

# Oxford Brookes

## Emissions and Discharges Policy

### VISION:

Our aim is to reduce emissions and discharges and ensure 100% compliance with all legislation relating to emissions to air, water and land. Compliance is managed through our ISO14001 Environmental Management System which allows us to control our activities to prevent pollution. Specific policy measures are embedded throughout our environmental policy, strategies, action plans and operational procedures.

### KEY DRIVERS:

1. To maintain our reputation as a sustainable and socially responsible organisation.
2. To maintain legislative, regulatory and stakeholder compliance.
3. To mitigate the financial and environmental burden of inefficient management practices.

### OBJECTIVES:

- Ensure legal compliance with environmental legislation regarding all emissions and discharges.
- Implement and manage processes for prevention of air, water and land pollution
- Exceed the requirements of legislation and deliver university internal policies, strategies, action plans and procedures to effectively mitigate risk.
- Effectively deliver pollution prevention measures and emergency response plans as detailed in our internal water strategy.
- Avoid surface water contamination and & comply with all trade effluent consents.
- Effectively deliver our carbon reduction strategy, transport strategy, F-gas policy, health & safety policies, lab and asbestos management policy to effectively prevent, mitigate and manage air quality emissions.
- Prevent discharges to land through effective policies and management regimes, effective emergency response plans and through our EMS compliance management processes and procedures.
- To ensure SMART targets are set for each aspect specific action plan.

This strategy will be reviewed annually by the Environmental Sustainability Team and signed off by the Vice Chancellor Group.

**VCG sign off**

**Signature**  
Prof. Alistair Fitt  
Vice-Chancellor



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