

Environmental Policy

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1. Introduction

Teesside University has a dedicated approach to its environmental responsibilities and is aware of the impact the University's operations can have locally, nationally and internationally. Our vision is to be a leading University with an international reputation for academic excellence that provides an outstanding student and learning experience underpinned by research, enterprise and the professions. Our mission is to generate and apply knowledge that contributes to the economic, social and cultural success of students, partners and the communities we serve.

Located on a 38-acre campus in Middlesbrough, the University is at the centre of the Tees Valley, with an additional satellite campus at Darlington. The Institution provides higher education to more than 18,500 students and employs around 2,311 staff.

2. Policy Statement

As a responsible institution, we intend to grow and develop the campus in a sustainable manner and pride ourselves on being closely integrated into the economic, cultural and social life of the Tees Valley. We recognise the expectations of our students and society at large, promoting further environmental leadership we recognise and are committed to reducing all our environmental impacts. Our Environmental Management System (EMS) covers all operations at the University and provides a structured framework for achieving our commitments.

2.1 Commitments

- Aspire to become carbon neutral
- Meet all appropriate legislation, industry standards and other requirements to which the organisation subscribes.
- Prevent pollution by reducing emissions and discharges.
- Demonstrate continuous improvement in our activities, which affect the environment.

2.2 Objectives

To help us to assess our environmental performance, priority areas for improvement are defined and objectives set to:

- Integrate environmental management into our day-to-day operations.
- Reduce our energy consumption and associated carbon emissions.

- Minimise our use of water.
- Implement a waste minimisation strategy and maintain a high recycling rate.
- Promote and support sustainable travel options for commuting and business travel.
- Establish procedures to implement sustainable construction and procurement.
- Preserve and enhance the biodiversity of the estate.
- Educate, empower and motivate staff, students and stakeholders through appropriate environmental education and communication.

3. Roles & Responsibilities

The Environmental Advisory Group, chaired by the Director of Campus Services, is responsible for overseeing the Ecocampus Environmental Management System of which the Environmental Policy is a key integral document.