

# ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY



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**Loughborough University has two inspiring campuses in the UK, supporting the education and employment of in the region of 25,000 students, staff and tenant partners.**

In providing high quality educational, research and workplace facilities we recognise that many of our activities have environmental impacts which are, or have the potential to be, significant. This is recognised in the Loughborough University Strategy to 2030, **Creating Better Futures. Together.**

Creating Better Futures. Together, is a bold and ambitious strategy, it is outward and forward looking, recognising the importance of our external influence and the impact of our actions on the world around us, and reflecting the challenges that face us as a society. It has Climate Change and Net Zero as one of three key themes, delivered across, and through, seven key areas. Accordingly we are committed to implementing environmentally responsible standards and practices as part of an Environmental Management System, (EMS) to mitigate and manage our impacts in a program of continual environmental improvement.

**This Environmental Sustainability Policy sets out the principles by which we will embed sustainability and the EMS across our campuses. They are:**

- The development of the EMS in response to the identified environmental impacts and risks, in order to continually improve environmental performance and sustainability.
- The integration of environmental management and sustainability into our day-to-day operations, ensuring environmental issues are addressed whilst continuing to provide a high standard of education and training to all our students.
- The awareness of and compliance with all relevant legislation, regulations, codes of practice and local or special requirements.
- The promotion of awareness and understanding of environmental issues to staff and the provision of environmental training where appropriate.
- The promotion of awareness and understanding of environmental issues to students through our communications, and by encouraging the integration of sustainability into the curriculum. The promotion of improved environmental performance among key stakeholders and interested parties through communication of our environmental policies and procedures.
- The exchange of initiatives and best practice within the local community, local authority and other Further and Higher Education institutions.

**By embedding sustainability we aim to mitigate and manage our environmental impacts by:**

- Reducing carbon emissions in line with the Energy Strategy and decarbonisation plan.
- Improving resource efficiency in accordance with the waste hierarchy of Prevention, Reduce, Reuse, Repair/Refurbish, Recycle, Anaerobic Digestion and Energy Recovery to prevent Disposal to Landfill.
- Reducing water consumption and improving water efficiency.
- Preventing pollution through emissions to air and discharges to water.
- Implementing procedures for sustainable construction, refurbishment and maintenance of buildings and the estate.
- Purchasing sustainable goods and services where practicable in accordance with Purchasing Procedures and Sustainable Procurement Guidance.
- Encouraging the adoption of sustainable methods of transport for staff, students and visitors whilst on, visiting, or commuting to the campus and when representing the University.
- Respecting and enhancing biodiversity as part of estates management strategies.

**By undertaking regular environmental reviews to assess current levels of performance, we are able to develop annual objectives and targets to mitigate and manage our significant environmental aspects. These form part of the Sustainability Strategy which can be seen on the University website.**

The Vice-Chancellor has day to day responsibility for the running of the University and as such has responsibility for environmental performance. All staff and students share this responsibility and are therefore required to adopt and adhere to the principles of this Environmental Sustainability Policy and the standards and procedures of the Environmental Management System. Tenants and partners of the University also share certain responsibilities and are expected to adopt and adhere to the same principles standards and procedures where appropriate.

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*This Policy is reviewed and re-signed annually, an annually signed and dated Policy can be found on the University's Sustainability website. This printed version will only be changed if the policy alters.*