

University of Cambridge

Environmental Policy

In achieving excellence in teaching and research, the University of Cambridge aims to manage its activities, buildings and estates to promote environmental sustainability, to conserve and enhance natural resources and to prevent environmental pollution to bring about a continual improvement in its environmental performance.

The University will comply fully with environmental legislation and officially approved codes of practice, and will make continued efforts to reduce its environmental impact through the implementation of an Environmental Plan which sets out a range of objectives and targets related to its significant environmental impacts, including:

- to promote sound environmental management policies and practices in the work of all Faculties, Departments, and other institutions;
- to increase awareness of environmental responsibilities amongst staff and students;
- to work with other agencies locally, nationally, and internationally to promote appropriate environmental policies;
- to implement policies and procedures that contribute to a reduction in the University's carbon footprint;
- to minimise waste and pollution, and to operate effective waste management procedures;
- to reduce the consumption of fossil fuels;
- to reduce water consumption;
- to 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;
- to avoid use, wherever possible, of environmentally damaging substances, materials, and processes;
- to maintain the grounds and buildings of the University estate in an environmentally sensitive way;
- to have regard to environmental factors as far as practicable in respect of the growth of the University and the integration of new developments into the local environment;
- to encourage modes of transport by staff and students which minimise the environmental impact;
- to communicate with interested parties on issues relating to the Environmental Policy including contacts in the immediate neighbourhood, and the regional, national and global community.

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