

UEA Environmental Sustainability Policy

The University of East Anglia (UEA) undertakes internationally renowned teaching and research, involving a community of over 2,600 staff and 14,000 students. Our celebrated campus occupies 360 acres of accessible land, supporting five County Wildlife Sites and species of national and international significance. The built campus includes iconic listed buildings, including the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, and world-leading low energy buildings.

We have long been a leader in the field of environmental research, contributing significantly to improving understanding and action around the changing climate and environmental sustainability challenges faced by society. We are committed to replicating this success in how we manage our complex and wide-ranging environmental impacts. In delivering our Corporate Plan, we will remain committed to becoming an exemplar of good environmental practice in the HEI sector, in particular around effective carbon reduction.

We will demonstrate our commitment by systematic prioritisation and the setting of objectives to achieve continual environmental improvement. We will integrate the following principles into key business decisions:

Sustainable environmental management:

- Integrate environmental management into day to day operations by maintaining an Environmental Management System (EMS) certified to ISO14001 for all our operations on campus.
- Comply with and, where possible and affordable, exceed all relevant environmental compliance obligations applicable to the University.
- Openly engage with University stakeholders by 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.

Protection of the Environment:

Climate change, energy and transport: Minimise our consumption of non-renewable energy and emissions of greenhouse gases.

Adaptation and resilience: Manage risks to the University from climate change and natural resource depletion, and maximise opportunities for adaptation where possible.

Education for Sustainable Development: Embed sustainability into our teaching, learning and research.

Waste: Minimise the production of waste through reduction, reuse and recycling.

Procurement, purchasing and water consumption: Minimise our consumption of non-renewable and environmentally sensitive resources and embed integrated life-cycle approaches in our decision making.

Biodiversity: Maintain and enhance the biodiversity of the estate.

Pollution prevention: Prevent ground and water pollution and minimise emissions of airborne pollutants.

Emergency preparedness: 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 Facilities Division), with representatives from the Students' Union, the School of Environmental Sciences, 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 agendas of staff meetings at all levels.

Signed by Vice-Chancellor Professor David Richardson



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This policy will be reviewed annually