



Travel and Transport Policy

1. Introduction

Bangor University recognises its responsibility to promote sustainability and minimise the adverse environmental impact of its activities, with this Policy also aligning to the commitments of the Strategy 2030: Sustainability Strategy and University Employee Travel and Expenses Policy.

The Policy encourages and supports sustainable commuting and travel options among our staff, students, and visitors, reduce carbon emissions arising from travel and transport, improve accessibility to our sites and facilities, and promote active lifestyles.

2. Objectives

- i. To better understand how University staff and students travel and use public transport through the collection of data through travel surveys and other methods.
- ii. Reduce Carbon Emissions: actively work towards reducing carbon emissions associated with travel and transportation, striving to achieve net-zero emissions in line with our own target, as well as relevant national and international targets.
- iii. Promote the Sustainable Travel Hierarchy: encourage sustainable modes of transport, such as online working, walking, cycling, carpooling and public transportation, as preferred alternatives to single-occupancy vehicle travel.
- iv. Enhance Active Lifestyles: encourage, support and enhance active transportation options, such as walking and cycling, to promote physical activity, improve health and well-being, and reduce the reliance on motorised vehicles.
- v. Improve Infrastructure and Facilities: Provide adequate bicycle parking and storage, shower facilities, and a safe pedestrian environment.
- vi. Increase Awareness and Education of sustainable travel: raise awareness among the university community about the environmental impact of travel and transportation choices, promoting the benefits of sustainable options and providing educational resources on sustainable travel practices.

3. Implementation

- i. Tracking Travel: record bookings for trains, flights and accommodation for calculating the University's carbon emissions arising from non-car business travel.
- ii. Transportation Alternatives: actively promote and encourage the use of sustainable modes of transport, such as walking, cycling, and public transportation, by providing information, maps, and resources on alternative travel options on the University's website and in staff and student bulletins and work with local transportation authorities to improve access to public transportation and enhance cycling and pedestrian infrastructure.

- iii. Carpooling and Ridesharing: facilitate carpooling and ride-sharing programs where feasible, connecting individuals with similar travel routes and encouraging the sharing of vehicles to reduce the number of single-occupancy vehicles on campus.
- iv. Active Transportation Support: invest in cycling infrastructure, including secure bicycle parking facilities, repair stations, and designated cycling lanes and provide shower and changing facilities to support active commuters.
- v. Incentives and Rewards: explore incentives and rewards for sustainable travel choices, such as discounted public transportation passes, preferential parking for carpooling vehicles, and recognition programs for individuals who consistently choose sustainable modes of transport.
- vi. Partnership and Collaboration: collaborate with local government bodies, transportation authorities, and community organisations to advocate for sustainable transportation initiatives and to share best practices in green travel.

Monitoring and Review

The University will regularly monitor and review this Policy to assess its effectiveness and identify areas for improvement and engage with University staff and students to gather feedback and suggestions, ensuring that the policy remains relevant and responsive to evolving sustainability needs.

Specific measurable goals and targets will be agreed and set annually from the Policy's objectives, and progress will be published and publicly available.

By adopting this Travel and Transport Policy, the University commits to promoting sustainable travel choices, reducing carbon emissions, and creating a healthier and more environmentally friendly campus. Together, we can contribute to a greener future and inspire others to embrace sustainable transportation practices.

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