

# Environmental Policy

Estates and Facilities

Version: 2.0

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. Solent University is committed to being a socially responsible and environmentally conscientious organisation. Environmental sustainability is a foundation of the University Strategy 2025. We recognise the fundamental importance of creating a sustainable future through our teaching, research and public engagement activities and estate operations.
- 1.2. The University aims to manage its activities and deliver continual improvements to enhance environmental performance in all areas of the institution through the adoption of key policy commitments. Solent will deliver this Policy through its ISO 14001:2015/EcoCampus Platinum certified Environmental Management System. This Policy provides the framework for more detailed objectives set out in the University's Environmental and Sustainability Enabling Plan.
- 1.3. This Policy is applicable to all Solent University staff, students, contractors and other relevant stakeholders.

## 2. Objectives

This Policy commits the University to:

- Complying with, and where appropriate exceeding, applicable environmental legislation, requirements and compliance obligations.
- Protecting the environment and preventing pollution to air, land and water.
- Measuring, monitoring, reporting and continually improving environmental sustainability performance.
- Delivering net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 through the implementation of the Carbon Management Plan.
- Continuing to invest in University operations and services to reduce energy and water consumption and to ensure appropriate adaptation to the predicted impacts of climate change.
- Following the waste hierarchy to manage waste as a resource and support the adoption of the circular economy.
- Implementing a sustainable and ethical procurement policy to maximise social value and reduce the impacts of Solent's purchasing activities and adopting a life cycle analysis approach to support the circular economy.
- Implementing a sustainable design guide and adopting a whole life costing approach to the delivery of estate refurbishment and new build projects.
- Developing and implementing the University's Travel Plan to improve options for active travel and ensure effective management of business and commuter travel.
- Protecting biodiversity, enhancing the value of green spaces and, where possible, creating new habitats for wildlife.

- Supporting students, staff, external partners and the community to reduce their environmental footprint and develop sustainable habits.
- Embedding principles of sustainable development into our teaching and research.

### 3. Review

- 3.1. This Policy is reviewed annually and is publicly available on the University's website.
- 3.2. This Policy is initiated and supported by the Senior Management of the University, which will ensure that the necessary resources are available for implementation.

Signed  .....  
Paul Colbran, Chief Operations Officer

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