



## Queens' College Environmental Policy

As a charitable educational institution, established for the public good in perpetuity, Queens' seeks to act decisively to mitigate its contribution to the climate emergency and crisis in biodiversity through the following goals:

- 1) To reduce the college's net overall carbon footprint by 50% from its 2020 level by 2030 and to net zero by 2045 as per the basis of the scientific consensus on climate change (IPCC Special Report: Global Warming of 1.5°C [2018]).
- 2) To manage all activities, buildings and estates to promote environmental sustainability, to conserve and enhance natural resources and to reduce environmental pollution, with a particular view to the scientific consensus on the crisis in biodiversity (UNFAO The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture [2019]).
- 3) To balance the needs of current members and staff against those of the future.
- 4) To collect, audit and publish data regarding the college's environmental impact with a view to making affordable evidence-based changes in policy and practice.

To progress towards these goals the College will develop an Environmental Plan including policy frameworks and short, medium and long-term targets and aspirations, to be reviewed annually by the relevant College committees.

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