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Environment Policy

Sutton and East Surrey Water, trading as SES Water, supply more than 688,000 customers across Surrey, Sussex and Kent. As a water supply company, protecting natural resources is fundamental to our business. We recognise the importance of carrying out our operations in a way that limits our impact on the local and global environment, are committed to being an environmentally responsible company.

We are inextricably linked to the environment and take guardianship of it very seriously. Managing the way, we interact with the environment is integral to every aspect of our business, from water abstraction through to fixing leaks. We proactively manage our activities under four core strategies; using natural resources efficiently, controlling our activities that affect natural and built environments, managing energy usage and our carbon footprint, and limiting waste generation whilst optimising re-use and recycling. Wider issues, such as climate change adaptation, are incorporated across the core strategies where relevant.

We have set objectives and targets to assess and enhance our environmental performance and to ensure compliance with relevant legislation and industry codes of practice. These are regularly reviewed by senior management, who are committed to continual improvement as part of our overall business strategy. This includes providing sufficient resources and training to allow employees to understand and meet the environmental objectives of their team.

The identification of our environmental impacts and their associated control measures will be based on the principles of the International Standard ISO 14001 to which we are certified. As well as looking at the sustainability of our own operations, we will assess our supply chain, partners and contractors for their suitability to meet our environmental policies.

We are committed to protecting the environment, for example through the prevention of pollution and protecting the biodiversity of our sites. Further, by focusing on educating children and the wider community we can increase awareness of the links between water use and our local environment, and the wider benefits of using water with care.

We will communicate our environmental performance internally and externally each year to interested parties. This policy will also be reviewed, and if necessary updated, on an annual basis to ensure it continues to reflect our key aims and regulatory duties.

Anthony Ferrar

Managing Director

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