Environmental Policy

Brunel University is firmly committed to enhancing its environmental management and performance through its strategies, policies, risk management, and procedures. ‘Sustainability’ is one of the core values of the University, and the University’s Strategic Plan 2013 to 2017 obliges the University to provide ‘an enabling environment’ where the campus infrastructure, facilities, and activities are managed, developed and monitored in an environment-responsible and sustainable manner.

The University acknowledges it is responsible for continually improving its environmental performance, preventing pollution and protecting the environment at all levels.

The University will set targets and action plans to meet the following objectives:

Environmental Management and Legislative Compliance

- Achieve and maintain the internationally recognised Environmental Management System (EMS) ISO14001: 2004
- Meet, and wherever possible, apply more stringent standards to ensure the University’s compliance with relevant environmental legislative and other requirements

Academic Life

- Engage with the academic community to integrate the theme of sustainability into teaching and research

Reduce Environmental Impacts

- Enhance the University’s carbon management and continue to reduce its carbon emissions
- Improve energy and water management by reducing their consumption
- Implement the waste hierarchy to minimise waste through elimination, reduction, reuse and recycling
- Implement the Travel Plan and promote sustainable modes of transport to and from the University
- Enhance biodiversity and maintain the grounds and buildings in a sustainable manner
- Promote sustainable procurement activities and Fair-trade
- Enhance energy efficiency in the estate and buildings by undertaking necessary refurbishment work and by minimising adverse impacts

Communication, Awareness Raising and Involvement

- Establish and maintain a communication channel with all staff and students
- Promote and raise awareness of good environmental policies and practices with staff, students and other stakeholders across the University

As part of the University’s EMS, the University will actively communicate information, both internally and externally, regarding its environmental objectives and targets.

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