



BBSRC Environmental Policy

BBSRC has formalised and strengthened its corporate Environmental Policy which confirms its commitment to promoting environmental best practice. Energy efficiency is an important element of the policy.

Institutes have fully supported the corporate Environmental Policy and have formulated their individual environmental policies, specific to their own activities, to reflect the framework of the BBSRC policy which states,

"The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) is the leading funding agency for academic research and training in the biosciences at institutes and universities throughout the UK. It is committed to adopting and promoting environmental best practice in connection with its own operations and it requires the same commitment from its sponsored institutes."

Specifically BBSRC is committed to,

1. Understanding its environmental impacts, including the direct environmental impacts of the research that it sponsors. It requires recipients of BBSRC funding to monitor and minimise any adverse impacts on the environment and local communities.
2. Compliance with relevant environmental legislation, and, where appropriate, adoption of current standards of best practice.
3. Continual development of objectives and targets to reduce environmental impacts through the application of realistic, measurable and achievable performance indicators
4. The efficient use of energy and natural resources, minimising waste and encouraging effective re-use and recycling.
5. Minimising the environmental impacts of new buildings and structures through good specification and design whilst supporting their primary function.
6. Working with suppliers and contractors to promote approaches to supply chain management and product sourcing that minimise adverse environmental impacts.
7. Raising awareness and training staff in best practice in order to ensure effective resource management
8. Raising awareness and maintaining dialogue with external stakeholders, including commercial and domestic tenants, contractors, suppliers, local communities, local authorities and other organisations, to identify key environmental issues and to ensure standards of best practice on site.
9. Regularly reviewing its environmental impacts and environmental management practices.