

## Sustainable Development

Middlesex University is dedicated to teaching excellence with over 30,000 students spread across three campuses in North London, and being committed to environmental sustainability. The University recognises its impact on the environment and seeks to address these issues.

Sustainable development meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. The University will ensure it:

- Manages its activities and services to prevent pollution to land, water, and air
- Comply with all relevant legislation and standards to minimise environmental impacts and activities.
- Set objectives and targets annually to ensure continuous improvement of environmental management system
- Communicate to all staff and students, and make the policy available on a website to be reviewed annually
- Document, implement, maintain, review and improve the system to reduce energy, water and waste

In relation to the University's specific environmental, social and economic objectives:

**Energy and Emissions** - Continue to reduce consumption of gas and electricity and emissions to air, specifically carbon to prevent the risk of climate change in line with the Environmental Management Plan.

**Waste** - Continue to find new ways to reduce consumption of resources and use resources efficiently in all activities.

**Construction and Renovation** - Ensure any new building complies with current building regulations and standards, including BREEAM 'excellent' and WRAP waste code.

**Natural Environment** - Consult local groups and engage staff to promote the biodiversity of the estate, particularly Trent Park, and where possible create green spaces in this strategic location.

**Sustainable Procurement** - Ensure all procurement activities take these issues into account for new products and services.

**Travel** - Maintain a travel plan to ensure staff and students use sustainable methods of transport to access the campus. Make available schemes to staff and students to promote sustainable travel.

**Community Engagement and Education** - Work with local and national organisations to support community development and environmental education, including environmental education in the University curriculum.

**Health, Safety and Wellbeing** - Ensure all staff and students are working in a safe and healthy environment that facilitates learning and personal development.

**Waste management** - Implement the waste hierarchy of reduce, reuse, recycle, recover and dispose. Continue to increase recycling.

The Vice-Chancellor at Middlesex University supports and endorses this policy and commits the University to continuing to improve environmental, social and economic performance across its estate.



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