

MODERN SLAVERY ACT SLAVERY & HUMAN TRAFFICKING STATEMENT

NewRiver REIT Plc ("the Company") is a premium listed REIT on the London Stock Exchange. The Company is a specialist real estate investor, asset manager and developer focused solely on the UK retail and leisure sector.

Founded in 2009, the Company's £1.2 billion portfolio covers over 9 million sq ft and comprises 33 community shopping centres, 25 conveniently located retail parks and over 700 community pubs. The Company's focus has been on occupiers providing essential goods and services and avoiding structurally challenged sub-sectors such as department stores, mid-market fashion and casual dining. This focus, combined with affordable rents and desirable locations, delivers sustainable and growing returns for the Company's shareholders, while its active approach to asset management and in-built 2.5 million sq ft development pipeline provide further opportunities to extract value from its portfolio.

Being UK focused, the Company considers its geographical risk of slavery and human trafficking as being very low. However, we are pro-active in ensuring that we are making our contractors and suppliers aware of areas of potential risk and we are working to raise awareness and monitoring processes.

Our Employees

The Company has less than 250 direct employees and undertakes employment document checks to ensure that these employees are in the UK legally. Our HR strategy places people at the heart of our business, enabling us to attract and retain our staff.

We have numerous staff policies that protect our directly employed employees and we enjoy a high level of staff retention. The Company has established a staff forum, which meets periodically, to liaise with the Board and to create an environment to raise and discuss issues. We also have a Whistleblowing policy that encourages Staff to report any suspected wrongdoing or concerns. There have never been any concerns raised through the whistleblowing process or through any other process. We are working towards developing compliance training for employees on our online training programme which includes specific reference to slavery and human trafficking.

The Company has also written to its pub tenants to ensure that they are aware of their legal obligations to undertake the necessary checks on the staff that they employ.

External Suppliers

Our external suppliers mainly include managing agents, developers and building contractors. The Company has engaged with these suppliers to confirm that they have policies in place, copies of which have been provided to the Company, to ensure that they comply with their legal obligations and that they undertake the necessary checks in their organisations and supply chains with regards to slavery and human trafficking.

Supplier Code of Conduct and a Modern Slavery Act 2015 Compliance Confirmation Statement

In 2019 we developed a Supplier Code of Conduct and a Modern Slavery Act 2015 Compliance Confirmation Statement reviewed and updated by the Board. These documents were circulated to our pub landlords and suppliers and are available on our website.

All new suppliers are now required to acknowledge that they will conform with our Supplier Code of Conduct. Through our tendering and contracting procedures, suppliers are required to uphold the requirements of the Supplier Code of Conduct and ensure any subcontractors they appoint do the same. These obligations are reflected in our contractual documentation.

This statement is made as required by section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes NewRiver REIT plc's slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ended 31 March 2020.

This statement was approved by the NewRiver REIT plc Board on 22 September 2020.



Allan Lockhart
Chief Executive Officer