

Keble College Environmental Policy

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The College will, in all its activities, promote the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources and the reduction of environmental pollution. In particular, it will:

1. improve energy efficiency and reduce energy consumption associated with domestic and other college activities, including lighting, air and water heating and refrigeration.
2. use renewable energy and generate electricity locally using renewable technologies, wherever practicable.
3. minimise consumption of water, energy and materials.
4. consider the cradle-to-grave impact of all products and services purchased, giving preference to those which, not incurring excessive cost, attempt to minimise their environmental impact.
5. embrace the Precautionary Principle in the use of chemical products, such as domestic chemicals, detergents and pesticides.
6. reduce material and organic waste and facilitate the reuse and recycling of paper, glass, aluminium, plastics and organic refuse generated by College activities, using the most environmentally effective means.
7. encourage employees to travel to work either by active means (e.g. walking, cycling) or public transport; facilitate carbon offsetting (or insetting) for air travel.
8. actively pursue biodiversity gain across the College estate
9. promote an awareness of environmental issues within the College and University, and encourage participation of College members in environmental matters.
10. consider and act to minimise the environmental impact of all new developments, taking into account noise and light pollution, visual impact and habitat degradation.