

Environmental Code of Practice: ECP6 Biodiversity

Responsible for this policy

Registrar and Chief Operating Officer.

People who need to read this policy

LJMU staff, students and visitors

Relevant to Academic Partnerships?

Yes

Date the policy was introduced

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March 2021

Date policy approved

Longstanding LJMU policy.

Responsible for reviewing this document

Head of Safety, Health and Environment

Relevant documents

- The Natural Environment and Rural Committees Act 2006
- Habitats Directive (through Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010)
- Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Related policies and documents

- LJMU Environment and Sustainability Policy

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Introduction

Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU) has campuses with diverse plant and wild life at the various natural, semi-natural and landscaped sites it occupies. It is LJMU's ongoing responsibility to promote, enhance and protect this heritage for the benefit of the whole University and local community, supporting international and UK legislation. Particularly given the urban setting of the University, it will be LJMU's policy to maintain and expand this broad approach, particularly concerning the planting of trees, shrubs and perennial plants and subsequent enhancement of fauna.

Scope

This Code of Practice applies to all University activities and operations.

Objectives

LJMU will seek to enhance its biodiversity performance locally and as part of the community, and to support the wellbeing of our students, staff and local community through the following objectives:

Compliance and Enhancement

LJMU commits to compliance and enhancement across its biodiversity responsibilities via the following commitments:

- Ensure compliance concerning any works that carry a risk of disruption to protected species and habitats, and in enhancing and conserving these. This includes the development of land and buildings on the University's estate.
- Biodiversity will be included in the scope of LJMU's progress towards ISO14001 certification of Environmental Excellence. LJMU commits to continual improvement, aiming for greater performance when targets are met and managing significant environmental impacts.

Measuring Performance

LJMU commits to measuring performance across its biodiversity responsibilities via the following commitments:

- Monitor percentage of green space, retentive and non-retentive surfaces on campus
- Review and monitor habitats and species across its sites
- Plans shall be prepared in association with partners to create a framework for the long-term care and maintenance of the urban city centre sites and for the satellite

campuses. The University shall make every endeavour to maintain the existing proportion of 'green-space' to developed land on its estate

- Identify opportunities to support projects to conserve and enhance existing habitats on site
- Increase planting of nectar-rich species
- Minimise impact on biodiversity arising from works on the estate, such as construction, landscaping and grounds maintenance
- Prevent pollution of the surrounding habitats by minimising the use of pesticides on the estate and by implementing sound waste management and disposal practices
- Identify opportunities to recycle or compost green and organic waste
- Cultivate green space for use as both an educational and wellbeing tool for students, staff and the communities that cross the University's sites.

Communication and Engagement

LJMU commits to communication and engagement across its biodiversity responsibilities via the following commitments:

- Engage internal interest groups to raise awareness and involvement in University biodiversity initiatives on campus
- Actively partner with the local nature partnership to develop levels of biodiversity in the wider surrounding community and maximise opportunities for collaboration
- To communicate University activity and projects which supports biodiversity of the institution and/or wider community
- Ensure that contractors, where relevant, meet the requirements of this policy with respect to development works being undertaken on LJMU's campuses
- Align with similar relevant objectives in other areas of the University, e.g. Student Health & Wellbeing and Catering
- This policy will be publicly viewable on the LJMU website.

Responsibilities

LJMU's overarching Environmental and Sustainability Policy requires all LJMU staff, students, visitors, service suppliers and partnering organisations to embrace and actively participate in the observance of this Biodiversity Code of Practice, which forms an integral part of our vision: "to be recognised as a pioneering modern civic university delivering solutions to the challenges of the 21st century".

Additional Information

For more information, please visit www.ljmu.ac.uk/Sustainability.

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