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## Environmental Policy

The University recognises that providing higher education to c20,000 students and associated support services has an effect on the environment locally, nationally and on an international basis. To control this effect the University is committed to comply with environmental legislation and to adopt environmental management practices, which will set in place a process of continual environmental improvement.

In order to achieve this, the University will:

- Comply with applicable legislation and other environmental requirements to which the University subscribes.
- Monitor the University's carbon footprint and participate in government actions to meet national and international reduction targets.
- Control and improve performance by developing an Environmental Management System which conforms to the requirements of ISO 14001.
- Manage energy use in all buildings and take measures to reduce gas, electricity and water consumption.
- Refurbish, design and construct buildings which meet sustainable construction standards and building regulations.
- Manage its activities in a way which prevents pollution to air, land and water.
- Take opportunities to improve the biodiversity of University grounds.
- Make purchasing decisions which demonstrate the University's commitment to buy sustainable and cost effective goods and services.
- Insist that suppliers and contractors respect the University's environmental aspirations.
- Reduce levels of waste from all buildings by providing quality and accessible reuse and recycling services and control hazardous wastes.
- Provide travel information and services to encourage access to and from the University by public transport, bicycle and foot to reduce reliance on car journeys.
- Take opportunities to include environmental education within curriculum development and research and knowledge transfer.
- Engage staff and students to contribute to environmental compliance and improvement.
- Make this Policy available to staff, students, stakeholders and the public.

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