Austria, Romania, Spain, Bosnia, Italy) as well as USA/Canada, and are 99% recyclable by weight.

Environmental impact is a major design criteria when making any decisions in our work. All our production meets E1 standard (EN13986) of ultra-flow formaldehyde emissions. Glue used to attach edges on tables is water based and releases no VOCs.

We support all progress being made towards environmentally sound Forest Management in line with the principles adopted by United Nations Conference on Environment in 1992 and actively encourage our suppliers and customers to do the same. We believe it is important to support the responsible companies within the industry who are ensuring timber supplies for the future. We liaise with our suppliers to help to promote a consistent, sustained and environmentally sound policy within our trade. We encourage the development of good trade practices by all our employees. We endeavour to reduce consumption of energy, and recycle materials wherever possible. All our steel products are manufactured from 100% recycled scrap which is in any case 100% recyclable.

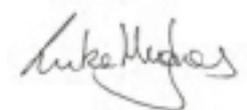
We actively support tree-planting schemes, and are founder members of Woodland Heritage Trust.

We believe we should minimise international travel, use public transport wherever practicable, and source suppliers and raw materials that keep shipping distances to a minimum.

NB: Luke Hughes is a regular lecturer to the architectural community on Sustainability in Design, and is frequently invited to speak at international conferences for the Royal Institute of British Architects, The Architects Journal, American Hardwoods Export Council, and the Institute of Wood Science.

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