

Centre for Urban and Regional Ecology

Environment & sustainability policy



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The *Centre for Urban & Regional Ecology (CURE)* is a specialist research unit on sustainable development at the urban and regional scale, based in the School of Environment & Development at the University of Manchester.

The CURE Environment & Sustainability policy is contained within the University's general policy statement for campus operations (available separately).

However, as sustainability is the core research agenda of CURE, we are keen to demonstrate in all aspects of our work, a 'next-generation' model of an Environment & Sustainability policy. This includes the following:

ENVIRONMENTAL THEME	CENTRE POLICY	NOTES
Energy in buildings	Energy is conserved to the maximum by all reasonable measures allowed by the building infrastructure. <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Lighting is by low energy, where possible controlled by automatic sensors.○ The CURE open plan office is lit by daylight 'sun tubes'.	
Travel to work	The default mode of travel to work is by bicycle and public transport.	
Transport – surface	UK travel is taken by rail and public transport wherever possible. Where car travel is unavoidable, distances are minimized.	
Transport – air travel	This is perhaps the most difficult area, as many collaborative projects and scientific networks are	

	<p>based on international travel. CURE policy is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • avoid or minimize air travel wherever possible • select rail alternatives wherever possible • arrange video-conference alternatives wherever possible 	
Waste & recycling	<p>All CURE activities are in line with a 'zero waste' principle, applied as far as the building infrastructure allows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of paper is recycled: • all printer ink / toner cartridges are recycled. 	
Resource use	<p>Other resources are conserved wherever possible, for instance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All files are kept in digital format, with hard copies produced only if strictly necessary ○ catering is by low impact organic suppliers where possible ○ furniture and other consumables is ordered from low impact sustainable sources. ○ Printing of documents is commissioned on chlorine-free recycled paper. 	
Other environmental impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All catering and hospitality is on WCU 'green tourism' principles. ○ All field trips and visits are undertaken with total respect to landscape, species and biodiversity conservation. 	
Socio-economic impacts	<p>All CURE activity aims to contribute to socio-economic progress, equality, diversity and empowerment, at all levels, local and global.</p>	
Environmental & sustainability management	<p>The environmental / sustainability impacts of CURE activities are monitored and audited in terms of climate emissions, ecological footprint and other measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regular operations on an annual basis. ○ Travel for specific projects ○ Events and conferences involving travel by external partners and visitors. 	
Annual policy review	<p>The above policy guidelines and monitoring systems are reported and reviewed on a yearly basis at the CURE annual meeting.</p>	