University of Huddersfield Green Car Hire Policy

The University of Huddersfield is committed to the principles of environmental protection and sustainable development.

The University recognises that its activities have a significant impact on the local and global environment, and acknowledges its responsibility for the protection of the environment.

In particular, we recognise our potential to make a significant positive difference to the local and global environment through reducing the carbon emissions associated with our use of hired vehicles for staff business travel.

We aim to:

- Reduce the carbon emissions associated with the use of hired vehicles for Business Travel.
- Encourage the use of alternative methods of transport for Business Travel and discourage single occupancy car journeys where feasible.

Our specific commitments and objectives are to:

- Monitor hire car usage and undertake an annual review of hire car provision in line with the goals set out in our Travel Plan and Carbon Management Plan.
- Specify a particular make and model of vehicle from our preferred supplier, restricting choice to those pre-selected for their environmental credentials.
- Specify cars from our preferred supplier with consideration of fuel economy and carbon emissions, using as far as possible those which achieve the best miles per gallon and carbon emissions ratings.
- Review new transport options and vehicle types emerging from market developments on a regular basis, assessing the cost effectiveness of ‘greener vehicles’ (e.g. hybrids, electric vehicles).
- Make provision for hire cars from our preferred supplier to be permanently located on campus throughout the supply period, in order to eliminate as far as possible the transit emissions from delivery and return of vehicles.

This policy will be reviewed annually and made publicly available. It will be reported on annually to the Estates Senior Management Team as part of our annual Environmental report.

Signature

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