

Environmental Policy Statement:

The University of East Anglia (UEA) undertakes internationally renowned teaching and research delivered by a community of over 2,600 staff and 14,000 students. Our outstanding campus occupies over 320 acres of land which supports wildlife sites of county significance and Biodiversity Action Plan species. It also hosts listed buildings, the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, the UEA Sportspark, and an energy generation plant. We have gained an understanding of the complex and wide-ranging nature of our environmental impacts by conducting a comprehensive Initial Environmental Review (Oct 2009). The Review has enabled us systematically to prioritise these impacts in order to support improvements effectively.

The University has long been a leader in the field of environmental research and we are committed to reflecting this in how we care for our campus and its surrounding environment. We also make ethical choices in how we conduct our business. Through our 2008 Corporate Plan we are committed to becoming an exemplar of good environmental practice and, in particular carbon reduction, in the HEI sector.

The following principles provide guidance on the way we identify and manage our impacts on the environment. We will demonstrate our commitment by integrating these into key business decisions, and by setting objectives and targets to achieve continual environmental improvement. We will:

- Integrate environmental management into day-to-day operations by establishing an Environmental Management System (EMS) certified to ISO14001 for all our operations on campus, via the EcoCampus scheme
- Comply with and, where possible, exceed all relevant environmental legislation and other requirements applicable to the University
- Openly communicate, through sharing knowledge and regularly publishing reports on environmental commitments, action and performance
- Motivate and empower staff, students, members of our local community, and other stakeholders, to support the ongoing development, implementation and evaluation of this policy
- Embed sustainability into teaching, learning and research
- Maintain and enhance the biodiversity of the estate
- Minimise our consumption of non-renewable energy and gross emissions of greenhouse gases
- Minimise the production of waste through reduction, reuse and recycling
- Minimise our consumption of non-renewable and environmentally sensitive resources by embedding integrated life-cycle approaches in our decision making
- Prevent ground and water pollution, and minimise emissions of air-borne pollutants
- Manage environmental risks from accidents, incidents and emergencies

A Sustainability Board, reporting annually to the University Council via the Executive Team, leads implementation of this policy, bringing together those responsible parts of the University (i.e. the Vice-Chancellor's Office, the Estates and Buildings Division, the Finance Division), with representatives from the Students' Union, the School of Environmental Sciences, CRed (the UEA community carbon reduction programme) and other Schools and units within the University. A supporting management structure encompasses all internal stakeholders, facilitating the introduction of these policy issues onto the agenda of staff meetings at all levels.

Signed by:



Professor E.D.J. Acton – Vice-Chancellor

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This policy will be reviewed annually