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**SUSTAINABILITY POLICY  
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<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>The Sustainability Policy has been produced in support of the University of Winchester's related policies and action plans including the Environment Strategy and Carbon Reduction Plan.</p> <p>The University of Winchester acknowledges that its activities and operations have environmental, social and economic impacts.</p> <p>This policy outlines our dedication to environmental management, and social responsibility, aiming to create a sustainable campus that positively impacts our local community and beyond.</p>	

## Introduction

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Sustainability has been defined in many ways, and the University of Winchester adopts the long established Brundtland Commission's description "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." <http://www.un-documents.net/our-common-future.pdf>

## Policy Statement

The University of Winchester acknowledges that its activities and operations have environmental, social and economic impacts. The University's Strategic Plan sets out our commitment: "to the principles of the green economy, defined by the UN as low carbon, resource efficient and socially inclusive, further embedding our commitment to sustainability and social responsibility, in the way that we work together as a University community".

This policy outlines how we will achieve this by creating a sustainable campus that positively impacts our local community and beyond.

The University is committed to improvement across all areas of environmental management and sustainability and to ensuring that we meet and exceed all our legislative, regulatory and voluntary compliance obligations.

## Policy Objectives

In order to meet the Sustainability Policy Statement, the University will:

### **Emissions and discharge**

Aim to reduce carbon emissions in line with the University's target to achieve net zero scope 1 & 2 emissions by 2030.

### **Energy Management**

Use energy efficiently and identify opportunities to invest in our estate to reduce energy use.

### **Water Management**

Use water efficiently and develop ways to reduce, reuse and recycle water where possible.

### **Sustainable Travel**

Encouraging the use of sustainable forms of travel, active travel, vehicle sharing, public transport and video conferencing.

Invest in infrastructure to support electric vehicles and reduce the carbon footprint of university related travel.

### **Circular Economy**

Implement a comprehensive waste reduction programme in accordance with the circle economy principles and the waste hierarchy system.

### **Sustainable Buildings**

Ensure that all construction and refurbishment building projects are built to sector-leading environmental standards.

To develop our Estates in a sustainable and sympathetic manner, finding ways to utilize our spaces and reduce environmental impact whilst improving wellbeing.

**Biodiversity**

Maintain and enhance green spaces to support biodiversity and well-being.

**Education and Research**

Provide students, staff and other interested parties with the opportunity to engage in sustainability initiatives and training.

**Sustainable Procurement**

Embed sustainability into the procurement process.

**Ethical Investment**

Commit to environmental sustainability through the implementation of our ethical banking policy.

**Community Engagement**

Build upon external engagement to further develop internal and external capacity and knowledge to influence wider policies.

**Good Management**

Integrate environmental principles into the University's operations procedures and promote best practice at every level.

**Policy Implementation and Monitoring**

This policy is owned by Estates & Facilities Services and will be reviewed annually by the EFS Environmental Strategy Group.