



## Environmental Policy Statement

Heriot Watt University recognises that through its position as a leading international research and teaching facility it reaches and influences an audience far beyond its physical boundaries. The University acknowledges that it has a significant responsibility to continually develop in an environmentally sound and sustainable manner and to encourage those who it has influence over to do the same. The University also recognises that additional environmental responsibilities arise as a result of its roles as a significant land owner, employer and consumer of natural resources.

Environmental issues cannot be considered in isolation, they must be analysed in conjunction with social and economic considerations to provide a sound sustainable development platform.

The Heriot Watt University Environmental Policy is the inspiration for our local Environmental activities. Through the implementation and development of this policy and associated environmental management practices we will strive to improve our environmental performance.

We will set appropriate targets to encourage continual improvement within the key aspects of our environmental activities whilst doing what we can to protect the environment around us and the people using it. The prevention of pollution will remain paramount throughout our activities.

Cooperation, consultation and communication with our key environmental stakeholders will be given a high priority. Through this process we will ensure that our employees, other persons working on our behalf, students and visitors to our establishment are aware of this Policy and of their various obligations. Compliance with pertinent environmental legislation, regulations and other requirements to which we subscribe will be our minimum objective.

Procedures necessary for setting and reviewing our environmental objectives and targets will be documented, applied and updated as necessary within the University's environmental management systems. This policy shall be developed as the University's environmental management system develops.

We will review and amend our processes and procedures to reduce the negative impacts that our operations and the use of our facilities have on the environment whilst advancing the positive influences that we can bring to our local, national and international communities.

This Policy is publicly available to all on the University Intranet website.

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