



Sustainability Statement

Lincoln Fellows, students and staff acknowledge that when it comes to environmental sustainability, each one of us has a role to play. We understand this entails commitment and involvement in making the College environmentally sound; we do our best to ensure that our impact on the planet is as small as possible by embedding sustainable decisions, actions and learning in our day to day activities.

Lincoln College's 'Green Team' takes the lead on implementing sustainability-related initiatives, monitoring them, and setting new objectives. Areas of activity are outlined below. The Green Team reports to the Governing Body via the Domestic Committee.

Biodiversity

Limit our negative impacts on natural ecosystems and environments by preserving and, where possible, creating and/or enhancing wildlife habitats in spaces owned by the College.

Carbon

Agree a well-defined and challenging but realistic target for reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions in the areas of College electricity and gas consumption, food, and staff and student travel.

Energy

Reduce College buildings' carbon emissions in line with our greenhouse gas emissions reduction target by reducing overall energy consumption. This will be achieved through technical solutions and behavioural change.

Food

Work to reduce the environmental impact of our food through menus, sourcing, production, and influencing consumer demand.

Raise awareness of how personal diet choices affect health and the environment.

Leadership

Lead by example – model sustainable thinking and behaviours for Lincoln staff, students and alumni, and other institutions.

Embed sustainable thinking and behaviours into the College culture so as to benefit both current members and the next generations, both within and outside of the College.

Provide public information about our progress toward a more sustainable world. Take into account information about the environmental and social costs, as well as the financial cost, when making investment and business decisions.

Sustainable Buildings

Introduce more sustainable operating efficiencies into our existing buildings wherever possible through ongoing maintenance and works.

Ensure that any new building or refurbishment is planned, built and occupied to ensure the greatest energy and water efficiency and lowest carbon emissions that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Sustainable Purchasing

Purchase products and services that reduce the College's environmental impact locally and globally. This could include the products themselves, or means of delivery. Consider the social and environmental as well as financial costs when making purchasing decisions.

Travel & Transport

Encourage and support staff, students and visitors to use low and zero carbon modes of transport, both to and from the College and in general. Prioritise rail travel over air wherever possible.

Waste

Encourage and support behaviours and work practices that minimise waste. Encourage recycling and make it easy for College members to recycle. Review and communicate waste data to facilitate continuous improvement.

Water

Use water efficiently and implement measures to reduce the use of mains water. This will be achieved via both technical solutions and behavioural change.

Monitoring and Action

Review this policy on an annual basis, develop appropriate targets under these headings, and measure and report progress against these targets. Prepare a Sustainability Annual Report for the Governing Body.

This statement will be reviewed annually by the College's Green Team, Domestic Committee and Governing Body.