

Environmental Policy

Our Commitment

We recognise that our activities and business operations, and the occupation and management of our estate have an impact upon the environment. Furthermore we also understand that how we manage our business can in turn influence the behaviour of our staff, students and contractors. We therefore aim to manage our business and estate responsibly by integrating environmental principles into our operations, wherever possible, and to fully engage in our role in developing the environmental stewardship of our staff and students.

Our Policy focuses on three key areas: People, Procurement and Management.

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Policy Statement

We will ensure compliance with all relevant environmental legislation and regulations, and make continued efforts to reduce its environmental impact by committing to:

People

- Engage and communicate:
 - Communicate our Environmental Policy to all staff, students and contractors
 - Promote awareness of environmental responsibilities amongst staff, students and contractors across the University
 - Provide support to Campus management staff and employees to develop and manage initiatives locally
 - Actively initiate an energy awareness campaign across the University
- Travel
 - Consider transport as an integral element in the assessment of potential expansion locations
 - Encourage and facilitate sustainable modes of transport used by staff and students
 - Seek to introduce new technology to reduce the reliance on business related travel
 - Manage and monitor business related travel

Procurement

- Promote a purchasing policy which will give preference, as far as practicable, to those products and services which cause the least harm to the environment.

Management

- Energy and carbon management:
 - Reduce and manage energy consumption
 - Seek to enhance the contribution of energy efficient, low carbon measures
- Waste Management:
 - Reduce consumption of primary materials and, increase use of recyclable components and renewables.
 - Minimise waste and pollution, and operate effective waste management procedures
 - Implement a waste strategy which reduces overall waste production and increases recycling
 - Reduce water consumption.
- Construction and refurbishment
 - Take into account sustainable construction principles for any new developments and refurbishments, aiming for BREAM standard 'Good'