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The University recognises that providing higher education to c20,000 students and associated support services has an effect on the environment locally, nationally and on an international basis. To control this effect the University is committed to comply with environmental legislation, to adopt environmental management best practices, and to benchmark its performance so as to set in place a process of continual environmental improvement.

In order to achieve this, the University will:

- Comply with environmental legislation.
- Commit to reducing the University's carbon footprint and participate in government actions to meet national and international reduction targets.
- Control and improve performance by developing an Environmental Management System which conforms to the requirements of ISO140001.
- Manage energy use in all buildings and take measures to reduce gas, electricity and water consumption.
- Refurbish, design and construct buildings which meet sustainable construction standards and building regulations.
- Maintain its buildings and grounds in a way which prevents pollution to air and water and improves biodiversity.
- Make purchasing decisions which demonstrate the University's commitment to buy sustainable and cost effective goods and services.
- Insist that suppliers respect the University's environmental aspirations.
- Reduce levels of waste from all buildings by providing quality and accessible reuse and recycling services and control hazardous wastes.
- Provide travel information and services to encourage access to and from the University by public transport, bicycle and foot to reduce reliance on car journeys.
- Take opportunities to include environmental education within curriculum development and research and knowledge transfer.
- Engage staff and students to contribute to environmental compliance and improvement.
- Make this Policy available to the public and stakeholders.

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