

The University of Hertfordshire is recognised as a leader in terms of environmental management and performance, and is committed to embedding continuous environmental improvement into its business model and ethos. It recognises the important role it has to play in developing the environmental stewardship of staff, students and visitors and to integrate the principles of sustainability into all activities. The University achieved, and has maintained, EcoCampus Platinum and ISO 14001 for its Environmental Management System at the end of 2012.

To continue to manage our environmental aspects, impacts and risks we have committed to:

- Ensuring compliance with all relevant environmental legislation, regulations and other requirements as a minimum.
- Reducing the University's negative impact on climate change through the implementation of various projects including a Carbon Management Plan.
- Reducing the environmental impact of the University's digital environment through the implementation of a Green ICT Plan.
- Reducing waste production and promoting resource efficiency through the implementation of a Waste and Resource Management Strategy.
- Encouraging reduced dependency on single occupancy car travel to and from the University and between sites through the implementation of a Travel Plan.
- Taking account of sustainable construction principles in new builds and refurbishment through the formulation and implementation of sustainable construction guidance.
- Reducing the environmental impact of procurement through the formulation and implementation of a sustainable procurement plan.
- By maintaining Fairtrade status and supporting ethical procurement.
- Preventing pollution by managing and reducing emissions to air and discharges to water.
- Managing and reducing water consumption where possible.
- Managing the University's grounds to create and enhance wildlife habitats through the formulation and implementation of a Biodiversity Action Plan.
- Encouraging the development of curricula and extra-curricular activities to promote environmental awareness and responsibility amongst the University community and to enable individuals to develop values, skills and knowledge to contribute to sustainable development.
- Publishing an Annual Environmental Report which summarises our environmental performance.

The Board of Governors and the Office of the Vice Chancellor are responsible for environmental management and performance and the integration of sustainable development at the University. All staff and students share this responsibility and are supported by key staff to help promote best practice, continual improvement and monitor performance.