



# Environmental Policy Statement

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## **Context**

Cranfield University's mission is to work in partnership with business, academia, governments and other organisations to develop and deliver applied research and innovative education in science, technology, engineering, and management. It is essential that we reflect this expertise by managing, in a sustainable manner, the environmental risks, impacts and opportunities associated with our work and study. The University's Environmental Management System is certified to the internationally recognised ISO 14001:2015 standard.

## **Direction**

Cranfield University is committed to protecting the environment and preventing pollution through our research and learning provision, and through the management of our facilities and estate. Our aim is to provide a sustainable environment in which to live, work and study, both at the University and other areas affected or influenced by our activities.

## **Approach**

We will take all reasonably practical measures to fully integrate environmental considerations within our decision making and everyday behaviour.

We will achieve this by:

- Using a lifecycle approach to identify issues that are environmentally significant, and establishing meaningful objectives, targets and programmes to address them
- Working together to put practical environmental management arrangements in place
- Mainstreaming environmental excellence into everything we do, including business planning and decision-making processes
- Fulfilling the University's compliance obligations, including compliance with all applicable environmental legislation and other requirements to which the University subscribes, and which relate to the University's environmental aspects
- Building the right capabilities to support our environmental aims
- Using a 'living lab' approach to create the mutual benefits of student learning, stakeholder engagement, and improved environmental performance on the University's estate
- Continually improving our environmental management system to enhance environmental performance
- Having robust contingency plans in place to minimise the impact of foreseeable environmental incidents.

We will provide the appropriate leadership, management and resources to enable this to happen, with everyone who works, studies and lives with us playing an essential part to help achieve this policy, in particular by:

- Minimising resource use and ensuring that any unavoidable waste is correctly handled, stored and disposed of
- Promptly reporting all accidents or incidents which could lead to pollution
- Sharing cost-effective suggestions for pollution prevention, waste reduction or energy conservation

This policy is communicated within the University and available to the general public, students and all persons working for, in or on behalf of the University.

**Approved:**

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