



## CORPORATE POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT STATEMENT

Aston Martin's vision is to be the world's most desirable, ultra-luxury British performance brand. As a company with global operations, we encounter a wide range of political situations that may impact our business activities. Our ability to conduct business is affected by government decision-making and it is important we have an open and constructive relationship with governments and other stakeholders.

We believe it is important to engage with the public policy and regulatory environment in which we operate. This includes engaging with government, policy makers and regulators to ensure that regulation is effective and practical. We interact with governments, industry associations, and other stakeholders who may influence or be responsible for government and political policies, legislation and regulations which could impact our business.

Aston Martin is committed to maintaining a high standard of stakeholder and political engagement. This Corporate Political Engagement Statement sets out our approach to interacting with stakeholders who may develop policy positions, legislation or regulations which may impact Aston Martin Lagonda. The Statement draws on Transparency International UK's Principles for Responsible Political Engagement.

### OUR APPROACH

Our business is subject to extensive laws and regulations at international, national and local levels, and changes to such laws can significantly affect how we operate, our revenues and the costs we incur. Public policy can impact our business, employees, communities and customers. We engage with policymakers and other stakeholders to advance and protect the long-term interests of our company.

Our engagement activities aim to identify public policy debates and developments concerning policies and initiatives that can affect any part of our company including our products, manufacturing facilities, or our business operations in general, at an early stage. Transparency and political neutrality are at the heart of our participation in such stakeholder engagement and political dialogue. We share our business priorities and challenges with relevant stakeholders, in line with the relevant legislation and regulation which applies to these engagements.

We comply with all appropriate, mandatory transparency regulations which govern the interactions between companies and policy makers, such as the European Union's Transparency Register.

Representing Aston Martin's interests means engaging with decision-makers, including politicians, government and public officials, and representatives of political interest groups, trade organisations, and business associations. We have contact with such organisations at various levels; we listen to what they have to say and communicate our interests to them. Our engagement may take the form of verbal or written representations, responses to political, government or parliamentary consultation exercises, attendance at meetings or other events, or through other fora.

We welcome constructive conversations with all relevant stakeholders. We believe we have a legitimate role to make clear our position on public policy matters relevant to Aston Martin and to ensure that those stakeholders who develop policies, legislation and regulations understand the impact of their decisions.

## POLITICAL DONATIONS

Aston Martin maintains a political neutral position in all the countries where it operates. It is the Company's policy not to make political donations.

We prohibit the use of company resources to support any political candidates or political parties.

In line with relevant anti-corruption laws, we prohibit authorising, offering, giving or promising anything of value directly or indirectly (via a third party) to a government or public official to influence official action, or to anyone to encourage them to perform their work improperly. We also prohibit facilitation payments, which are unofficial payments to induce public officials to perform routine public functions.

## INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS

We are members of several industry associations. Such associations provide stakeholders, including public officials, with valuable sectoral insights to help inform policy making. Our employees contribute their knowledge to discussions and activities coordinated by industry associations. We also provide input to public policy consultations through industry associations, where this is relevant for Aston Martin.

We pay the utmost attention to all relevant competition law (antitrust) regulations in our interactions with other companies as members of industry associations.

### PRINCIPAL INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS (2023)

- Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders
- European Small Volume Car Alliance
- Welsh Automotive Forum
- Walpole – the official sector body for the UK luxury industry

Details of the activities of these organisations can be found on their websites.

## EMPLOYEE POLITICAL ACTIVITY

We recognize the rights of our employees to participate in the political process and these rights are governed by the applicable laws in the countries where we operate.

Employees acting on their own, are free to use their own resources and to give their time for political contributions, activity and support. Such activity, including any public statements relating to public policy or political matters should be identified as being of a personal nature and not the position of Aston Martin.

## ORGANISATIONAL OVERSIGHT

Contact with all government and political entities, including government departments, political organisations or industry association activities relating to public policy matters, is managed centrally to enable company-wide engagement, coordination and alignment.

The Government Affairs function must be consulted by any employee before engaging with government or political stakeholders or communicating externally on public policy issues. Overall responsibility for Aston Martin Lagonda's external engagement on public policy sits with the Head of Government Affairs.

## REPORTING CONCERNS

Any employee with concerns about Aston Martin Lagonda's government or political engagement activities should raise this with their line manager, a senior manager or by using the company's confidential reporting line.

Any other persons with concerns about Aston Martin Lagonda's government or political engagement activities can write to Government Affairs, Aston Martin Lagonda, Banbury Road, Gaydon, CV35 0DB.