

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Loughborough University has one main tutorial and residential campus in Loughborough. It has over 3,000 employees and over 16,000 students.

Loughborough University has senior management commitment to the environmental policy and ongoing implementation of the strategy. We recognise that our activities impact on the environment and, accordingly, we are committed to implementing environmentally responsible policies and practices to reduce this impact.

In order to show continual improvement to our environmental performance we are developing an environmental management system (EMS). We have conducted a baseline environmental review to assess our current level of performance. This allows us to benchmark our performance against similar Further and Higher Education institutions and develop objectives and targets for our significant environmental aspects.

The EMS will cover all the operations across our campus and it is our policy to:

- Integrate environmental management 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.
- Reduce water consumption and improve water efficiency.
- Reduce carbon emissions in line with the carbon management plan.
- Purchase sustainable goods and services where practicable.
- Implement procedures for sustainable construction, refurbishment and maintenance of buildings.
- Prevent pollution and manage emissions and discharges to air and water.
- Minimise the creation of waste and, where practicable, segregate, re-use and recycle.
- Comply with all relevant legislation, regulation and codes of practice.
- Promote awareness and understanding of environmental issues to staff and students.
- Ensure staff are given environmental training where appropriate.
- Promote the exchange of initiatives and best practice within the local community, local authority and other FHE institutions.
- Respond to reasonable requests for information about our environmental performance.
- Promote improved environmental performance among key stakeholders and interested parties through communication of our environmental policy.

Our environmental objectives and targets are detailed in our environmental management programme and form part of the goals of the University.

Signed:



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