



# ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Lancaster University understands its responsibility to protect the environment from the impact of its operations and activities and to influence its staff and students and the wider community to minimise their impact through its actions, teaching and research. The University is committed to meeting the requirements of all relevant environmental legislation and guidance and to continually improving its environmental performance. The University will:

- Improve the environmental awareness of staff, students and residents and support them in reducing their environmental impact both at the University and beyond, through the implementation of sustainable environmental practices.
- Use our research where appropriate in developing environmentally beneficial projects and products and improve the sustainability of our research activities.
- Implement a Sustainable Procurement Policy which reduces the carbon and environmental impacts of our procurement activities.
- Reduce carbon emissions from energy and utility consumption.
- Provide students with the opportunity for involvement in sustainability related curricular and extra-curricular opportunities and activities.
- Develop and implement a strategy to manage and reduce waste according to the waste hierarchy.
- Continue to support its Travel Plan and enhance travel options, decreasing carbon and other emissions from staff and student commuting and University fleet vehicles.
- Optimise its impacts from business and other travel, providing information to enable users to minimise their travel related emissions.
- Prevent pollution and manage emissions and discharges.
- Reduce water consumption.
- Achieve high environmental (BREEAM) standards for new build and redeveloped buildings.
- Enhance the biodiversity and sustainability of the University's landscape and grounds.
- Monitor measure and report on the environmental impacts of University's activities, operations, research and teaching.

In order to support the implementation of Lancaster University's Environmental Policy, time bound objectives and targets have been set. The policy will be implemented through the Carbon and Environment Management Team (CEMENT) and progress reviewed by Carbon and Environment Executive Board (CEEB) and University Management Advisory Group (UMAG).

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark E. Smith'.

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Professor Mark E Smith, Vice Chancellor



# FACILITIES ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVES AND TARGETS 2014-15

CATEGORY	EMS OBJECTIVE	EMS TARGET
Waste Management	To achieve measurable continuous improvement in waste reuse-recycling and recovery	Reduce annual residual waste to landfill per head to annual target value of 40kg/head*
		80% waste reused/recycled or recovered
	To achieve best practice in waste management, minimising waste generation and encouraging reuse and recycling initiatives	Continue implementation of waste strategy and produce Waste Action Plan for 2014/15
		Implement third phase of revised residence waste and recycling arrangements across campus
Carbon Management	To understand, control and minimise the use of energy and reduce carbon emissions	Develop a permanent central waste compound
		Limit Scope 1&2 carbon emissions to annual target value of 23,368tCO <sub>2</sub> e
	Ensure compliance with Carbon Reduction Commitment	Produce fully updated LU carbon management plan
Utility Management	To understand, control and minimise the use of energy and reduce carbon emissions	Complete 2015 CRC Evidence pack, annual report and allowance order/purchase/surrender
		Implement Utility Strategy
	To achieve on-going improvements in resource use	Reduce electricity consumption by 5%
Transport	To improve sustainability in travel and transport	Reduce gas/oil consumption by 5%
		Reduce annual water consumption per head to annual target value of 35.66M3
		Continue to implement and review LU Travel plan
Biodiversity, Landscape & Grounds	To maintain, improve and promote Lancaster University campus Biodiversity and grounds	Continue to implement Biodiversity masterplan
		Implement Phase 1 of the Tree and Woodland Management Plan (Improvement) Work
		Maintain Green Flag Accreditation
Fairtrade University	Promote and encourage Fairtrade activities, awareness and consumption	Maintain LU Fairtrade status
Catering & Sustainable Food	To maintain and increase the provision of sustainable and ethical food and drink	Maintain current Soil Association 'Food for Life' Catering Mark accreditation levels
Construction & Refurbishment	Ensure sustainability is embedded within the design and construction process	Achieve BREEAM 'outstanding' standard for all new buildings (design & construction)
		Achieve BREEAM 'Excellent' standard for all renovation/refurbishment projects (design and construction)
Environmental Management	To improve environmental management	Achieve accreditation to ISO 14001