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**DATE OF PRE AUDIT CALL:** 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015  
**DATE OF AUDIT:** 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015  
**AUDITOR:** David Knight  
**AUDITEE:** Dan Clayton

**NEXT REVIEW DATE:** March 2016  
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The top Green level consists of high level criteria being met followed by an official auditing process which enables us to identify where you are environmentally as a business. By qualifying for the top level Green award you will be classed as a green leader and help to set the standard for the environment amongst businesses.

We are happy to announce that you **have achieved 'Green Level' accreditation** and are proud to have you on board as one of our accredited members.

**Overview:**

- Stages 1 to 6 have been passed.
- All major resources measured: Gas, Water, Electric, Fuel Oil, Waste (General and Recycling) and Staff Commuting by Bike / Single Occupancy Car.
- Other essential actions are: Go Green Week; Environmental Film Programme for students; Student volunteering through litter picks and river clean ups; Environmental Society with NUS (Student Union); Fairtrade University status; Sustainable transport events; Tree planting.

**Strong points/ Commendation:**

- Excellent collection, monitoring and analysis of data across all sites. Environmental officers demonstrate in depth knowledge of system and resource use across the campus. This helps to identify and develop strong actions to minimise use where possible.
- HEFCE targets in place to reduce carbon emissions by 43% against 2005 levels by 2020. The University have made excellent savings and reductions so far, especially given the growth of campus and services, including increase in student numbers and onsite student accommodation.
- Strong communication and engagement with students through various events, activities and committees to encourage environmental awareness and behaviour change.
- Detailed carbon footprint calculation covering scopes 1 and 2 for HEFCE reporting, but also scope 3 for HESA, including supply chain purchasing.

- Good investment into various improvements and upgrades to the campus and BMS (Building Management System) through Salix and Revolving Green Fund applications. Great success and delivery on all projects undertaken each year, which has helped to further reduce carbon emissions.
- Strong actions and plans to work towards the University's strategy, which integrates with their environmental policy.

**Minor non-compliances:**

NONE\*

\*please see 'other points to consider' below, as they can possibly turn into minors over time if they aren't addressed.

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NONE

**Other main points to consider:**

- Engagement within the University is excellent, with a lot of activities for students around campus and communication throughout. Staff engagement is mostly through communications. As an optional suggestion; communication is very important and an effective tool for engagement, but identifying ways to engage with staff through active participation, will allow staff to better engage and take ownership. This may or may not be possible, but simple measures like scoring buildings against each other on monthly performance could create friendly competition and install ownership for staff to ensure equipment is turned off, etc. creating beneficial behavioural change.

**Evidence seen:**

- Live environmental policy
- Sustainability section of public website
- Travel plan
- Data collection and check
- Bins
- Carbon calculation sheet
- Intranet site and message board
- Communication
- Strategy
- Environmental report
- Salix fund projects
- RGFR4 projects
- Recycling bin map
- Waste movements

**Summary:**

The University of Lincoln has continued to work and perform well and they have achieved very good reductions over the year, and against their baseline. This is especially impressive considering the continued growth of the campus and services.

With a clear strategy, they have developed strong actions and put in place funded projects to make further improvements, which demonstrate their determination to continually improve. Congratulations to the University of

Lincoln in achieving your Green Level Accreditation and we look forward to seeing the University's continued success and performance in the year ahead.

If you would like to discuss the report, please contact the auditor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DAVID KNIGHT', enclosed within a simple, hand-drawn rectangular border.

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