

# Environment and Sustainability Policy

UPR HS09 version 05.0

## Policies superseded by this document

This document replaces version 04.0 of UPR HS09, with effect from 21 February 2024.

## Summary of significant changes to the previous version

Minor updates to the Environment and Sustainability Policy were reviewed and endorsed by the Corporate UPR Advisory Group (CUPRAG).

## Glossary

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

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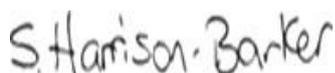
The University of Hertfordshire is responsible for the provision of higher and further education across the College Lane, De Havilland, and Bayfordbury campuses in, and around Hatfield. Recognising that the university’s estate and operations can have a negative direct and indirect impact on the local and global environment, we have made various commitments to mitigate, and where possible, reverse this impact.

By embedding environmental sustainability holistically across all university activity areas, the University of Hertfordshire is committed to:

- Preventing Pollution
- Complying with environmental legislation
- Striving for continual improvement
- Reducing its impact on the climate by becoming Net Zero by 2050
- Protecting and enhancing Biodiversity
- Reducing the impact of its waste and resources utilisation
- Building a sustainable community through education, skills development, student experience, research, enterprise, and partnerships.

The University of Hertfordshire environmental approach and commitments are detailed further in our Environment and Sustainability Framework which is available on Eco Campus and the University of Hertfordshire website. Area-specific objectives and targets are set within management plans which are managed according to our Environmental Management System (EMS).

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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Signed: **21 February 2024**

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