
Environmental & Sustainability Policy

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Policy Statement

This Policy commits the RAU to continually improve the environment through its teaching, research and knowledge exchange activities, as well as through its own estate management. The Vice-Chancellor has overall responsibility for the implementation and annual review of the Environmental and Sustainability Policy. The Director of Estates oversees the implementation of the Policy. All staff have a responsibility for the implementation of the Policy and students are expected and encouraged to act within the spirit of the Policy as members of the University Community.

Version Control

Version number	Purpose/change	Name and job title	Date (DD/MM/YYYY)
V1.0	Policy created and approved	ESSG	August 2010
V2.0	Annual Review	ESSG	October 2012
V3.0	Annual Review	ESSG	November 2013
V4.0	Annual Review	ESSG	October 2014
V5.0	Annual Review – No Changes	ESSG	October 2015
V6.0	Annual review – changes to reflect disbandment of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy Group	SMG	June 2016
V26.1	Amendment to reflect change in management roles	ESAG	November 16

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The Royal Agricultural University recognises the importance of a holistic approach to sustainability, as both an operational institution and as a provider of education. It is committed to continually improving the environment through its teaching, research and knowledge exchange activities, as well as by being an exemplar through its own estate management. In addition, the Policy must be financially sustainable, always aiming to be cost neutral or to reduce costs for the University.

Key Objectives

1. Integrate sound principles of sustainability into the planning and delivery of the University's operational, teaching and research activities;
2. Reduce the University's direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions, minimise resource use and prevent pollution;
3. Comply with all relevant environmental legislation and other requirements;
4. Develop and maintain an accredited environmental management system;
5. Regularly monitor, review and communicate environmental performance to ensure continual improvement;
6. Encourage all members of the University community to adopt environmental values and a sustainably-sound approach to their work and disseminate University policy to sub-contractors, customers and the local community.


Delivery

In order to deliver these objectives, the University will develop and implement an Environmental Action Plan, incorporating strategies and targets for:

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| • Energy & Emissions | • Biodiversity |
| • Water Management | • Education for Sustainable Development |
| • Waste Management | • Built Environment |
| • Travel & Transport | • Awareness & Communication |
| • Purchasing & Procurement | |

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Vice-Chancellor

Date:

22/3/2017

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Director of Estates

Date:

20/03/2017