



4.2 Environmental Policy

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Environmental Policy

The University of Surrey is an international university with a worldwide reputation for excellence in teaching and research. It offers students a unique combination of high academic standards, employment success and a prime location in beautiful surroundings. Our mission is to work in partnership with industry, commerce, the professions and other institutions for the benefit of our world. We will achieve this by providing scholarship attuned to the particular needs of society, leading edge research, and a rich and varied learning environment.

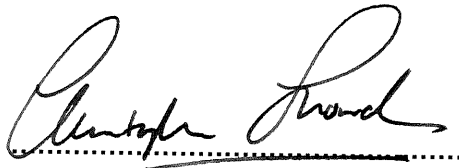
We accept and acknowledge our obligation to contribute to the resolution of global and local environmental issues by reducing the environmental impact of our activities and by taking a leading role in promoting environmental good practice.

The university will:

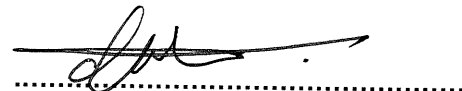
- strive to comply with all current environmental legislation, and continually seek to improve environmental performance by challenging accepted norms;
- introduce an Environmental Management System (EMS) progressively through the organisation;
- monitor progress by developing, and periodically reviewing objectives and targets to support this policy;
- seek to minimise the environmental impact of developing and maintaining the estate, applying the principles of sustainable development and pollution prevention;
- create a culture of good environmental stewardship by defining our environmental expectations and providing relevant training for our employees, students, suppliers and contractors;
- where practicable, minimise our impact upon the local community and ensure that our EMS takes cognisance of all stakeholders views;
- seek to integrate environmental issues into all aspects of the university's teaching and research, where appropriate and compatible with quality assurance agency standards, and help students develop their environmental awareness and understanding. The University has developed a global sustainability module as part of the global graduate award that is offered to all undergraduate students in the University;

The Director of Corporate Services has direct responsibility for the implementation of this environmental policy and has established an environmental team to ensure the Environmental Management System is implemented, maintained and reviewed annually.

Signed:



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