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Pathway to Net-Zero

OBJECTIVE	SMART ACTION	DATE TO BE COMPLETED
Carbon net-zero for Scope 1 and 2 carbon emissions by 2035.	Formation of a Decarbonisation Plan for each campus by January 2027 to identify priority projects and ensure sites are resourced to action the outcomes.	Jan-27
	Investment in improved controls of campus BMS by July 2027 and consider use of a live interface to react to demand.	Jul-27
	Deliver a decarbonisation project focussing on AHU controls at Cavendish campus using capital from Westminster Climate Fund by July 2027.	Jul-27
	Produce a digital sustainability and carbon reduction plan by July 2027 to cover ICT assets and digital platforms across the estate	Jul-27
Reduce reported water consumption each year from the previous year by 3% as part of the carbon net-zero target for Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions by 2050.	Install water efficiency interventions following surveys of Harrow Halls of Residence in September 2026 to deliver a 5% reduction in water usage from the 2025-26 baseline.	Sep-26
	Review flushing procedures across campus and identify the best technology for standardised auto flushing to minimise the risk of Legionella.	Jul-27
Reach a recycling rate of 60% by 2027-28 as part of the carbon net-zero target for Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions by 2050.	Recycle at a rate of 50% across the university estate by the end of the 2026-27 academic year.	Aug-27
	Introduce new bin suites at Harrow campus in Feb 2027 to better segregate waste and improve recycling rates.	Feb-27
	Hold a Sustainable Technician Forum meeting twice annually and identify at least one resource-sharing project to be implemented during 2026-27.	Nov-26
Integrate the Environmental Management System into all university processes by July 2027 to implement ISO 14001:2026 equivalent (EcoCampus Platinum).	Develop and pilot a mandatory in-house sustainability training for all colleagues across the University by December 2026, and reach 50% completion by participants by March 2027.	Dec-26
	Deliver EMS audit and sustainability awareness training to all Facilities Managers as part of the Estates Facilities Forum in September 2026.	Sep-26

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Sustainable Campus

OBJECTIVE	SMART ACTION	DATE TO BE COMPLETED
Achieve BREEAM 'excellent' rating as a minimum on all new builds and refurbishments with an aspiration of 'outstanding'.	Develop a new standard specification for capital projects to incorporate the UoW Sustainable Building Standard to be implemented by Dec 2026.	Dec-26
	Formation of a Sustainable Construction Sub-Group in Oct 2026 to baseline emissions and minimise impact from Capital Projects.	Oct-26
Conduct a pilot monitoring study on the ethical and environmental impact of our suppliers and procurement and purchasing activities to start in 2027.	Create a Scope 3 Task and Finish Group to determine a methodology in collecting Scope 3 data in October 2026. This should include Scope 3 emissions from construction, business travel and procurement.	Oct-26
	Implement the Sustainable Merchandise Procedure in March 2027 to ensure merchandise is procured ethically and with purpose.	Mar-27
Maintain and improve the Green Kitchen Standard across all campus kitchens in 2026-27.	Ensure use of a reusable alternative is available at all cafes and refectories across the estate by Jan 2027 to minimise use of disposable serveware.	Jan-27
Increase the proportion of students and colleagues using active travel to commute to site by 5% by the end of 2025-26 from the 2022-23 surveyed data.	Collect data relating to active travel to and from campus through rollout of a university-wide travel survey in Sep 2026.	Sep-26
Increase the number of measured species on site from 2024-25 using surveyed data by 5% by 2030.	Implement and monitor at least two biodiversity enhancement projects at Harrow by June 2027 following the 2026 Biodiversity Audit.	Jun-27
	Evaluate biodiversity improvements to be made in West End and Marylebone campuses by conducting biodiversity audits of each site in May 2027.	May-27
	Identify opportunities for garden waste, sustainable drainage, rain gardens, green roofs or living walls during planned refurbishment projects and assess at least two opportunities by July 2027.	Jul-27
	Explore the use of electrical infrastructure in grounds maintenance processes e.g. use of electric strimmers to limit use of petrol-based equipment by April 2027.	Apr-27

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Sustainable Curriculum, Research and Knowledge Exchange

OBJECTIVE	SMART ACTION	DATE TO BE COMPLETED
Increase student and colleague engagement with environmental sustainbility on campus.	Create and deliver a programme of Sustainability Events to boost engagement through the 2026-27 academic year.	Jun-27
	Support a student-led sustainability waste campaign to launch in between March-June 2027 to increase recycling rate.	Jun-27
Ensure environmental sustainability is embedded in core and elective curriclum by 2029.	See Education for Sustainable Development Action Plan for 2026-27 actions.	Jul-27
Ensure environmental sustainability is embedded in research and knowledge exchange practice by 2029.	See Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice Action Plan for 2026-27 actions.	Jul-27

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