

Environmental Sustainability Policy

Scope

This policy applies to all the activities of the University of East Anglia.

The University of East Anglia (UEA) is a world leader in climate, environmental and global development research and teaching. We contribute to national and international policy developments in this area, including the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), through our educational and research activities and through our partnerships. The executive team will embed these same core principles into our own activities under the auspices of its Sustainability Committee.

It is our policy to:

1. Comply with applicable environmental regulations and university policies and procedures to protect the environment and prevent pollution.
2. Enhance our environmental management system through a continuous improvement cycle and retain certification to the ISO 14001 international standard.
3. Deliver our sustainability strategy, through close collaboration with supply chain and the campus community.
4. Ensure transparent reporting of our environmental sustainability progress, while engaging stakeholders and raising awareness of environmental issues.
5. Protect and enhance the campus biodiversity and habitats.
6. Reduce the size of the retained estate through consolidation and disposal and create flexible and adaptable spaces to ensure the efficient use of existing space.
7. Refurbish and renovate in favour of building new wherever practicable.
8. Eliminate scope 1 & 2 carbon emissions, without procuring carbon offsets to do so.
9. Remove natural gas from site and ensure all grid power is procured from wind, solar or hydro.
10. Adopt waste management processes that emphasise reduction of waste, reuse over disposal and prevents general waste being sent to landfill.
11. Embed education for sustainable development into all curricula for students and into core training for staff.
12. Deliver impactful change in our locale, building on our long-running engagement mechanisms.

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