

## 5 – Environmental Policy

The University of Lincoln aims to be recognised as a university of quality and distinction. The University acknowledges that environmental responsibility plays a key part in achieving this.

This policy has been developed to promote environmental awareness across the University and will be promoted amongst staff, students, suppliers and contractors in order that everyone has a role in minimising adverse effects on the environment. The University will aim to establish a culture where environmental performance is continually improved. This will be achieved through regular reviews and the setting of challenging objectives and targets.

The University will aim to improve its environmental performance through the following areas:

**Legal & Regulatory Compliance:** aim to comply with all relevant environmental legislation. A register of relevant legislation will be developed, maintained and regularly reviewed.

**Prevention of Pollution:** look to minimise and prevent pollution from its activities wherever practicable. This will be achieved by reducing energy use and minimising water use. Waste will be minimised and where possible reused or recycled.

**Energy:** Continually assess and seek to reduce pollution from energy use. Energy use will be monitored and challenging targets for reducing consumption will be set. Wherever possible energy reduction possibilities will be identified and followed up.

**Waste Management:** Minimise waste through the judicious use of products and materials. The University will look to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill and to identify recycling opportunities. Correct storage, collection and disposal of waste will be ensured.

**Sustainable Procurement:** Wherever possible, the environmental impacts of goods and services will be taken into account in major purchasing decisions. Suppliers bidding for major contracts will be asked to demonstrate that they have established environmental standards.

**Water:** Minimisation of water consumption across the estate. The University recognises the sensitive nature of the water courses in the immediate vicinity of its campuses and will take appropriate action to prevent contamination of water courses and groundwater.

**Biodiversity:** In order to understand the ecological value of the Estate surveys of the flora and fauna will be undertaken. The University will ensure that important habitat areas within its land holdings are protected.

**Transport:** Seek to minimise the effects on the local population of emissions, noise and fumes from vehicles travelling to and from the University campuses. By promoting a Sustainable Transport Plan, which encourages a healthier lifestyle for employees and students and reduces emissions from travel to work, the University will reduce adverse effects from transport on the surrounding communities.

**Policy Availability:** This policy will be made publicly available and will be communicated to staff and students. In addition, individuals and businesses working for and on behalf of the University will be made aware of the policy.

**Review:** The Policy will be reviewed at least annually and will be updated where appropriate.

**Approval Date:** 19 February 2013

**Signed:** Prof. Mary Stuart  
Vice Chancellor of the University of Lincoln

