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# **Environmental Sustainability Policy Statement**

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Policy Management and Responsibilities:			
Owner:		This Statement is issued by the Director of Estates & Facilities, who has the authority to issue and communicate policy on campus environmental management systems and has delegated day to day management and communication of the policy to the Environmental Sustainability Manager and Carbon and Energy Manager.	
Others with responsibilities (please specify):			
		All subjects of the Policy will be responsible for engaging with and adhering to this policy.	
Have you completed formal assessment with the following advisory teams:			
Equality Analysis (E&D, HR)		1. <i>Full EA to be completed on the policies that support this Statement where necessary.</i> 2. <i>N/A</i> 3. <i>March 2016, policy template advice</i> 4. <i>N/A</i> 5. <i>N/A</i>	
Legal implications (LPG)			
Information Governance (LPG)			
Student facing procedures (QEO)			
UKVI Compliance (Student Admin)			
Consultation:			
Staff Trades Unions via HR		1. HR and Trade Union representatives invited to sit on Sustainability Board who are consulted on this policy	

Students via Salford Students Union and University Sustainability Board Relevant external bodies (specify)	2. Student representatives are invited to sit on Sustainability Board who are consulted on this policy
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<b>Review:</b>	
<b>Review due:</b>	Annually, next due July 2026
<b>Document location:</b>	University of Salford Environmental Sustainability webpages
<a href="https://www.salford.ac.uk/environmental-sustainability">https://www.salford.ac.uk/environmental-sustainability</a>	
<b>Document dissemination and communications plan:</b>	
Environmental Sustainability website and Environmental Sustainability staff induction	
Purchasing process and contractor induction	

## 1.0 Purpose

The University of Salford is an enterprising University helping to transform individuals and communities through excellent teaching, research, innovation and engagement. We recognise the global climate crisis and that climate change is one of the biggest challenges facing our society across the globe. As a higher education provider we have a major role to play in enabling our students and staff to respond positively to global challenges.

We also recognise our responsibilities for the direct impact on the environment; as one of the largest organisations in the Greater Manchester region offering a place of study and work to over 26,000 students and 2,500 staff across 27 buildings and around 70 hectares.

## 2.0 Scope

This Policy applies to all campus operations as defined by the scope of the environmental and energy management system and is applicable to (but not limited to): Staff; Contractors and Associates carrying out work on behalf of the University.

## 3.0 Policy Statements

This policy outlines our potentially most significant environmental impacts from our estate and facilities; these are areas where we have an opportunity to influence and embed environmental management across our estate, to demonstrate that sustainability is one of our key priorities.

This policy provides a framework for establishing environmental and energy objectives and targets. This policy will be reviewed annually by the Environmental Projects Board chaired by the Director of Estates and Facilities.

Our aim is to demonstrate continual improvement in our environmental performance delivered through an Environmental and Energy Management System, certified to ISO 14001:2015, and ISO 50001:2018 and our Campus Sustainability Plan.

This will ensure that we:

- / protect the environment in which we operate our estate and facilities, and prevent pollution by reducing and eliminating pollution sources
- / meet our compliance obligations, and
- / continually improve our management systems to enhance environmental and energy performance.

### In our campus environment we will:

- Develop and maintain externally certified ISO 14001:2015 and ISO 50001:2018 standards covering all campus operations as defined by the scope of the system.
- Fully comply with relevant domestic and international environmental legislation, guidelines and standards;
- Develop and implement a plan for achieving net zero carbon and eliminating avoidable single use plastics on our campus;
- Improve the energy and water performance in our buildings to meet our targets as established in the Net Zero Carbon Plan;

- Apply the principles of the waste hierarchy and circular economy to prioritise reduction, reuse and recycling to reduce the impacts of waste management;
- Develop and apply an ethical and sustainable procurement system to ensure the social and environmental impacts of purchases are appropriately considered;
- Ensure sustainability is a core principle of the Campus Connectivity Plan by embedding sustainable construction practices and performance specifications into plans for new buildings and refurbishments;
- Develop and implement our Sustainable Travel Plan which encourages alternative methods of transport to single-occupancy car journeys and minimises the environmental impact of the Estates and Facilities fleet and business travel;
- Protect and enhance the natural habitats and biodiversity on the University estate in accordance with our Biodiversity Policy and Landscape Management Plan.

**In our University community we will:**

- Embed care for the environment in the culture of all our campus operations as part of our goal to be a sustainable University;
- Empower and motivate the whole University community to support our policy and strategy through appropriate education and communication;
- Proactively work with our local partners such as Local Authorities, to align sustainable practices and contribute to local and regional targets.

This policy is supported by a series of targets, indicators and action plans which will be reviewed at least annually.

## **4.0 Related Documentation**

Related documents can be found in the University Environmental Sustainability pages <https://www.salford.ac.uk/environmental-sustainability>