

University of Hertfordshire Environment & Sustainability Policy

The University of Hertfordshire 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 has achieved and maintained EcoCampus Platinum status and ISO 14001 for its Environmental Management System.

To continue to manage its environmental aspects, impacts and risks, the University of Hertfordshire's commitment to environmental protection is set out within the following framework of strategic objectives and programmes:

- Ensuring that the University's compliance obligations with all relevant environmental legislation, regulations and other requirements are met.
- Reducing the University's negative impact on climate change through the implementation of projects within its evolving Carbon Management Plan.
- Reducing the environmental impact of the University's digital technologies through a multi-functional devices and printer rationalisation programme.
- Reducing University waste production and promoting resource efficiency through its Waste & Resource Management Strategy to 2020.
- Encouraging reduced dependency on single occupancy car travel to and from the University and between sites through the implementation of a Travel Plan to 2023.
- Taking account of Sustainable Construction Principles in University new builds through the incorporation of such principles throughout project life-cycle.
- Reducing the environmental impact of the University's procurement processes by maintaining Fairtrade status and supporting responsible procurement.
- Preventing pollution by managing and reducing emissions to air and discharges to water, and managing and reducing water consumption where possible.
- Developing curricular and extra-curricular activities that promote environmental awareness and responsibility across the University community to create and enhance wildlife habitats through the implementation of a Biodiversity Management Plan.
- Publishing an Annual Environment & Sustainability Report which summarises environmental performance and achievements of the University.

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. This policy shall be communicated across all functions of the University and is accessible to the general public.

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