

University of Lincoln – Sustainable Transport Statement

The University of Lincoln aims to be recognised as a university of quality and distinction. The University recognises that encouraging the sustainable use of transport plays a key part in achieving this.

This statement has been developed to encourage sustainable use of transport across the University. As the University is spread over a number of sites ensuring that sustainable transport issues are taken into account is vital in reducing environmental impacts from travel. The statement will be promoted amongst staff, students, suppliers and contractors with the aim of minimising the environmental impacts of travel to, from and within the campuses

In order to manage its environmental impacts from travel the University of Lincoln will undertake the following objectives:

Establishment of a Sustainable Transport Group: A Sustainable Transport Group will be established and have wide membership from across the faculties, departments and associated groups operating at the University. The Group will be responsible for reviewing the Sustainable Transport Statement and approving the Travel Plan. In addition, the committee will address other relevant transport issues.

University-wide Travel Plan: The University will consult with specialists to produce a five year Travel Plan for the University. This document will examine options for reducing the need to travel, encouraging non-car methods of transport, incentives for using public transport, etc.

Travel Surveys: The University will conduct regular travel surveys of staff and students. The information collected will be used to inform the travel plan. In addition, the data will be used to calculate the carbon dioxide emissions of travel to and from the University.

Reduce the need to travel where possible: Video conferencing facilities will be made available where appropriate to cut down on the need to travel. The University will link with existing national car sharing schemes to encourage car sharing amongst staff.

Health Benefits: The University will encourage walking or cycling to work as a healthy alternative. Events, website information and promotions will be used to encourage cycling and walking.

Promoting public transport: Links to information on public transport services will be made available on the University web-portal. Schemes offering reduced fare travel for University employees will be promoted to staff.

Car parking and cycling facilities: The University will regularly review the provision of car parking and cycling facilities at the various sites.

Fleet and Hire Vehicles: Where appropriate staff will be encouraged to ensure that sustainability issues are factored into fleet management and vehicle hire arrangements.

Site Specific Travel Plans: Site specific travel plans will be developed for all new developments

Statement Availability: This statement will be made publicly available and will be communicated to staff and students. Where relevant, individuals and businesses working for and on behalf of the University and third parties that have an interest in sustainable transport will be made aware of the policy.

Statement Review: The statement will be reviewed at least annually and will be updated where appropriate.