

Environmental Policy Statement

Forestry England is committed to environmental sustainability. This includes protecting the environment, preventing pollution, addressing climate change, complying with applicable legal and mandatory requirements, and continually improving environmental performance across our built estate and associated activities.

The scope of this policy statement is our operational built estate. It supports Forestry England's *Growing the Future (2026-2031)* strategy, *Net Zero Strategy Our Clean Future* setting the ambition to become a net zero organisation by 2040, and *National Property Strategy Building the Future*. It also supports implementation of Forestry England's Environmental Management System (EMS) covering our operational built estate.

The management of forests, woodland operations, and land stewardship activities are outside the scope of this Policy Statement and our EMS as they are managed separately through the UK Forestry Standard (UKFS) and UK Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS) certification arrangements.

To achieve the commitments of this policy statement, Forestry England will:

1. Maintain and continually improve an Environmental Management System that conforms to the requirements of ISO 14001:2026
2. Identify and manage environmental aspects, impacts, risks, and opportunities arising from the built estate and supporting services.
3. Meet all applicable environmental legislation, regulatory requirements, permits, consents, and other compliance obligations.
4. Integrate climate change mitigation and adaptation into governance processes, business planning, decision making, estate management, and investment programmes.
5. Remove and reduce greenhouse gas emissions arising from buildings, utilities, refrigerants, fleet operations, procurement, and contracted services.
6. Improve energy efficiency and increase the use of low-carbon and renewable energy technologies across our built estate.
7. Reduce water consumption by improving water use efficiency.
8. Prevent pollution and protect land, air, and water through effective operational controls and emergency preparedness.
9. Minimise waste generation and maximise reuse, recycling, and resource efficiency across all sites following Circular Economy principles where practical.
10. Ensure employees, contractors, and partners understand their environmental responsibilities and contribute to environmental improvement.

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Environmental Improvement Targets (2026-2031)

Forestry England will work towards the following objectives:

- Achieve and maintain 100% legal compliance across all in-scope operations.
- Deliver annual reductions in Scope 1 and Scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions in line with our Net Zero Strategy and Growing the Future objectives.
- Develop and implement plans to Reduce Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions in line with our Net Zero Strategy and Growing the Future objectives.
- Continue to transition our fleet vehicles from internal combustion engine (ICE) models to electric vehicles and deploy appropriate charging infrastructure.
- Improve energy efficiency across offices, visitor centres, and operational facilities.
- Reduce water consumption and increase the efficient use of water in our operations as per our Net Zero Strategy.
- Reduce waste sent to disposal, increasing recycling and resource recovery rates as per our Net Zero Strategy.
- Reduce environmental incidents, pollution events, and non-conformances.
- Promote sustainable procurement practices and work collaboratively with our suppliers and partners to reduce environmental impacts and reduce Scope 3 emissions as per our Net Zero Strategy.
- Enhance climate resilience of buildings, infrastructure, and operational assets.
- Demonstrate continual improvement through measurable EMS objectives, performance monitoring and management review.

This policy will be communicated to all employees, contractors, and relevant interested parties. It will be reviewed periodically to ensure continuing suitability, effectiveness, and alignment with Forestry England's strategic objectives.

Signed:

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