**Sustainability Impact Assessment**

*Creating a sustainable LSE* is a key aspect of LSE’s 2030 strategy and our Ethics Code. We all have a part to play helping embedding sustainability across the School.

This form will help you identify sustainability risk and opportunities for policies, proposals and projects. Consider sustainability as early as possible to achieve maximum impact.

Although it is not mandatory, we recommend you fill this form and keep it on record for reference.

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| 1. **Your initiative details** | |
| **Brief overview of the initiative (eg: policy, proposal, or project)** |  |
| **Department / Division** |  |
| **Completed by** |  |

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| 1. **Which of the *Sustainability Strategic Plan* objectives will your initiative support?** | | |
| LSE’s Sustainability Strategic Plan focuses on six key themes to maximise our impact in shaping a sustainable world. Find out more about the [plan and its objectives](https://www.lse.ac.uk/2030/sustainability-strategic-plan). | | |
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| **Sustainability Strategic Plan objectives** | | **Tick all that apply** |
| **Icon  Description automatically generated** | **Education**  *Embedding sustainability across our teaching and learning experiences* |  |
| **A picture containing text, pool ball  Description automatically generated** | **Research**  *Shaping the global sustainability debate through our research* |  |
| **Icon  Description automatically generated** | **Engagement & Leadership**  *Deepening public discussion on sustainability across the world* |  |
| **Icon  Description automatically generated** | **Investment**  *Making sustainability a key part of our investment decisions* |  |
| **Icon  Description automatically generated** | **Collaboration**  *Working in partnerships within LSE and externally for sustainability* |  |
| **Icon  Description automatically generated** | **Our School**  *Reaching net-zero carbon and reducing our environmental impacts* |  |
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| **Describe briefly how your initiative will support the strategic objective(s) selected?** | | |
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| 1. **Environmental impacts of your initiative**   Use the table below to identify:   * The key environmental impacts of your initiative, both negative and positive. * Mitigation measures which will be taken to reduce negative impacts. * Opportunities for environmental improvements.   **Example 1 - Proposal for a new Research Centre**   * + **Carbon**   *Negative impacts:* The new Centre will create requirements for additional space, which in turn would give rise to new carbon emissions (lighting, IT, heating).  *Mitigations:* Blended working approach with shared desks will be used to minimise space requirements.   * + **Travel**   *Negative impacts:* Business travel will be required for research trips and seminars.  *Mitigations:* All seminars will be hosted online only or as a blended format. Research activities will be conducted using digital tools by default (Zoom/Teams).  **Example 2 – Tender for furniture**   * + **Waste and resources**   *Negative impacts:* Use of raw materials, disposal at end of life.  *Mitigations:* Specify high environmental standards (eg FSC wood, use of recycled materials), scope for furniture to be repaired/reused/recycled. Assess and score these elements in tender process. | | | |
| **Our environmental objectives** | | **Key impacts** | **Environmental assessment**  **For key impacts**, detail of negative and positive impacts identified, associated mitigation measures and opportunities for environmental improvements. |
| Icon  Description automatically generated | **Carbon**  *Measure, reduce, and mitigate our carbon emissions.* |  |  |
| **Icon  Description automatically generated** | **Energy**  *Operate a highly energy efficient estate and adopt renewable energy sources.* |  |  |
| **Icon  Description automatically generated** | **Waste & Resources**  *Reduce waste and adopt circular economy principles of resources management.* |  |  |
| **Logo, icon  Description automatically generated** | **Water**  *Reduce our water consumption on campus and in Halls of Residence.* |  |  |
| **Icon  Description automatically generated** | **Travel**  *Reduce emissions associated with commuting and business travel.* |  |  |
| **Icon  Description automatically generated** | **Pollution and Air quality**  *Engage with partners to minimise pollution and improve air quality.* |  |  |
| **Icon  Description automatically generated** | **Built environment**  *Adopt the highest environmental standards in our construction and refurbishment projects.* |  |  |
| **Icon  Description automatically generated** | **Biodiversity**  *Enhance biodiversity on the LSE estate by protecting and connecting habitats.* |  |  |
| **Icon  Description automatically generated** | **Catering**  *Deliver a sustainable catering service which promotes low-carbon food choices.* |  |  |

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