Estates
Grounds Maintenance Policy

1.0 Objectives

The University aims to ensure that, so far as it is reasonably practicable, the grounds are maintained in a manner that:

- Provides an environment which helps to enhance the University's academic, business and social activities.
- Retains and enhances the parkland habitats.
- Retains, enhances and renews the tree stock.
- Promotes a variety of uses for the grounds including research, habitat, sport and recreational.
- Creates a low risk environment for all students, staff and visitors.
- Provides a cost effective grounds maintenance service.
- Ensures grounds maintenance practices professional, low risk and comply with relevant legislation.
- Adopts a risk-based approach to the prioritisation of workload.
- Uses sustainable practices where possible.

2.0 Scope of Policy

This policy covers the maintenance of the soft landscaping at Whiteknights, London Road and Greenlands Campuses only. UPP areas come under a separate SLA. Sportspark pitch areas come under a separate SLA.

3.0 Delegated Responsibility

Estates: The responsibility for the maintenance of the University's grounds is delegated to Estates.

Estates Committee: Grounds Maintenance report to the Campus Operations Programme Board on grounds maintenance issues, items requiring escalation are reported to the Estates Committee

4.0 Policy Review

This policy document will be reviewed every two years.

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Next Review Date: November 2028