

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY



STRATEGIC PLAN
2022-27

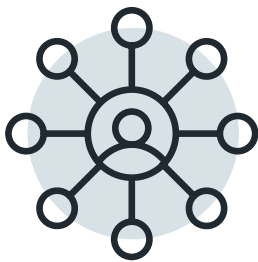


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Our Vision

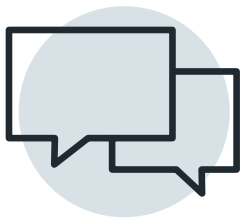
To be an institution where sustainability is a core value running throughout our activities and we are recognised for our local and global impact and leadership in the transition to net zero.

Our Themes



We Collaborate

We work with our students, colleagues, civic, and business partners to contribute to all 17 UN sustainable development goals (SDGs) while striving to have a positive impact on our planet.



We Challenge

We encourage innovative ideas to reduce our environmental impact, harnessing the creativity of our colleagues, students, and partners to deliver sustainable solutions for our institution and the world.



We Transform

Our graduates will take discipline-relevant sustainability expertise into their future lives and we will provide transformative support to business, schools, and our city to allow them to meet their sustainability ambitions.

Our Aims

Our campuses and operations will be managed following best sustainable practice and we will embed our net zero vision in every area of Estates' activity.

We will achieve this by:

Driving down our direct greenhouse gas emissions by 60 per cent from our baseline of 2009/10 by 2030, and rapidly developing a deliverable plan to achieve net zero by 2040.

Managing resources effectively, reducing waste, and increasing recycling rates.

Increasing biodiversity on all our campuses, using them as showcases for supporting wildlife, and taking steps to adapt to future climate risks that could impact our estate and operations.

Our research and enterprise will contribute to sustainability, locally and globally.

We will achieve this by:

Clearly signposting the SDGs in our research outputs, delivering research in all SDG areas and tracking our impact.

Ensuring our research is conducted following best sustainable practice.

Developing a clear offer to support local, national, and international organisations and businesses to meet their net zero and biodiversity goals and to adapt to climate risks.

We provide visible leadership in sustainability.

We will achieve this by:

Using the Times Higher Education Impact rankings to measure our impact and improve it, year on year.

Submitting case studies of our achievements for external recognition, such as the Green Gown Awards.

Continuing to lead the local transition to net zero carbon, by driving activity within the Lincoln Climate Commission, and use our influence to promote and support sustainability across Lincolnshire.

Our Aims

We have a community approach to sustainability involving staff, students, and the public.

We will achieve this by:

Welcoming ideas and suggestions for improvement from all sources, however challenging, and facilitate and respond to feedback.

Having vibrant sustainability advocate networks at each campus, and sharing clear messaging around sustainable behaviours.

We work closely with schools and civic leaders on sustainability projects.

Recognising the importance of personal responsibility of all of us in achieving our sustainability goals.

Recognising that sustainability presents complex problems with interdisciplinary solutions, and all areas of the University can contribute in different ways.

Encouraging every department in the University to set their own appropriate sustainability KPIs and objectives.





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