ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT 2025–26



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INTRODUCTION

Sustainability is embedded across teaching, research, knowledge exchange, and operations at the University of Westminster. Recognising its responsibility to address global environmental challenges, the University is committed to reducing its environmental impact while creating positive social and economic value for its communities. Environmental management provides a strong foundation for sustainable development, helping to protect natural resources, enhance climate resilience and support the wellbeing of students and colleagues.

The University's commitment to sustainability is demonstrated through its alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), its Sustainable Development Policy and the annual publication of the SDG Report.

This report evaluates the progress made towards the University's environmental objectives during the 2025-26 academic year. It highlights key achievements, areas for improvement and the actions being taken to support the University's long-term sustainability targets. The Environmental Management Working Group meets twice annually to review progress against SMART actions and environmental objectives. During 2025-26, specialist sub-groups were established to drive targeted action and accelerate progress in priority areas.

The University's action towards sustainable development continues to be overseen by the SDG Coordinating Committee, which provides strategic direction across teaching, research, knowledge exchange and operations. The Committee reports to the University Executive Board (UEB) to ensure that sustainability remains aligned with the University's strategic priorities.

Highlights from 2025-26:

- Significant reductions in gas and electricity consumption.
- Procurement of 100% renewable electricity
- Progress in campus decarbonisation planning
- Achievement of the EcoCampus Platinum Award
- Opening of Zone 29, the University's first fully electric building
- Segregation of food waste in all kitchen facilities
- UK's first University-based Climate Assembly

PATHWAY TO NET ZERO

The University is committed to reaching net zero for all Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 2035. Through use of energy-saving infrastructure and decarbonisation projects, the University is minimising its impact through carbon emissions. A decrease in gas, electricity and water consumption and reduction in waste production remains a priority across the estate.

Achieving net zero requires a holistic approach which combines innovation, behavioural change and continuous investment in sustainable operations. The University is working to improve energy performance across its buildings and transition away from use of fossil fuels. By setting ambitious targets and engaging students and colleagues in sustainability initiatives, the University aims to foster a culture of shared responsibility amongst the University community.

OUR OBJECTIVES

Objective	Action	2025-26 progress
Carbon net-zero for Scope 1 and 2 carbon emissions by 2035.	Formalise quarterly energy workshops with campus teams to evaluate feasible renewable energy reduction and decarbonisation projects throughout 2025-26.	Quarterly energy workshops have been established and will continue through the 2026-27 academic year to identify energy reduction projects, building efficiencies and as a forum for cross-campus collaboration.
	Develop a list of energy saving projects specific to each site as a result of the energy workshops by July 2026.	Energy saving projects were listed and prioritised for each site. Long-term projects will be incorporated into site-specific Decarbonisation Plans in 2026-27.
	Develop a list of external funding opportunities to further develop and record decarbonisation action across each campus by July 2026.	Applications were completed in 2 funding rounds for Westminster Climate Fund. Continue to explore other external funding opportunities.
	Align each campus Building Management System (BMS) with ongoing site-specific carbon reduction initiatives by July 2026.	High focus on the integration of the BMS this year. Workshops took place this year to initiate the process of this integration.
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.	Review water usage across the university estate by December 2025 by completing a series of water audits led by Thames Water.	Water usage audits were completed by Thames Water, and improvement opportunities were identified at each site. These have been integrated where feasible.
	Review the use of toilet auto taps and flushing systems to minimise water wastage as a result of the Thames Water audit in January 2026.	This will be prioritised after the completion of the Harrow Water Survey in September 2026.
	Automatic water meters to be monitored to create a quarterly baseline for 2025-26.	Report will be created for the 2026-27 financial year.
	Work with ground maintenance contractors to consider drought-resistant and water minimising foliage for 2025-26.	This was not completed this year, but nature-positive projects are to be integrated following a biodiversity audit of Harrow campus in July 2026. Projects will be prioritised based on impact and cost.

OUR OBJECTIVES

Objective	Action	2025-26 progress
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 48% across the university estate by the end of the 2025-26 academic year.	Not met for the 2025-26 year. Recycling rate averaged 37.85% between August 2025-July 2026. In 2026-27, physical infrastructure improvements will be coupled with a behaviour change programme.
	Launch the use of food waste bins in all Halls of Residence kitchens in September 2025.	Food waste bins were installed at the start of the academic year and have been used by all students living in Halls of Residence. This has increased the percentage of waste going to anaerobic digestion and diverted from incineration by 2.08%.
	Procure a suite of standardised internal bins as a trial for improved waste segregation in Zone29 by January 2026.	Uniform internal bin suites were installed at Zone29 in Spring 2026. This has enabled building users to better segregate waste by supporting positive waste behaviours.
	Create a waste reduction workshop in October 2025 between academic departments across the university to improve and standardise reuse initiatives.	A Sustainable Technician Forum was trialled in October 2025 to reduce waste within operations from academic departments. This will continue into 2026 to boost collaboration between academic teams.
Integrate the Environmental Management System into all university processes by May 2026 to maintain the ISO14001:2015 equivalent (EcoCampus Platinum).	Develop mandatory in-house sustainability training for all colleagues across the university by January 2026.	An e-learning module is in development and will be released for use in Autumn 2026.
	Continue annual internal EMS audits in June of each year, led by campus teams.	An internal EMS audit was conducted by Soft Service Managers in January 2026. Annual internal audits are to continue annually in January of each year.

OUR NET ZERO TARGETS

The University has set an ambitious target to reach net zero for Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions by 2050, in line with national targets. Direct carbon emission reduction remains a priority, but some Scope 3 emissions are starting to be baselined so that reduction targets can be made.

Scope 3 waste, water supply and water treatment were baselined in the 2024-25 academic year. This year, Scope 3 emissions from the University's grey fleet have been reported on within the University's annual report. This provides a better overview of the University's indirect value-chain emissions and better represents overall carbon footprint.

RENEWABLES

The University continues to procure 100% REGO-backed renewable electricity from the grid, for the 13th consecutive year. This demonstrates the University's commitment to procurement of clean energy and reducing the organisation's impact. The exploration of further installation of Solar PV across the campus is a high focus of the University with Regent Street Solar PV array set to come live during 2026-27 financial year.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Gas consumption (kWh)	18,395,139	18,001,188	15,044,482
Electricity consumption (kWh)	12,542,269	13,629,169	12,518,085

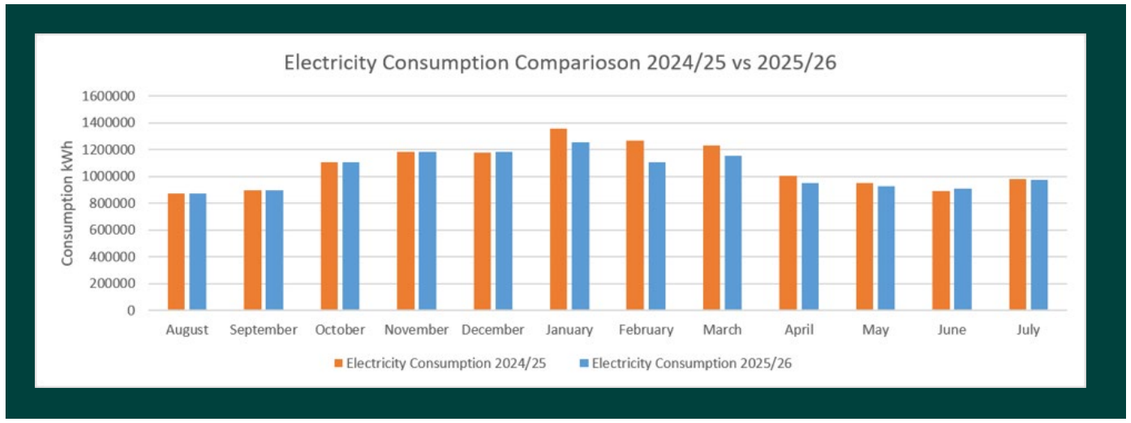
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PROCUREMENT OF RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY

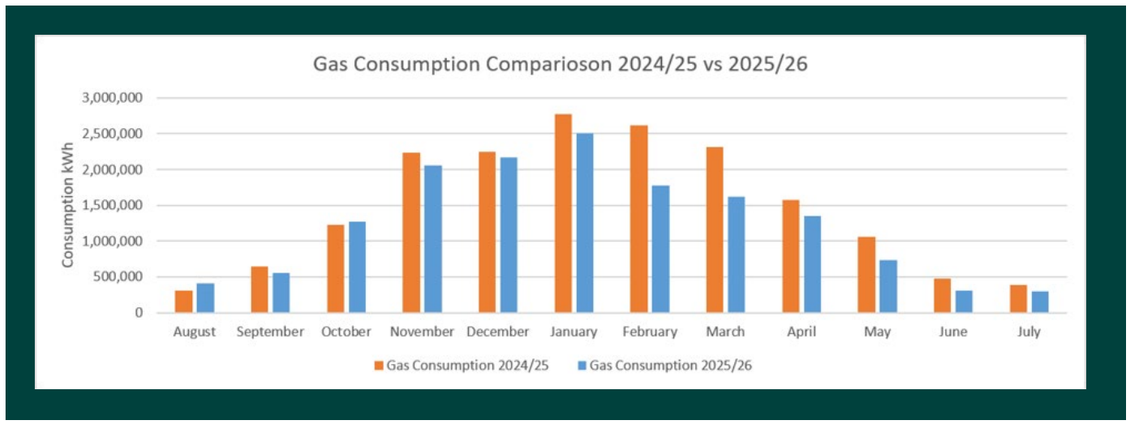
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FROM FRESH WATER SUPPLY

14.91t/CO_2
FROM WATER TREATMENT

ELECTRICITY AND GAS CONSUMPTION

Gas and Electricity consumption is the main priority of the University in achieving the University's decarbonisation targets. In 2024-25, the focus was to reduce consumption in areas that are not utilised. A great example is mentioned below with the Christmas Break Shut down. In addition, the Sustainability team, with the use of the existing tools available, is targeting any unexpected increases or decreases in the consumption immediately. Total Emissions for Gas and Electricity for 2025-26 FY was 4,377 tonnes/CO2.

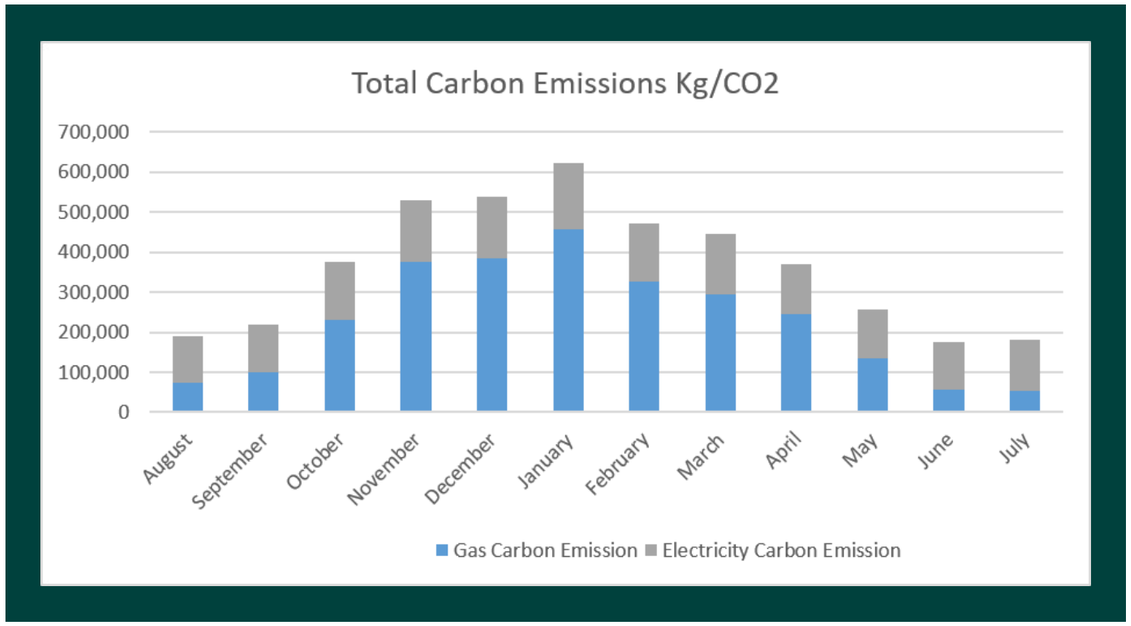




CARBON PERFORMANCE

Through the 2025-26 academic year, the University implemented several targeted energy efficiency and carbon reduction initiatives. An estate-wide shutdown of campus buildings took place over the Christmas closure period. This resulted in electricity and gas savings across the University without impacting building operation.

The University has committed to update the existing Heat Decarbonisation plan with site-specific Decarbonisation Plans for each campus, considering all changes to the portfolio. Work for this project began in Summer 2026 and will continue through the 2026-27 academic year.



DECARBONISATION PROJECTS

The main list of decarbonisation projects will be finalised with the update of the Heat decarbonisation plan. The University's strategic objective is to establish consistent Building Management System (BMS) governance, identify inefficient plant operation, improve controls, optimise operating hours and temperatures, and use BMS data to identify energy-saving opportunities.

The projects completed and in progress at this stage are the following:

1. Regent Street Solar PV Installation
2. Integration of BMS across all campuses
3. Air Handling Units (AHU's) Fan Motor replacement for 115 New Cavendish Street
4. Marylebone Solar PV Installation at Marylebone Building, expecting answer from funding application.

EXTERNAL FUNDINGS TO EXPEDIATE DECARBONISATION PROJECTS

Funding was acquired from the Westminster Climate Fund, a competitive grant programme offering funding for decarbonisation within Westminster, for the replacement of Air Handling Unit fan motors with more efficient motors at Cavendish campus. Upon successful of the project in the 2026-27 academic year, similar projects will be evaluated at remaining campuses to upgrade AHUs.

185t/CO_2
TOTAL ELECTRICITY SAVINGS

649,529 kWh
TOTAL GENERATION OF SOLAR PV ACROSS THE UNIVERSITY

15.9%
REDUCTION IN GAS CONSUMPTION FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

WASTE MANAGEMENT

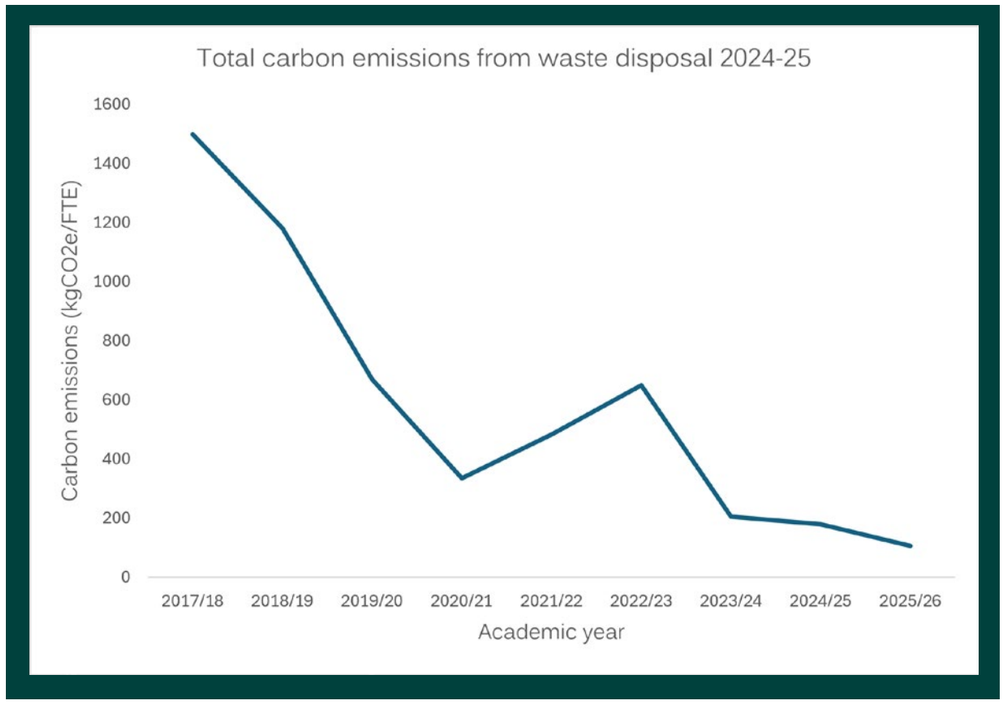
Waste reduction and recycling remain priorities for the University as part of its commitment to responsible resource management. Throughout the 2025-26 academic year, a range of waste management initiatives were implemented across the estate to encourage positive behaviour change, improve waste segregation and minimise the impact of campus operations. Waste reduction initiatives focused on providing clear and accessible recycling infrastructure and targeted engagement to promote correct recycling practices. By combining operational improvements with clear communications, the University continues to support waste minimisation.

1,413KG
CLOTHES REUSED IN 2025-26

2.08%
INCREASE IN AVERAGE PERCENTAGE FOOD WASTE FROM 2024-25

-0.41% CO_2e
REDUCTION IN WASTE - RELATED CARBON EMISSIONS





During the 2025-26 academic year, the University achieved an average recycling rate of 37.85% across its campuses. Total waste generated was 106.97kgCO2e/FTE, compared with 180.14kgCO2e /FTE in 2024-25, representing a -0.41% decrease compared with the previous year. Performance was influenced by operational activity levels, waste composition and ongoing waste reduction initiatives, which aim to divert material from disposal routes and maximise recycling opportunities.

Biffa Waste Services was awarded the University's waste management contractor in August 2025 following a competitive procurement process. The renewed partnership provides enhanced opportunities to improve waste data reporting and support the University's long-term objective of reducing waste generation and associated carbon emissions.

Waste management highlights from 2025-26:

Reuse of used laboratory equipment through UniGreenScheme

The University continued to support circular economy initiatives through participation in the UniGreenScheme which enables reuse of surplus laboratory equipment. During 2025-26, 1,294 kg of equipment was diverted from incineration and redistributed for reuse, avoiding 4,607kgCO_2e of carbon emissions. This carbon saving is equivalent to the environmental benefit of planting approximately 77 urban trees.

Reuse of unwanted clothes

The University partners with the British Heart Foundation and Traid to reuse unwanted clothes and textiles donated by students and colleagues. Clothes bins located in Harrow and Marylebone campus are available for donation of clean clothes in a good condition. During 2025-26, Westminster diverted 1,413kg of unwanted clothes and shoes from landfill, reducing associated carbon emissions by 12 tonnes.

Vape recycling bins across campuses

To address the challenge of disposable vape waste, vape recycling bins were installed at University campus receptions. The deposit sites enable the safe collection and recycling of vapes and associated components which prevents hazardous materials from entering general waste streams. The initiative also helps raise awareness of responsible disposal practices among students and colleagues and enhances material recovery.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

In July 2026, the University was certified with the EcoCampus Platinum Award, equivalent to the internationally recognised ISO 14001:2015, for the second consecutive year. The Environmental Management System provides a framework for sustainability and environmental improvements through internal auditing and evaluation of legislative compliance. This year, the external audit took place at Harrow campus, and the Creative and Advanced Technologies (CAT) Technicians showcased a wide range of sustainability initiatives and infrastructure designed to reduce environmental impact and resource efficiency.

Implementation of an Environmental Management System across the entire estates ensures accountability and long-term sustainability is integrated into all operational processes.

SUSTAINABLE CAMPUS

Resilient infrastructure is a priority for a safe and sustainable campus. The University focuses on driving improvements to its built environment and procurement practices to improve operational efficiency and resilience to the effects of climate change.

The University recognises that its campuses play a vital role in achieving its environmental commitments. By investing in sustainable infrastructure, enhancing biodiversity, promoting low-carbon travel and embedding sustainability into procurement and food services, the University is creating campuses that are future-proof and resource-efficient.

Sustainable buildings and landscapes support authentic learning by acting as living examples of sustainability in practice, enabling the campus to become a resource for teaching, learning and research.

OUR OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVE	ACTION	2025-26 PROGRESS
Achieve BREEAM 'excellent' rating as a minimum on all new builds.	Develop a new standard specification for capital projects to incorporate the UoW Sustainable Building Standard to be implemented by Sep 2026.	Not finalised by year-end but is still in development for completion in 2026-27.
Conduct a pilot monitoring study on the ethical and environmental impact of our suppliers and procurement and purchasing activities to start in 2027.	Become a Living Wage Accredited institution by Sep 2026.	Achieved in May 2026 for all colleagues and contracted staff working at the University.
Maintain and improve the Green Kitchen Standard across all campus kitchens in 2025-26.	Remove use of unessential single use packaging such as single-use sauce sachets from all restaurants and cafés by August 2026.	Single use sauce sachets have been removed from cafés and refectories and replace with reusable sauce bottles, but single use plastic sandwich packaging remains.
	Achieve and maintain a goal of 5% of coffee sales to use reusable coffee cups by August 2026.	5.28% of all coffee sales were made using a reusable cup on campus. The 25p discount when using a reusable cup will continue in campus cafés.
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 by rollout of a university-wide travel survey in Feb 2026.	Delayed due to a clash with other organisational surveys and anticipated low engagement. The travel survey will be carried out in Sep 2026 to coincide with the new academic year.

OBJECTIVE	ACTION	2025-26 PROGRESS
Increase the number of measured species on site from 2024-25 using surveyed data by 5% by 2030.	Work with ground maintenance contractors to monitor current pesticide and fertiliser use at Harrow campus for the 2025-26 academic year.	Pesticides are spot sprayed on undesired growth and fertilisers used only when needed. Frequency is dependent on conditions on growth level. Chemicals are evaluated within Safety Data Sheets.
	Establish a baseline value for the 2024-5 year for the number and type of species and habitats at Harrow Campus.	The Biodiversity Action Group started collecting collaborative data using the iNaturalist app.
	Appoint an ecologist to form a Biodiversity Action Plan for Harrow campus in March 2026.	A biodiversity audit of Harrow campus was carried out in July 2026, and the University is awaiting the final report. Findings from the report will be used to prioritise future action.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

BREEAM
'EXCELLENT' ZONE29 BUILDING IN 2026

5.28%
OF COFFEE PURCHASES MADE USING A REUSABLE COFFEE CUP

SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION

Westminster's new Zone 29 building opened in Spring 2026 and acts as the University's centre for careers, enterprise and community. For students and graduates, Zone 29 is a place to build career skills and meet potential employers. For businesses and organisations, the building is a space to deliver events and activities for students and the community.

Sustainability was a priority throughout the refurbishment and extension of the original building on Luxborough Street to Bingham Place. The project is the University's first fully electric building, supporting the transition away from fossil fuel-based heating. The existing structure was retained and enhanced, the substructure, frame and roof were strengthened, and windows were replaced with triple glazing to improve insulation.

The project achieved a high level of environmental performance and sustainability measures included life cycle costing, responsible sourcing of materials, renewable and low-carbon technologies including photovoltaic panels and air source heat pumps, water conservation systems, waste management planning and biodiversity enhancements. Wider benefits include facilities that encourage active travel, such as cycle storage, showers and changing facilities. Development of pockets of green space offer ecological value and were incorporated into the design. Climate resilience assessments helped ensure the building is prepared for future environmental scenarios.

SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT

The University's Procurement Policy continues to guide the integration of sustainability and ethical considerations into procurement activities. The policy promotes the use of sustainability criteria when evaluating and awarding contracts.
To support the implementation of sustainable procurement principles, the University developed a Sustainable Merchandise Guide to help colleagues make more informed and responsible purchasing decisions. The University also launched a Sustainable Technicians Forum, which brings together third-party service partners to share best practice and encourage collaborative action on sustainability across the estate.

In May 2026, the University of Westminster became an accredited Living Wage Employer. This means that everyone working at the University, including contracted and subcontracted workers receives a London Living Wage of at least £14.80 per hour, ensuring everyone working across the organisation is paid a fair and decent wage.

SUSTAINABLE FOOD AND CATERING

The University's contracted caterer, Aramark, continues to ensure that food and catering provided on campus is healthy, sustainable and affordable for students. Aramark has maintained the Soil Association Food for Life Served Here Silver Award and the Green Kitchen Standard for 2025-26. Vegetarian, vegan, halal and gluten-free options continue to be available across the University's cafés and refectories, which help to provide accessible and inclusive food choices for the University community.

The Wipe-Out Waste campaign remains an important initiative in reducing food waste across campus catering operations. Recipes continue to reuse materials that would usually go to waste, and this year samples included porridge focaccia and carrot peel bhajis, which has helped promote responsible consumption among students and colleagues and promotes a circular economy. Plastic reduction is a priority at Westminster and this year all single-use sauce sachets were removed from cafés and refectories.

ACTIVE TRAVEL

The use of public transport is inveterate to students and colleagues travelling to University campuses. Active travel, i.e. walking, wheeling or cycling, is encourage across sites and cycling facilities are readily available at Cavendish, Marylebone and Harrow campuses. Secure bicycle storage, lockers and changing facilities support regular cyclists, and the University continues to offer the CycleScheme assisted cycle purchase scheme for colleagues. This has helps make cycling a more affordable and accessible commuting option.

Partnerships established with Transport for London and Forest Bike continue to support active travel promotion and student engagement. Through these collaborations, the University seeks to raise awareness of sustainable transport options and encourage lower-carbon travel choices across its community by offering cycling promotions and activities.

BIODIVERSITY

A biodiverse environment provides important ecosystem services and contributes to a healthy learning environment for students. The University has continued to support biodiversity enhancement activities across its campuses, including the maintenance of the Marylebone growing space and the space used by the Cavendish Living Lab for the urban food growing project.

The University's contracted grounds maintenance team have evaluated and minimised the use of fertilisers and pesticides on campus, which are predominantly used at Harrow campus, which has the largest proportion of green space. The grounds team have undertaken a biodiversity audit of Harrow campus, which will shape biodiversity initiatives carried forward in 2026-27.

The University continues to promote engagement with biodiversity through student-led initiatives and creative activities that help foster a connection with nature, which is particularly important in urban campuses.

SUSTAINABLE CURRICULUM AND RESEARCH AND KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

During the 2025-26 academic year, Education for Sustainable Development was successfully integrated into at least one module within the core curriculum within Levels 3-6. This means that all students from Foundation courses to the final year of all Undergraduate courses will have a firm understanding of sustainability and its context within their studies. Vertically Integrated Projects for Sustainable Development were launched in January 2026 as University-wide electives for Level 4 students, further expanding students' knowledge of sustainable development.

Awareness and engagement with students, colleagues and the wider community on sustainability initiatives helps drives action for environmental management and creates a shared sense of ownership for sustainability.

OUR OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVE	ACTION	2025-26 PROGRESS
Alter consumption patterns by ensuring resident students and all colleagues have access to utility data by October 2025.	Energy data to be made available to students living in Halls of Residence using Voltalis data from October 2025 to spread awareness of consumption.	Not achieved for the 2025-26 academic year due to technical barriers but will be evaluated as a future action.
Increase student and colleague engagement with improved internal sustainability events.	Create and deliver a programme of Sustainability Events to boost engagement through the 2025-26 academic year.	Delivered through the 2025-26 academic year and attendance to events tracked as a way to baseline engagement.
	Increase offering during events held in Sustainability Week in Feb 2026 to boost recorded student engagement.	The type and scale of event offered was broadened during Sustainability Week 2026, including delivery of a new Green Careers Fair which increased collaboration with external partners.
	Deliver the first Climate Assembly meeting in 2025-26 to formalise organisational climate action.	Delivered between Jan-Apr 2026, 51 recommendations were made on how the University can take better climate action. These will be addressed by the SDG Coordinating Committee.

OBJECTIVE	ACTION	2025-26 PROGRESS
Increase engagement with local community and external stakeholders on sustainability initiatives.	Develop a plan for collaboration with BIDs to start in Jan 2026.	No formal plan yet made, but collaboration between Westminster and local BIDs remains strong entering the 2025-26 year.
	Connect and partner with sustainability-related alumni and sustainable employers within Sustainability Week in Feb 2026.	12 multidisciplinary organisations attended the Green Careers Fair held during Sustainability Week to speak to students about a career in sustainability.
Support Westminster's Education for Sustainable Development Action Plan.	Provide a live brief to Data Science students for a project to better visualise Westminster's monthly waste data as part of their course projects for 2025-26.	Successfully completed in May 2026. A student was chosen to create a 'waste dashboard' using historic data to evaluate, analyse and visualise data. Outputs were shared with the Sustainability team.
	Appoint a minimum of two students as Student Ambassadors to work alongside the Sustainability team to develop a programme of events for Sustainability Week.	Two student intern roles were advertised in May 2026. The Sustainability Engagement Interns will work alongside the Sustainability team from August 2026-June 2027.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

45 PARTICIPANTS
IN THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER CLIMATE ASSEMBLY

12 EMPLOYERS
ENGAGED WITH STUDENTS DURING THE GREEN CAREER FAIR

73 STUDENTS
COMPLETED THE SUSTAINABILITY IN EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE

CLIMATE ACTION

Westminster held the UK's first University-based citizen's assembly of climate change in early 2026, which was a significant achievement for the organisation. The series of assemblies brought together students, academics, researchers, professional services colleagues and contractors, chosen by democratic lottery. The group put forward 51 recommendations which had a strong focus on reducing emissions from AI use and IT equipment. It was determined that an interdisciplinary approach is needed for organisation-wide climate action and that climate engagement should also be prioritised. The recommendations will be taken forward within the next academic year by the SDG Coordinating Committee.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

The University continued its active collaboration with local Business Improvement Districts. These include the Fitzrovia Partnership, Baker Street Quarter, Harley Street BID and the New West End Company. The University works to engage with local businesses and SMEs to encourage sustainable practices and develop joint partnerships on projects[DG6.1].

In December 2025, the University organised a Festive Food Drive and collected eight full bags of food from across campuses to send to the Portman Early Childhood Centre, located in Marylebone. The donated food helped to support local families in need over the Winter period and supported ongoing engagement with local communities.

SUSTAINABILITY WEEK

Sustainability Week took place for the second consecutive year, and the Sustainability team delivered a range of events, activities and opportunities for students and colleagues to engage with. Each day focussed on a different branch of sustainability: from active travel to circular economies.

LONDON STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE

The University of Westminster, alongside nine other London-based universities delivered the annual London Student Sustainability Conference (LSSC), this year hosted at Kingston University. The student-led conference hosted over 300 delegates and allowed students to present their work relating to sustainability. The LSSC offers a chance for students from across London to network with one another and share their sustainability research in a collaborative way.

SDG PRIZE

The University hosted the second annual Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Prize Event which celebrated students' sustainability-related coursework. Students from across the University could enter in one or more of three categories: pitch presentations, academic posters, and creative arts piece. The SDG Prize offers the chance for students to showcase their work and learn from one another. The top three winners from each category were invited to the Westminster Award, toward which the SDG Prize contributed points.

SUSTAINABLE EMPLOYMENT

In February 2026, the University developed a Sustainability in Employment learning pathway for students interested in skills for employment. Skills for sustainability are important for all students entering into the professional space. The resource highlights sustainability initiatives that students can get involved with during and around their studies and provides resources that can help develop additional skills. Through From February-July 2026, 73 students successfully completed the Sustainability in Employment career pathway and developed skills for sustainable development.

LOOKING FORWARD: INSTITUTIONAL SUSTAINABILITY PRIORITIES

Looking ahead to the 2026-27 academic year and beyond, the University will continue to set ambitious targets to meet its decarbonisation goals and create a sustainable campus that support teaching, learning, research and knowledge exchange.

Key operational priorities for sustainability at the University of Westminster:

- Develop campus-specific Decarbonisation Plans and a costed pathway towards Scope 1 & 2 net zero by 2035.
- Strengthen BMS governance and energy optimisation across the estate.
- Recover recycling performance and establish a trajectory towards 60% by 2027-28.
- Implement the Sustainable Building Standard across capital projects and campus minor works.
- Further develop the Biodiversity Audit undertaken at Harrow campus to form a measurable Biodiversity Action Plan to encompass all green space across the estate.
- Expand Scope 3 measurement and establish further reduction targets.
- Continue to implement and measure Education for Sustainable Development action as the University enters Phase 3 of its ESD Action Plan

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Sustainable Development at Westminster

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