

Environment and Sustainability Policy

UPR HS09 version 02.0

Policies superseded by this document

This document replaces version 01.0 of UPR HS09, with effect from 24 November 2020.

Summary of significant changes to the previous version

Minor updates to the Environment and Sustainability Policy were reviewed and endorsed by the Board of Governors on 24 November 2020.

Glossary

A glossary of approved University terminology can be found in [UPR GV08](#).

The University of Hertfordshire is committed to embedding continuous environmental improvement of the environmental management system to enhance environmental performance into its business model and values. It recognises the important role it must 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 University waste production and promoting resource efficiency through its Waste and Resource Management Strategy to 2023.
- 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 and supporting responsible procurement.
- Preventing pollution by managing and reducing emissions to air and discharges to water and managing and reducing water consumption.
- Developing curricular and extra-curricular activities that promote environmental awareness and responsibility across the University community.
- Creating and enhancing wildlife habitats through the implementation of a Biodiversity Action 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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Secretary and Registrar
Signed: **24 November 2020**

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