

Biodiversity Statement

City, University of London is committed to protecting and enhancing biodiversity. The University estate consists primarily of buildings and hardstanding, in the heart of London, with over 20,000 students and 2,200 staff. We recognise that our operations have the potential to impact on biodiversity both directly and indirectly and that we have a responsibility to manage these impacts.

This statement supports City's Sustainability Policy and aims to mitigate our impact on biodiversity by incorporating the principles of conservation into estate planning and management and by preserving and enhancing existing habitats where possible.

Key Principles

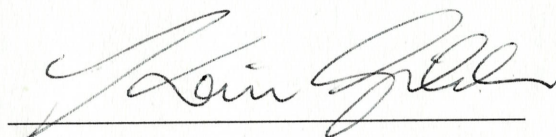
The University aims to:

1. Comply with all relevant UK legislation regarding biodiversity, audited through our environmental management system.
2. Devise and implement a biodiversity strategy and action plan which will be reviewed as required.
3. Maintain and, where possible, enhance biodiversity on campus in such a way as to combat climate change and prevent the pollution of land, water and air.
4. Consider the ecological impacts and opportunities for ecological enhancement of any new buildings and refurbishment projects through SKA rating and BREEAM assessments.
5. Raise awareness of biodiversity at the University and encourage students and staff to engage in biodiversity activities.
6. Support our community's health and wellbeing by maintaining green spaces to create an attractive place to work and study.
7. Work in partnership with environmental groups and local authorities where appropriate.

The Property and Facilities department will be responsible for planning, management and reporting on the implementation of this statement. This statement will be reviewed every three years and published on the University's website.

Signed by:

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