

# Environmental Statement

The University of Northampton is one of the youngest Universities in the UK and one of the first to be named as a Changemaker Hub, reflecting a special focus on social impact. This means that as an institution, we work hard to have a positive impact on the world around us. The University recognises our activities can have a negative effect on the environment both locally and globally and we are committed to managing and minimising that impact.

## The challenge;

- We are people centric – our environmental impact revolves around the culture of the University.
- Our activities lead to greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to climate change
- We consume finite resources and generate significant volumes of waste
- Our environment is shared with nature and the local community
- Costs of energy and water are rising
- Broad range of statutory compliance to environmental legislation

## Our objectives;

- Lead by example – be impactful on our people and the wider community
- Minimise greenhouse gas emissions and be resilient to climate change
- Promote sustainable transport such as cycling, car pool and electric vehicles
- Manage waste streams to optimise resource recovery and reduce costs
- Sustainable procurement, taking a life-cycle view on purchasing
- Work with nature to encourage biodiversity wherever possible
- Invest wisely in smart technology, adapting to a changing utility market
- Monitor and adhere to our legal obligations

## Our goals;

- Become an exemplar of environmental best practice in higher education
- Fulfil our mission - Transform lives + inspire change
- Be impactful on the University community
- Have a positive impact on our environment, helping the University to thrive!

An extended version of this policy is available on the University of Northampton website.