Procurement and local sourcing policy statement

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As part of our commitment to sustainability, Blenheim aims to reduce our impact on the environment, stimulate the local economy and support local communities through all our activities.

We strive to procure sustainable, ethical and responsibly sourced materials, goods and services.

Blenheim is committed to increasing the proportion of goods and services that are sourced locally without compromising on cost, quality or safety and to increase the quantity and quality of jobs created in the local area.
Buy local
Where possible we will procure goods, products and services from suppliers who are no more than 20 miles from Blenheim.

Commit to sustainability
We will only purchase from suppliers who also have a commitment to sustainability.

Work with small businesses
We will support local small businesses who traditionally find it hard to get involved with the larger suppliers.

Choose fair trade
We will raise awareness and purchase ethical and fair trade certified products.

Support social enterprises
We will support local social enterprises and third sector organisations where we can.

Opt for recycled paper
We will purchase recycled and sustainably certified paper products.

Source sustainable timber
We will purchase legal and sustainable timber products.

Reduce packaging waste
We will consider the delivery method of goods with the aim to reduce packaging waste.
We will share best practice with others in our field and learn from their challenges and success
To achieve our aims, we will work alongside local and national bodies

Our people understand what Local Sourcing means and are empowered to make sound decisions when ordering and purchasing.

Department heads enlist the support of a dedicated sustainability resource and hold regular Local Sourcing meetings.

This ensures Local Sourcing remains high on our agenda over the next 10 years, to support our local area.